



The Office of Vince Ryan  
County Attorney

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August 8, 2019

William R. Buck  
1476 California Street  
Houston, TX 77006

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of August 4, 2019 and your interest in County law.

The *Harris County Road Law* was originally passed in 1913 as a Special Law by the 33rd Legislature pursuant to Tex. Const. art. VIII, §9. This constitutional provision authorizes the Legislature to pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways without the local notice required for special or local laws. The validity of the *Harris County Road Law* was recognized by the Court of Civil Appeals in *Hughes v. County Commissioners' Court of Harris County*, 35 S.W.2d 818 (Tex.Civ.App.—Houston [1<sup>st</sup> Dist] 1931, no writ).

The statute was most recently amended in 2009.

We have enclosed a copy.

Please let me know if you have questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,  
VINCE RYAN  
County Attorney

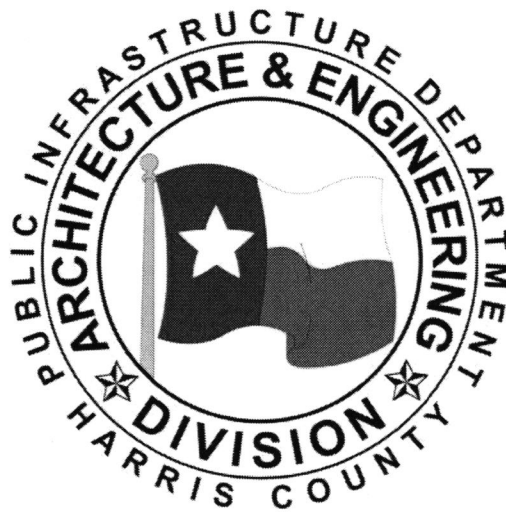
A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Robert Soard", is written over a horizontal line.

By: Robert Soard  
First Assistant County Attorney

# **HARRIS COUNTY ROADLAW**

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