



90th Texas Legislative Session

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON

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90th TIMELINE

**November 3
2026**

**November 9
2026**

**January 12
2027**

**May 31
2027**

**September 1
2027**



General Election

Bill Prefiling
Begins

90th Legislature
Convenes

Regular Session
Ends

FY 2028/2029
Begins

SESSION OVERVIEW

At A Glance

- 31 Senators / 150 House Members
- FY28-29 Budget Adoption
- Thousands of Bills Expected
- New laws to take effect 9/1/27 or 1/1/28

Key Issues

- Property Taxes
- Local Control & Municipal Authority
- Stormwater/Flood Mitigation
- Public Education System/School taxes

Burleson

- Protect Local Control
- Economic Development & Chapter 380 Authority
- Infrastructure Funding/Grants
- Unfunded Mandates

General Legislative Position

- As a general policy, the City will oppose any legislation viewed as detrimental to the City's strategic goals or would limit home rule authority; is contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; mandates increased costs or loss of revenues; or would diminish the fundamental authority of the City. Accordingly, the City Council adopted the following positions and hereby authorizes staff and city representatives to take the following actions as necessary:

BASIC HOME RULE AUTHORITY

Oppose legislation that erodes existing:

- principles of Home Rule and local control including preemption legislation designed to restrict existing municipal regulatory authority,
- authority to regulate activities that affects the public's health, safety and well-being,
- Charters or Ordinances or Master Plans,
- local government immunity, or
- authority to communicate or advocate with legislators.

PUBLIC FINANCES

Oppose legislation that:

- requires:
 - unfunded mandates,
 - the City to generate revenues for the State, or
 - a tax exemption (or "freeze") that shifts tax burden to other taxpayers.
- erodes the City's:
 - property or sales tax base,
 - ability to assess fees,
 - ability to issue timely debt,
 - economic development sales tax authority (4A and 4B)
 - ability to effectively finance the current level of city services by:
 - imposing a revenue cap, or
 - excluding new property from the tax rate calculations.

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DEVELOPMENT, WATER & UTILITIES

Oppose legislation that erodes the City's authority to:

- deliver quality water at affordable rates,
- effectively utilize economic development tools,
- regulate development effectively including "shot clocks," density standards, or automatic releases from the city ETJ,
- impose fees on developments to pay for infrastructure,
- regulate short-term rentals,
- manage public rights-of-way including the authority to:
 - receive fair market compensation for use of public rights-of-way,
 - enter into franchise agreements,
 - participate in utility rate cases, or
 - require utilities to pay for relocating their facilities,
- dedicate parkland,
- govern and approve proposed public housing and affordable housing projects.

TMRS & LABOR ISSUES

Oppose legislation that:

- erodes the Texas Municipal Retirement System, or
- expands collective bargaining or "meet and confer".

89th COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Seek the Introduction

1. The approval of a qualified hotel project bill, as authorized under Chapter 351 of the Tax Code.

Actively Monitor

1. That enables municipalities to reduce speed limits within residential areas.
2. That revises the definition of an agricultural operation.
3. That further regulates data farming uses.
4. That will impact the affordability of homeowner insurance or the denial of insurance coverage in areas previously affected by storms.

Support the Following

1. That ensures comparable workers' compensation coverage for firefighters and EMTs deployed through Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) and Texas Task Force 1 and 2 for state deployments.
2. That strengthens protections for firefighters and EMTs by recognizing presumptive cancers as job-related illnesses or injuries. This includes ensuring that these conditions are covered under workers' compensation, extending coverage for up to five years post-employment. Additionally, support the establishment of statewide or federal registries for research and documentation of work-related injuries and illnesses, specifically those associated with presumptive cancers, to better understand and address these risks.
3. That enhances municipal water sources/supplies, or improves municipal water system redundancy.
4. That enable citizens and or municipalities to relocate migratory egrets that have roosted in residential areas.
5. That protects a municipalities' ability to contract with lobbying firms.

90th POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Seek Introduction and Passage

Attempt to find a sponsor, will provide testimony, and otherwise actively pursue passage. These bills are considered Council Priority Bills.

Support

Actively support and/or testify in support of filed bills.

Monitor

Actively monitor bills of topic that could affect city of Burleson positively or negatively.

Oppose

Actively and vigorously attempt to defeat the initiative because it is detrimental to municipalities.

Council Retreat Direction

1. Seek the Introduction for the approval of a qualified hotel project bill, as authorized under Chapter 351 of the Tax Code.

DIRECTION / DISCUSSION

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