



Proposed Legislative Program for the 90th Texas Legislature and 120th Congress

Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs

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Agenda Implementation Process



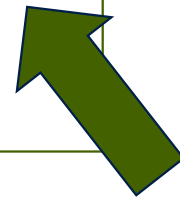
Development

- Open call for legislative items - items to be submitted to OGA via an online form. Seek input from council members and city departments. Deadline: May 1, 2026
- OGA reviews legislative items submitted with city departments for operation and fiscal impact.



Review

- Review by City Council Committees
- Review by the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs



Approval

- City Council Adoption



Implementation

- Share agenda with legislative delegation, public, and stakeholders.
- Outreach meetings **year-round** with legislators and stakeholders.
- Planned engagement once legislative agenda is adopted.

Economic Development

Item		State/ Federal	Notes
1	Monitor legislation regarding anti-displacement tools associated with economic development and redevelopment.	State	Approved Sept. '26 Memo
2	Monitor legislation affecting the governance, structure, operations, or authority of downtown public improvement districts.	State	Approved Sept. '26 Memo
3	Monitor legislation regarding incentives and other measures related to office-to-housing conversions.	State	Approved Sept. '26 Memo
4	Monitor and evaluate all legislation related to municipal economic development initiatives.	State	Approved Sept. '26 Memo
5	Monitor and evaluate all proposed legislation related to data centers.	State	Approved Sept. '26 Memo

Finance

Item		State/ Federal	Notes
1	Oppose legislation authorizing casino gaming expansion.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
2	Support voter-approved municipal flexibility to exceed the current 3.5% property tax revenue cap.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
3	Oppose additional state-imposed restrictions on municipal revenue authority, including further caps on assessed property values, municipal tax rates, or local revenue generation.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
4	Opposed restrictions on municipal utility cost recovery mechanisms and limitations affecting the issuance or administration of revenue bonds.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
5	Support equitable allocation of vehicle registration fee revenues to municipalities with jurisdictional boundaries extending across multiple counties.	State	Approved June '26 Memo

Finance

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Item		State/ Federal	Notes
6	Support remittance of revenues generated from school zone traffic citation fee (\$25) to municipalities for child safety initiatives.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
7	Support additional state-authorized local funding mechanisms to offset municipal costs associated with school crossing guard programs, including expanded vehicle registration fee authority and increased funding participation from school districts through locally generated revenues.	State	Approved June '26 Memo

Finance

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Item		State/ Federal	Notes
8	Support expanded flexibility for the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) revenues to allow investment in tourism-related improvements and infrastructure throughout the city.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
9	Support legislation allowing Central Appraisal District (CAD) board directors to be elected by plurality vote rather than majority vote, thereby reducing the need for costly runoff elections that increase administrative expenses for participating jurisdictions.	State	Approved June '26 Memo

Transportation

Item		State/ Federal	Notes
1	Support funding for water, wastewater, stormwater, flood protection, levee improvements, and related infrastructure.	State/ Federal	Approved June '26 Memo
2	Support local authority to establish speed limits on residential and local streets to improve neighborhood safety.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
3	Authorize the use of automated traffic enforcement technologies, to improve roadway safety.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
4	Remove City responsibility for school crossing guards.	State	Approved June '26 Memo

Transportation

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Item		State/ Federal	Notes
5	Expand funding for trails, bicycle facilities sidewalks, and other active transportation infrastructure.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
6	Strengthen safety regulations, reporting requirements, and enforcement standards for autonomous vehicles and emerging mobility technologies.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
7	Expand incentives and funding opportunities for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
8	Provide funding directly to local governments for freight corridor improvements and related transportation infrastructure.	State	Approved June '26 Memo

Transportation

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Item		State/ Federal	Notes
9	Establish clear standards and enforcement authority for excessive vehicle exhaust noise.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
10	Support legislation related to the proposed governance model for DART, which the City of Dallas is development in collaboration with other member cities.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
11	Support public transit funding opportunities and implementation of regional transit agreements among DART member cities.	State/ Federal	Approved June '26 Memo

Parks, Trails, and the Environment

Item		State/ Federal	Notes
1	Seek funding to improve access to parks or green spaces within a 10-minute walk of resident homes, while pursuing additional funding opportunities for strategic land acquisition.	State	Approved Sept. '26 Memo
2	Establish a state and federal urban heat resilience program that defines eligible cooling infrastructure, prioritizes heat-vulnerable census tracts, and supports targeted investments to reduce extreme heat impacts on vulnerable communities.	State/ Federal	Approved Sept. '26 Memo
3	Seek state funding to enhance security at parks and trails through improved lighting, drone technology, and additional security officers.	State	Approved Sept. '26 Memo

