



BELL COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT #3 (ESD
#3) RESPONSE AND
COVERAGE AREA

RS-26-040

March 3, 2026

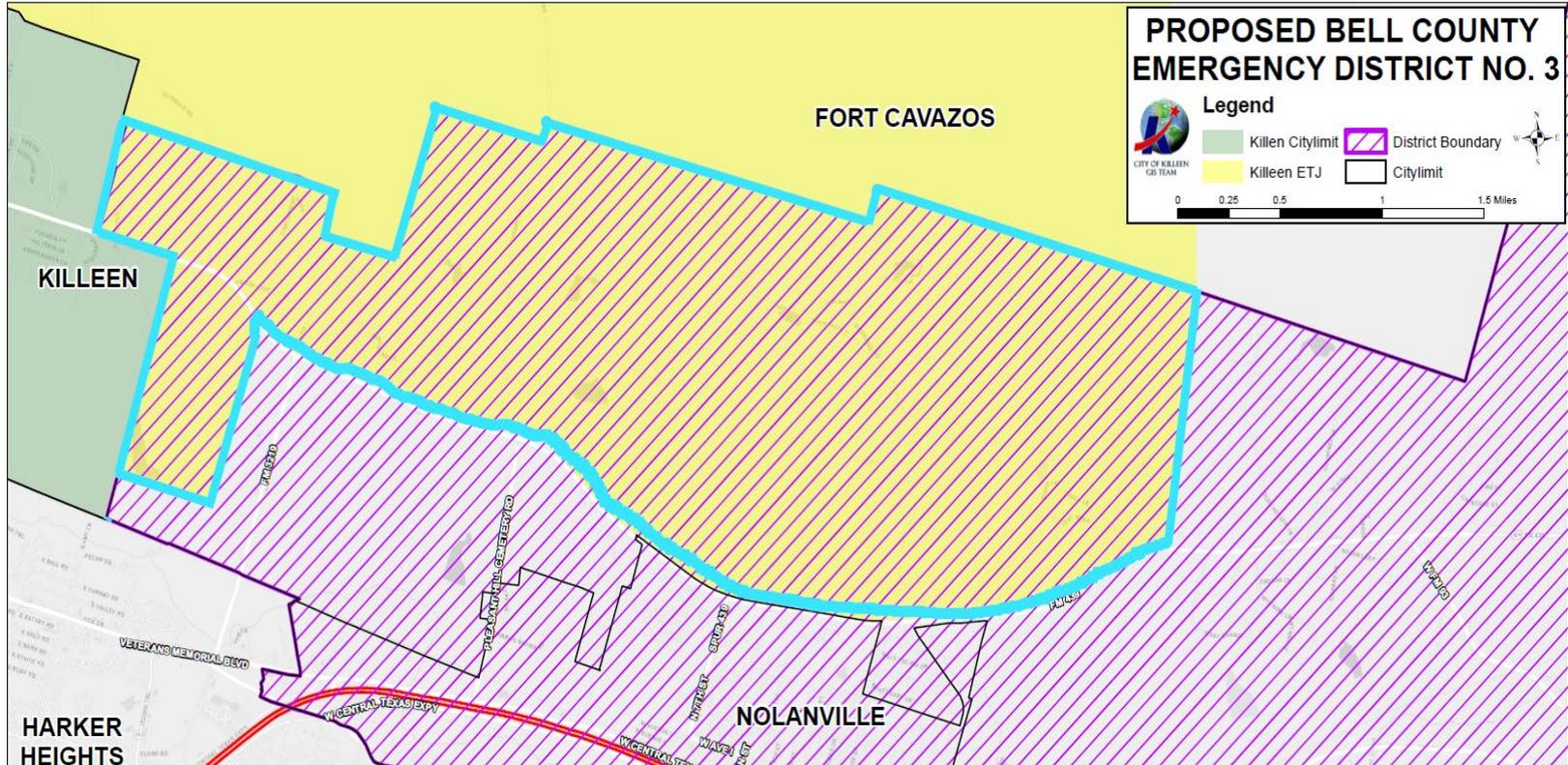
Petition for Creation of Bell County ESD #3 Background

- A group of citizens organized by Brian and Matthew Henry have initiated the process of creating an Emergency Services District that is planned to include the City of Nolanville and surrounding unincorporated areas that include a portion of the City of Killeen's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).
- Because the proposed ESD includes a portion of the City's ETJ, the City must provide consent to the creation of the ESD and inclusion of the portion within the City's ETJ.

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- This is required so that it may be included for the proposed ESD's creation election to be called by the Bell County Commissioners Court (upon review and related hearings) pursuant to Section 775.014 of the Texas Health & Safety Code copied below.
- The petitioners anticipate the creation election will be called for November 3, 2026. A copy of the Petition is included in the attachments.

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□ Sec. 775.014. CREATION OF DISTRICT THAT INCLUDES MUNICIPAL TERRITORY states: (a) Before a district may be created that contains territory in a municipality's limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction, a written request to be included in the district must be presented to the municipality's governing body after the petition is filed under Section 775.015. Except as provided by Subsection (c), that territory may not be included in the district unless the municipality's governing body gives its written consent on or before the 60th day after the date on which the municipality receives the request.

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- The proposed area:
 - Not currently within corporate city limits
 - Does not affect current fire department response plans as it is currently covered by the Nolanville Fire Department.
 - If any of the proposed area is annexed into the City of Killeen in the future, the City may remove the territory from the ESD and the Killeen Fire Department would resume responsibility for fire response services to the newly annexed area.

Alternatives

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- The alternatives are to either consent or not consent to the creation of an emergency services district proposed to be known as Bell County Emergency Services District No. 3, which includes a portion of the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Killeen.
- ▣ If consent is not given the city would assume responsibility for all fire response to the proposed area upon creation of the new ESD.

Recommendation

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- Approve the petition as presented. The proposed area will be the responsibility of the newly formed ESD and relieve the Killeen Fire Department of primary fire response to the area.