



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE RESOLUTION

MEETING DATE: 08/18/2026

PRESENTER: Vanna Ngo, Legislative Officer, City Manager's Office

TITLE: Resolution Establishing the City's State Legislative Agenda and Priorities for the 90th Session of the Texas Legislature

REVIEWING COMMITTEE:

SUMMARY: The 90th Legislative Session is scheduled to begin January 12, 2027 and end May 31, 2027. Every session, the City of Grand Prairie creates a resolution to adopt general legislative positions about traditional municipal issues and to prioritize any issues of particular interest to our City Council and staff. This resolution both guides and authorizes our staff and legislative consultants to advocate on our behalf with Legislators during the session.

HISTORY:

- April 8, 2026: Staff Legislative Workshop with Focused Advocacy to review interim charges, identify potential legislative issues and discuss current legislative impacts on projects and city affairs.
- August 4, 2026: City Council Legislative Workshop with Focused Advocacy to solicit input on the City's legislative agenda and priorities.

BODY

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND PRIORITIES FOR THE 90TH SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, during the 2025 legislative session, more than 9,000 bills were introduced, with over 2,500 that would have substantially affected Texas cities, 1,231 bills and joint resolutions passed, and ultimately roughly 260 of those impacting cities; and

WHEREAS, beginning November 9, 2026, state legislators may begin filing legislation that could impact cities; and

WHEREAS, beginning January 12, 2027, the legislature will convene for a 140-day session to consider legislation; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that much of the legislation filed will propose changes that directly impact our citizens or municipal services and finances; and

WHEREAS, it is a challenge for the City, given its limited resources, to effectively monitor legislation drafted and debated in Austin and to prevent encroachments on local authority; and

WHEREAS, it is important to establish priorities, positions and to communicate them to the legislature.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1: SPECIFIC STATE LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS:

- a. The City **supports** legislation that:
 - i. maintains local control;
 - ii. allows for the regulation of accessory dwelling units and short-term rentals;
 - iii. preserves local authority on land use policy and attainable housing;
 - iv. preserves existing tools that foster economic development and attract business;
 - v. improves the regulation of group homes, such as notices of operation, inspection requirements and more tools to prevent abuse;
 - vi. provides clarity on welfare checks and creating data sharing partnerships;
 - vii. allows flexibility regarding the digital display of public notices;
 - viii. provides additional City control over the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ); and
 - ix. increases the City's oversight of special districts through increased city review and involvement.
- b. The City **supports** legislation that helps create, advance or otherwise finance projects related to:
 - i. transportation,
 - ii. public safety and emergency medical services,
 - iii. water and wastewater,

- iv. parks, recreation, and trails, or
 - v. economic development and special events.
- c. The City **opposes** legislation that:
- i. creates unfunded mandates;
 - ii. further erodes local control;
 - iii. shifts cost burdens from developers to citizens;
 - iv. erodes the City's ability to raise revenue or issue debt to maintain quality of life, public safety and meet the demands of growth;
 - v. erodes local management and control of the public right-of-way;
 - vi. impairs the City's ability to use Chapter 380 economic development agreements;
 - vii. requires the City to generate revenue for the State;
 - viii. causes property to be appraised for less than market value or unfairly shifts the tax burden; or
 - ix. requires a mandatory election to ratify the tax rate.
- d. The City **opposes** legislation that erodes:
- i. the City's ability to attract commercial businesses to the City and state;
 - ii. fair market compensation for the use of the public right-of-way;
 - iii. jurisdiction in utility rate cases; or
 - iv. municipal authority related to development matters with respect to short-term rentals and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).
- e. The City will **monitor** legislation that impacts:
- i. development standards,
 - ii. the laws governing the issuance of temporary dealer's license plates and tags,
 - iii. election timelines and requirements,
 - iv. public safety funding and tactics,
 - v. special purpose districts (such as MMDs or MUDs),
 - vi. the status of local elections remaining nonpartisan, or
 - vii. Developer's participation agreements.

SECTION 2: GENERAL LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS:

- a. The City **supports** legislation that positively impacts:
- i. the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens,
 - ii. home-rule municipal authority or local control,
 - iii. the City's comprehensive plan or economic development priorities, or
 - iv. municipal services, finances or the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS).
- b. The City **opposes** legislation that negatively impacts:
- i. the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens,
 - ii. home rule municipal authority or local control,
 - iii. the City's comprehensive plan or economic development priorities,
 - iv. municipal services, finances or the TMRS, or
 - v. the authority to advocate for itself or its citizens.

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY COLLABORATION:

- a. The City of Grand Prairie is committed to collaboration with community partners and will support the Legislative Agendas of the following, except if in conflict with the City:
 - i. Grand Prairie Independent School District,
 - ii. Mansfield Independent School District,
 - iii. Arlington Independent School District,
 - iv. Midlothian Independent School District,
 - v. Cedar Hill Independent School District,
 - vi. Irving Independent School District,
 - vii. Grand Prairie Hispanic Chamber of Commerce,
 - viii. Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce,
 - ix. North Texas Commission, and
 - x. Texas Municipal League.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and it is accordingly so resolved and that the City's authorized agents may act on it accordingly.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.