

Reaching 10,000 Population:

Significance for Texas Cities

1. City Council may provide for automatic union dues deduction from city employee's paychecks if the employee makes a request in writing. LGC § 141.008.

Minimum salary for fire and police of \$165 per month. LGC § 141.031.

Mandatory longevity pay for fire and police of \$4 per month for each year of service, not to exceed 25 years. LGC § 141.032.

Citizens may petition the council to increase the salary for each member of fire and police department. If a valid petition is received, council must adopt the proposed increase or else call an election. LGC § 141.034.

Specific overtime rules apply for police and fire fighters that may be stricter or different in some respects than the Fair Labor Standards Act. LGC § 142.0015.

Compensatory time for fire and police specifically authorized for cities authorized to adopt Civil Service. LGC § 142.0016.

Police and fire civil service authorized upon meeting statutory conditions. LGC § 143.002.

Police and fire employees in non-civil service cities may not engage in political activities while in uniform. LGC § 150.002. NC

City loses ability to sell certain land acquired from federal government "for the highest obtainable price," rather than by auction or sealed bidding. LGC § 253.002(b).

Limited ability of county commissioners court to establish certain county elections precincts. Elections Code § 42.007.

City no longer eligible to receive certain program assistance from the Texas Office of Rural Affairs. TGC Ch. 487.

City eligible to collect penalties against certain contractors that don't pay prevailing wages. Government Code § 2258.023(e).

City has additional authority to donate certain money to certain hospitals. Health and Safety Code § 122.004.

County has authority to build certain joint hospitals with the city. Health and Safety Code § 265.001.

City loses certain exemptions from dog and cat sterilization laws. Health and Safety Code 828.013.

Rate of state gross receipts tax on certain utilizes goes up. Tax Code 182.022.

TCEQ may require the city to establish a water pollutions abatement program. Water Code 26.177.