**Eminent Domain**

Under the Texas Constitution, the City of Georgetown has the authority to acquire property and property rights needed for a public purpose through the power of eminent domain. The City takes the exercise of this authority very seriously and recognizes it must be used responsibly, to provide for the needs of the public while protecting the rights of landowners.

Recent projects completed through the use of eminent domain include:

- Mays St. extension, from Bass Pro Dr. to Westinghouse Rd.
- Southwest Bypass, from I-35 to Wolf Ranch Parkway (to be extended to SH 29)
- Sam Houston Parkway, from SE Inner Loop to Patriot Way
- Rivery Blvd. extension, from Williams Dr. to Northwest Blvd.
- Northwest Boulevard Bridge and connection to FM 971
- Berry Creek Wastewater Interceptor (in progress)

If the City, or an entity on behalf of the City, contacts you regarding an acquisition under its eminent domain authority, there is a well-defined process in State law that must be followed. The City utilizes specially trained City staff and contractors to ensure that this process is followed appropriately.

To understand your rights should an entity initiate such an acquisition from your property, please click [here](#) to read the Texas Landowner Bill of Rights.