



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 11, 2024

**DATE:** May 1, 2024

**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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Naming Annex Building at the Health District as  
"Tex Villarreal Vector Services Center"

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution naming the Annex Building at the Health District the "Tex Villarreal Vector Services Center"; and renaming the "City of Corpus Christi Health Department Tex Villarreal Animal Care and Vector Services Center" to the "City of Corpus Christi Animal Care Services."

### **SUMMARY:**

This resolution is amending a resolution that was presented to Tex Villarreal in April 2009 when he retired from the City of Corpus Christi. Mr. Villarreal started the mosquito control program and was honored for his accomplishments with the naming of a portion of the City's Health Department as "Tex Villarreal Animal Care and Vector Services Center". Since that time, Animal Care Services has been made its own department and is no longer a division of the Health District. Additionally, Vector Control will be transferring to the Health District no later than May 13, 2024 and will no longer be a division of Animal Care Services. This resolution is administrative in nature to more accurately reflect the location of Vector Control so that Tex Villarreal can be properly honored and remembered for his admirable service in that division.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

On April 20, 2009, the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution renaming the City of Corpus Christi Health Department Animal Care and Vector Services to the City of Corpus Christi Health Department Tex Villarreal Animal Care and Vector Services in honor of Tex Villarreal's retirement with the City of Corpus Christi after 41 years of service with Vector Control. Mr. Villarreal was a pioneer who set the standard for mosquito control and eradication around the country and even the world. He developed the means for underground sewer fogging, which is where mosquitos breed.

Since 2009, many organizational changes for Animal Care Services have occurred. Last year, Animal Care Services was made its own department. Additionally, Vector Control will be transferred to the Health District in May 2024 and will no longer be a division of Animal Care Services. Therefore, in order to properly honor and recognize Mr. Villarreal's achievements, this resolution is being proposed to reflect the City's new placement of Vector Control within the Health District. The Health District is recommending naming the Annex Building at the Health District as the "Tex Villarreal Vector Services Center". The placard and portrait that is currently displayed in Animal Care Services in honor of Tex Villarreal will be displayed at the Annex Building at the Health District upon approval of this resolution.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative would be to not rename the Annex Building at the Health District where Vector Control will be located.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact for renaming the building. However, any costs incurred for signage will be paid for through the FY 2024 operating budget of Animal Care Services.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12680	Animal Control
Department Number	52	Animal Care Services
Project # (CIP Only):	-	
Account:	530210	Building Maintenance & Service

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of naming the Annex Building at the Health District as the "Tex Villarreal Vector Services Center".

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution