

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 6, 2025

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **89th Texas Legislature Post-Session Update**

The 89th Texas Legislature adjourned *sine die* on Monday, June 2nd, 2025. More than 9,000 bills were filed and more than 2,000 bills and resolutions were passed and sent to the Governor. The Governor has until June 22 to veto any bill. Following this veto period, we will have a complete picture of all new legislation.

Attached to this memorandum is this week's legislative update. It will be the final weekly legislative update distributed for this session. Moving forward, legislative updates will be sent on an ad hoc basis, as is customary when the Texas Legislature is not in session.

Next Steps

In August, City staff and attorneys will provide a post-session briefing to the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs and the City Council on the legislative session outcomes and provide a comprehensive survey of bills that impact Dallas. Additional information will be made available as new laws are analyzed for City impact.

Should you have questions, please contact Jake Anderson, Interim Director of the Office of Government Affairs, at james.anderson1@dallas.gov, or Clifford Sparks, State Legislative Director in the City Attorney's Office, at Clifford.Sparks@dallas.gov.

Service First, Now!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Saab".

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State Updates

89th Legislative Session

The 89th Texas Legislative Session adjourned sine die on Monday, June 2nd, 2025. More than 9,000 bills were filed, more than 2,000 were passed and 311 bills signed by the Governor to date.

The Governor has until June 22 to sign or veto a bill passed by the Legislature or let the bill become law without his signature. Following this veto period, we will have a complete picture of all new legislation. A comprehensive briefing will be provided to the Ad Hoc Legislative Affairs Committee and to City Council following the July recess.

Priority Legislation Updates

Election Date Bill

[SB 1494](#) allows cities to switch their election date from May to November of odd-numbered years before December 31, 2025, for its next election cycle. SB 1494 has been sent to the Governor.

Less than Lethal Bill

[SB 2570](#) gives additional protections from prosecution to officers who use less-lethal tools in a reasonable manner. SB 2570 has been sent to the Governor.

Squatting Bill

[SB 1333](#) increases criminal penalties for squatting. SB 1333 has been sent to the Governor.

Hemp Bill

[SB 3](#) establishes a ban on most consumable hemp products and hemp-derived cannabinoids. SB 3 has been sent to the governor.

Supplemental Appropriations Bill

[HB 500](#) includes \$5 million for the law enforcement training facility at UNT-Dallas. The bill now goes to the Comptroller for certification.

Opioid Harm Reduction

[SB 1901](#) modifies the administration of the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council, including setting staggered terms for council members, establishing

conflict of interest provisions, and detailing procedures for reallocating funds. **SB 1901 has been signed by the Governor and is effective immediately.**

[HB 4783](#) requires that an annual report on the distribution of opioid antagonists (like Narcan) be prepared and distributed to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and the Speaker of the House. HB 4783 has been sent to the Governor.

Copper Theft

[SB 1646](#) increases criminal penalties for the theft or unauthorized possession of copper material. **SB 1646 has been signed by the Governor and is effective immediately.**

Local Government Preemption

[SB 2858](#) **did not pass.** SB 2858, considered the next iteration of the "Death Star" bill passed during the 88th Texas Legislature, would have preempted local regulations that conflict with state statutes regarding, elections, health and safety, and criminal justice.

Homeless Services

[SB 2623](#) **did not pass.** SB 2623 would limit local service providers by prohibiting "navigation services" within 1,500 feet of a "school safety zone," which included parks and public-school campuses.

Convention Center

[SB 1065](#) **did not pass.** SB 1065 would have impacted the City of Dallas' ability to generate revenue through city-owned facilities by requiring that all contracts include a provision that would allow license holders to carry guns.

Hotel Occupancy Tax

[HB 2974](#) **did not pass.** HB 2974 relates to the collection and use of hotel occupancy taxes and would have limited the City's ability fund projects in the future.

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Bills That Have Been Sent To Governor

