The fee for searching and registering/recording a brand is **\$16.00**. No later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date a County Clerk receives a record relating to cattle or horses, the clerk will forward a copy of the record to the association authorized to inspect livestock. Agriculture Code §144.041 Marks and Brands to be Recorded, §144.042 Recording, §144.043 Effect of Recording, and §144.044 Rerecording



## Marks & Brands Registration Instructions



LAURA RICHARD COUNTY CLERK, FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS 301 JACKSON STREET, RICHMOND, TEXAS 77469-3108 | (281) 341-8685

You may fill out the application before coming to the Fort Bend County Clerk's office for registration or you may complete at the time of filing. **DO NOT SIGN** your name until you are in front of a deputy of the Clerk's office or a notary public so that it can be attested to.

- Select the ANIMAL you will be registering horse or cattle, goats, sheep, and/or swine.
- Choose the LOCATION where the animal is branded. This must be filled out.
- Provide a **BRAND DESCRIPTION**.
- Provide an EAR MARK DESCRIPTION of the mark (notch, slash, crop, ETC) if applicable.
- DRAW or DETAIL THE MARK OR BRAND in the appropriate box.
- **DRAW** or **DETAIL THE** EARMARK in the appropriate box.
- Print the NAME OF OWNER(S).
- Print the ADRESS OF OWNER(S).
- Print the PHONE NUMBER OF OWNER(S).
- Print the EMAIL OF OWNER(S).
- OWNER(S) SIGNATURE, if owner is unavailable, agent's signature.
- **PRINT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS** in the **RETURNED AT COUNTER TO** box.

When you file a renewal or a new brand, the County Clerk's office will verify the index to check if you are the current owner or that the brand is not currently in use. More than one person can have the same brand as long as the location on the animal is different.

