



90th Legislative Session – City Platform

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Purpose

- 1** Effective preparation means protection of the City's interests.
- 2** A platform serves as a baseline, allowing for a unified voice from the City.
- 3** Allows for efficient response to emerging issues.
- 4** Determines appropriate level of involvement.

Overarching Themes

Local Control

Preserve City authority and flexibility to address local needs and oppose unnecessary state preemption.

Financial Stability

Protect sustainable revenues and the ability to fund essential services, infrastructure, and long-term priorities.

Public Safety & Infrastructure

Support funding and local flexibility for public safety, transportation, utilities, resilience, and emergency response.

Responsible Redevelopment & Economic Development

Preserve tools that support thoughtful redevelopment, quality investment, and long-term economic growth.

City Positions

These positions, together with the priorities identified by the City Council, will establish the City's legislative direction and guide staff's advocacy, analysis, and response efforts throughout the 90th Texas Legislative Session.

Proactive

- Qualified Hotel Project Eligibility – Economic development tool beneficial to the City's redevelopment efforts
- DART – Protecting equitable governance, funding, service, and member authority

Defensive

- Municipal revenue, property tax, and spending limits
- Debt and capital financing
- Fees and cost recovery
- Housing, zoning, redevelopment
- State pre-emption
- Water, wastewater, and drainage
- Public safety

Monitoring

- Data centers & grid demand
- Open government & elections
- Autonomous vehicles, broadband, & rights-of-way
- Behavioral health, homelessness, disaster coordination
- Additional land use, building code preemption
- HOT, Project Finance Zones, economic development tools

Discussion & Direction