- [HB 223](#) changes the procurement process for lobbyists by political subdivisions.
- [HB 149](#) prohibits a variety of misuses of AI and establishes a council to issue reports to the state legislature regarding the use of artificial intelligence systems in the state.
- [HB 5509](#) allows a city to suspend or revoke a hotel's certificate of occupancy if there is probably cause that it is a site of human trafficking.
- [SB 6](#) relates to electricity planning and infrastructure costs for large loads.
- [SB 7](#) increases investments in Texas' water supply. It is on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar.
- [SB 38](#) relates to the eviction process and the rights of tenants.
- [SB 924](#) undermines cities' ability to collect constitutionally required compensation for the use of public infrastructure.
- [SB 1567](#) prohibits the city from enforcing an ordinance that limits occupancy of a dwelling unit based on age, occupation, or family or relationship status.
- [SB 1964](#) creates a clear framework for the procurement, development, and deployment of AI systems by government agencies in Texas.
- [SB 2373](#) closes gaps in protection for elderly and disabled individuals against fraudulent actions and financial abuse.
- [SB 2477](#) regulates the conversion of any office building that is older than 5 years to mixed use or multifamily.
- [HB 229](#) requires that biological sex assigned at birth be used on governmental records.
- [HB 742](#) mandates human trafficking prevention training for first responders.
- [HB 1533](#) amends the Tax Code to modify procedures and requirements for the appraisal and protest of property values for ad valorem tax purposes.
- [HB 2464](#) limits the city's ability to regulate a no-impact home-based business.

- [HB 4783](#) promotes transparency, accountability, and strategic planning for combating opioid overdoses through statewide opioid antagonist (e.g., naloxone) distribution.
- [HB 5057](#) regulates contracts given to a solid waste provider by a municipality to offer exclusive solid waste management services in the boundaries of the municipality.
- [SB 840](#) allows multifamily and mixed-use developments to be built along retail and commercial corridors and in places that now only allow office buildings.
- [SB 1202](#) allows for third party inspections of home backup power installations.
- [SB 1283](#) improves resident safety in senior retirement communities.
- [SB 1453](#) aims to enhance transparency and accountability in local government debt and tax rate calculations.
- [SB 1646](#) increases criminal penalties for the theft or unauthorized possession of copper material.
- [SB 2237](#) limits severance pay for executive employees within political subdivisions.
- [SB 2835](#) allows single-staircase multifamily residential buildings under certain conditions.

Federal Updates

Congress returned to session this week. The House considered a [bill](#) that seeks to relocate Small Business Administration (SBA) regional offices that are located in "Sanctuary Cities."

Senate Republicans met with President Trump at the White House yesterday to discuss a series of changes to the tax portion of the reconciliation package, including the revised cap on state and local tax (SALT) deductions, permanence for business tax breaks, the no-tax-on-tips and overtime language, and more. Other key issues included cuts to public benefit programs like Medicaid and SNAP, the phasing out Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) tax credits, the total size and cost of the package, and more. These items continue to be deliberated as the Senate

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GOP is poised to make significant changes to the underlying reconciliation bill.

Travel Ban

President Donald Trump signed a [proclamation](#) Wednesday evening to ban travel from several countries to the US, citing security risks.

The ban will fully restrict entry of nationals from 12 countries: Afghanistan; Myanmar, also known as Burma; Chad; Republic of the Congo; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Haiti; Iran; Libya; Somalia; Sudan; and Yemen. People from seven countries will have partial restriction: Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela.

The proclamation takes effect on Monday, June 9.

New Market Tax Credits Extension

The City of Dallas sent a letter to Senator Cornyn in support of extending the New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC) in the budget reconciliation bill. The program is set to expire at the end of this year.

The NMTC program is a federal incentive designed to encourage investment in low-income communities by providing tax credits to individuals and corporations who invest in [Qualified Community Development Entities](#).

Since 2009, the City of Dallas—through the [Dallas Development Fund](#) (DDF)—has leveraged the NMTC to support 24 high-impact projects. To view a copy of the letter, click [here](#).

FY26 Community Project Funding (CPF) Requests

Members have begun** releasing their list of FY26 CPF requests to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration in the FY26 budget:

Rep. Johnson

- International District Park: \$3 million (District 11)
- Ferguson Rd. Corridor: \$2 million (Districts 2, 7, 9)
- Hemlock Ave. Corridor: \$2 million (District 13)
- Lakewood Park: \$600,000 (District 9)
- White Rock Lake Trail: \$2.5 million (District 9)

Rep. Ellzey

- DPD Weed and Seed Program: \$2 million (citywide)

Rep. Van Duyne

- Royal Ln. Corridor: \$250,000 (District 10)

Rep. Crockett

- DPD Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force: \$675,000 (citywide)
- DPD Helicopter Technology: \$200,000 (citywide)

Rep. Veasey

- Bachman Transportation Plan: \$2 million (District 6)
- Five Mile Creek Trail – \$5 million (Districts 7, 8)
- Martin Weiss Rec. Center – \$2 million (District 1)
- Harold Simmons Park Bridge: \$5 million (District 6)
- West Branch Library Improvements – \$2 million (District 6)

Members have until June 13 to post their requests. The Office of Government Affairs will share a more detailed summary as information becomes available.

Federal Resources

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