

H.B. No. 852

AN ACT

Relating to information a municipality may consider in determining the amount of certain building permit and inspection fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 214, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 214.907 to read as follows:

Sec. 214.907. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN VALUE-BASED BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES. (a) In determining the amount of a building permit or inspection fee required in connection with the construction or improvement of a residential dwelling, a municipality may not consider:

(1) The value of the dwelling; or

(2) The cost of constructing or improving the dwelling.

(b) A municipality may not require the disclosure of information related to the value of or cost of constructing or improving a residential dwelling as a condition of obtaining a building permit except as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

SECTION 2. Section 214.907(a), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a building permit or inspection fee assessed by a municipality on or after the effective date of this Act in connection with the construction or improvement of a residential dwelling.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.

If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect
September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 852 was passed by the House on April 16, 2019, by the following
vote: Yeas 126, Nays 9, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 852 was passed by the Senate on May 8, 2019, by the following
vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor