

# **DEVELOPMENT ISSUES OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS**

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## **Purpose of ETJ**

- The legislature declares it the policy of the state to designate certain areas as the extraterritorial jurisdiction of municipalities to promote and protect the general health, safety, and welfare of persons residing in and adjacent to the municipalities.
- Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 42.001.

# What is ETJ?

“[T]he unincorporated area that is contiguous to the corporate boundaries of the municipality. . . .”



Tex. Local Gov't Code  
§ 42.021

# ETJ

The Extent of a Municipality's ETJ is Based Upon the Number of Inhabitants in the Municipality.



## Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

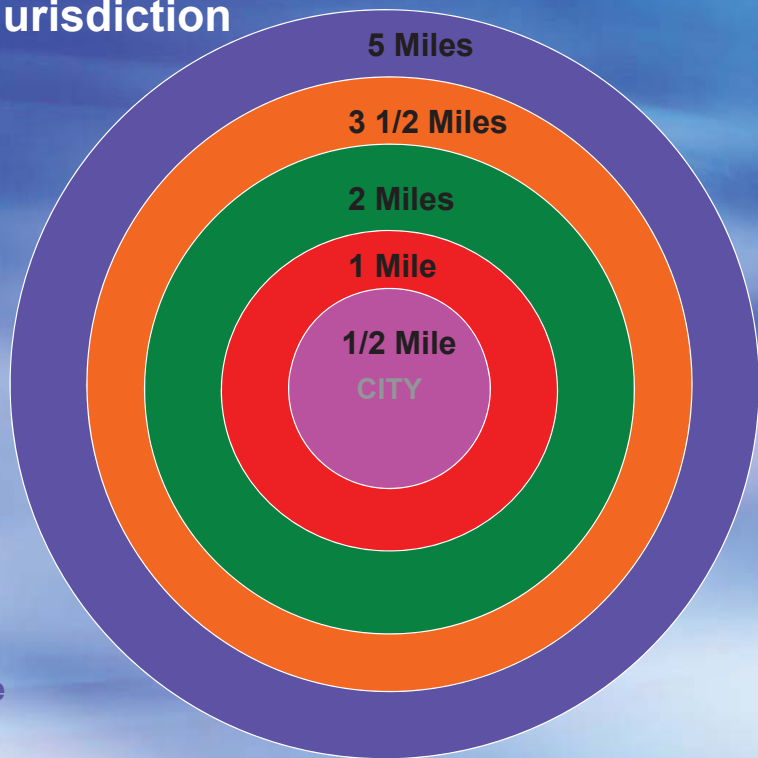
Less than 5,000  
Inhabitants

5,000 – 24,999  
Inhabitants

25,000 – 49,999  
Inhabitants

50,000 – 99,999  
Inhabitants

100,000 or more  
Inhabitants



So What Can  
Cities Regulate  
in the ETJ? –  
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