Parks, Trails, and the Environment

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Item		State/ Federal	Notes
4	Secure funding for alternative power generation systems to enhance the resilience and reliability of public buildings.	State	Approved Sept. '26 Memo
5	Support funding for water resources and storm drainage infrastructure.	State/ Federal	Approved Sept. '26 Memo
6	Support updates to TCEQ's regulatory processes by focusing on improving the Texas Risk Reduction Program (TRRP).	State	Approved Sept. '26 Memo
7	Monitor and evaluate all legislation pertaining to parks, trails and the environment.	State/ Federal	Approved Sept. '26 Memo

Quality of Life, Arts, & Culture

Item		State/ Federal	Notes
1	Support any grant or funding opportunities in support of libraries and their services.	State	Approved August '26 Memo
2	Support legislation that allows municipalities to enforce residential density caps, occupancy limits, and expedited nuisance enforcement measures.	State	Approved August '26 Memo
3	Support legislation that repeals or changes the State of Texas' Learning Pod Protection Act.	State	Approved August '26 Memo

Housing & Homelessness Solutions

Item		State/ Federal	Notes
1	Seek funding for homelessness, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities.	State	Approved August '26 Memo
2	Monitor and evaluate all housing and homelessness bills that impact the City of Dallas.	State	Approved August '26 Memo
3	Legislation establishing consistent statewide rules for short-term rentals (STRs).	State	Approved August '26 Memo
4	Limits on tax exemptions for affordable housing.	State	Approved August '26 Memo
5	Legislation to strengthen and expand the Low Income Housing Tax (LIHTC) program in Texas.	State	Approved August '26 Memo

Housing & Homelessness Solutions

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Item		State/ Federal	Notes
6	Encourage housing development with ownership development.	State	Approved August '26 Memo
7	Pursue for Reduced Barriers to Condominium Development.	State	Approved August '26 Memo
8	Pursue title clearance support.	State	Approved August '26 Memo
9	Pursue Mental health and substance abuse specifically for substance abuse.	State	Approved August '26 Memo
10	Pursue Eligible TIFF usage to legacy homeowners.	State	Approved August '26 Memo

Public Safety

Item		State/ Federal	Notes
1	Enhance penalties for unlawfully discharging a firearm in a public place and carrying a firearm while committing another offense.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
2	Enhance penalties for false reports and bomb threats.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
3	Ensure that all police agencies destroy unclaimed seized firearms to prevent the redistribution of firearms into our communities.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
4	Explore opportunities for professional staff employees to assist citizens with minor vehicle collisions that do not involve a criminal offense.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
5	Decriminalize fentanyl testing strips as a harm-reduction and overdose prevention tool.	State	Approved June '26 Memo

Public Safety

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Item		State/ Federal	Notes
6	Support law enforcement recruitment and retention incentives, including educational benefits and workforce development programs.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
7	Clarify law enforcement evidence retention requirements.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
8	Implement changes that will allow the creation of an effective early warning system.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
9	Fund public safety technology and equipment, including digital photographic lineup systems, vehicles, drones, and Drone as First Responder programs.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
10	Allow Hotel Occupancy Tax revenues to be used for public safety overtime and neighborhood cleanup initiatives.	State	Approved June '26 Memo

Public Safety

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Item		State/ Federal	Notes
11	Establish enforceable vehicle exhaust noise standards for excessively loud and modified vehicles.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
12	Strengthen accountability measures for hotels and motels to prevent and address human trafficking, including employee training requirements, reporting protocols, and municipal authority to suspend or revoke certificates of occupancy when probable cause exists that human trafficking is occurring on the premises.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
13	Strengthen protections and support services for survivors of violence and human trafficking.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
14	Direct solicitation and human trafficking-related fines to victim services and anti-trafficking programs.	State	Approved June '26 Memo

Public Safety

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Item		State/ Federal	Notes
15	Preserve Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
16	Preserve municipal authority to adopt and enforce fire code requirements and regulations.	State	Approved June '26 Memo
17	Preserve local discretion regarding participation in federal immigration enforcement activities.	Federal	Approved June '26 Memo

Legislative Positions Framework

2027

Pursue: Actively initiate or lead efforts to create, advance, or pass legislation.

Monitor: Track and review legislation and determine whether to support or oppose based on its impact on City operations.

2025

Pursue – Actively initiate or lead efforts to create, advance, or pass legislation

Support – back legislation that aligns with City priorities or provides benefit

Oppose – Actively work against legislation that creates negative impact or limits local authority

Monitor – requires additional review or has unclear impact, track legislation without taking a public or active stance (yet)