

RESOLUTION NO. 1794-20-09-08-0761

**ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
FOR THE 87TH SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, during the most recent legislative session of the Texas Legislature, more than 2,000 bills were filed which impacted Texas municipal operations and municipal finances; and

WHEREAS, the filing of legislation for the next biennial session of the Texas Legislature begins November 10, 2020,

WHEREAS, during the upcoming 140-day legislative session, which begins January 12, 2021, many significant decisions affecting Texas cities will be made by the Texas Legislature; and

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

WHEREAS, it is a challenge for the City of Pflugerville, given its limited resources, to effectively monitor legislation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to establish the City of Pflugerville's priorities and positions, communicate them to the legislature and advocate on their behalf.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. The following legislative positions are adopted by the Pflugerville City Council for the 87th Regular Legislative Session:

1) 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 including development standards, practices and processes;
 - iii) the City's comprehensive plan or economic development strategic plan; 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 including development standards and processes;
 - iii) the City's comprehensive plan or economic development strategic plan;
 - iv) municipal services, finances or the TMRS; or

- v) the authority to advocate for itself or its citizens.

2) SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS:

- a) The City **supports** legislation that:
 - i) creates meaningful property tax relief
 - ii) provides more state funding for public education; or
 - iii) simplifies the process by which the property tax rate is adopted or makes the process more transparent.

- b) The City **supports** legislation that helps create, advance or otherwise finance projects related to:
 - i) transportation,
 - ii) water and wastewater,
 - iii) economic development,
 - iv) parks, recreation, parks, and trails.

- c) The City **opposes** legislation that:
 - i) reduces the property or sales tax base,
 - ii) impairs the City's ability to issue debt,
 - iii) creates unfunded mandates,
 - iv) requires the City to generate revenues for the State,
 - v) causes property to be appraised for less than market value or unfairly shifts the tax burden, or
 - vi) requires a mandatory election to ratify the tax rate.

- d) The City **opposes** legislation that erodes:
 - i) the management of the public right-of-way,
 - ii) fair market compensation for the use of the public's rights-of-way,
 - iii) franchise agreements, or
 - iv) jurisdiction in utility rate cases

3) The City will **monitor legislation that impacts:**

- a) COVID-related economic assistance and economic recovery,
- b) Public safety funding and tactics,
- c) Emergency authorization authority,
- d) Redistricting House, Senate or Congressional districts in Travis County,
- e) LCRA and water supplies (including groundwater issues),
- f) Emergency Service Districts (ESD), Water Supply Corporations (WSC), and any other special purpose districts (such as MMDs or MUDs), and
- g) Capital Metro or the MoKan Corridor.

4) COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

- a) The City of Pflugerville is committed to collaboration with community partners and will support the Legislative Agendas of the following, except if in conflict with the City:
 - i) Chamber of Commerce, and
 - ii) Pflugerville Independent School District.

SECTION 2. 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 PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS

By: 
VICTOR GONZALES, Mayor

ATTEST:


KAREN THOMPSON, City Secretary