

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS
OPPOSING CERTAIN LEGISLATION UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE CURRENT
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds Texas Governor Greg Abbott has called a Special Session of the Texas Legislature which began on July 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is necessary to request that the Travis County and Williamson County delegations to the Texas Legislature oppose certain legislation that is harmful to the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that local issues are best addressed by local, duly-elected representatives, and not by representatives elected to the state legislature and state-wide office holders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to authorize the City's officials and representatives to oppose any legislation that limits the existing authority of the City to govern its own affairs and to oppose the imposition of any state mandates that do not provide for a commensurate level of state funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the Travis County and Williamson County delegations to the Texas State Legislature be requested to assist the City with the following legislative proposals as appropriate:

- A. Property Tax—To oppose any change that reduces local control of the procedures for adopting, assessing, and spending local property tax revenues.
- B. Spending Caps—To oppose any change that reduces local control over spending by imposing a cap of local spending.
- C. Tree Protection—To oppose any change that reduces local control and ability to protect trees and the environment.
- D. Annexation—To oppose any legislation that would limit the City's authority related to annexation, zoning, regulation of property development, and eminent domain.
- E. "Bathroom Bill"—To oppose any legislation that would limit or restrict the City's authority to regulate the use of bathrooms on a local level.

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- F. Pre-emption of local regulations—To oppose any “broad-based law” that restricts local governments’ regulatory authority.

Section 2. That the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Manager, City Attorney, City staff members, and the City’s legislative representatives be authorized to testify in opposition to any legislation that would limit or erode the City’s power to self-govern, or in any way be of detriment to the City’s authority to exercise the powers prescribed by the citizens of the City in their elected officials and to oppose the imposition of any state mandates that do not provide for a commensurate level of state funding.

Section 3. The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2017.

CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Thompson, City Secretary