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726 area code assigned to San Antonio **Overlay planned within current 210 territory**

The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) has assigned 726 as the overlay area code in the 210 area code. This action includes almost all of Bexar County and small portions of Atascosa, Comal, Guadalupe, Medina and Wilson Counties.

This assignment comes after approval of an implementation schedule by the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The new area code is needed to handle regional growth combined with added demand for wireless phone numbers and business landlines.

The overlay means current 210 area code customers will get to keep their 210 numbers. New customers could be assigned either the 210 or 726 area code. All customers will be required to dial 10 digits for all local calls and 11 digits for long distance.

The remaining available numbers in the 210 area code are forecast to last until early 2018. Customer education and network preparation is scheduled to begin in September.

The PUC order calls for a six-month permissive period of either seven or 10-digit local dialing beginning March 2017. When the permissive period ends in September 2017 mandatory 10-digit dialing will be required. Activation of the new area code is scheduled to begin in October 2017.

More information about NANPA is available at <https://www.nationalnanpa.com/>.

The PUC order is available at:

http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/WebApp/Interchange/application/dbapps/filings/pgSearch_Results.asp?TXT_CNTR_NO=45224&TXT_ITEM_NO=5

A map of the affected area is available at:

<http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/maps/areacodes/ExchangeList.aspx?ac=210>

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