

CITY OF SEGUIN

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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It's real.

Discuss legislative issues facing our City

GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S PRIORITIES

- Property Tax Relief
- Ending Covid Restrictions
- School Choice
- School Safety
- Bail Reform
- Border Security Prosecution of Fentanyl Deaths

GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S PRIORITIES

- Increasing Homestead Exemption to \$70,000
- Additional Property Tax Relief
- Increasing Business Personal Property Tax Exemption
- Rural Law Enforcement Funding
- Addressing Texas Future Water Needs
- Banning Local Covid Mandates

City Proposed Legislation

- HB 2352– Should Seguin develop a qualified hotel project, the State would reimburse their portion of hotel occupancy taxes and sales tax collected from the project to be used for the debt obligation to construct the hotel conference center
 - [Texas Legislature Online - 88\(R\) History for HB 2352](#)
 - Stance: For
- HB 2353– Would allow Seguin to use hotel occupancy tax funds for maintenance of sports facilities that hosts tournaments
 - [Texas Legislature Online - 88\(R\) History for HB 2353](#)
 - Stance: For

City Related Legislation

- SB 175 – Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB175>
 - Would prohibit municipalities from using public funds for lobbying activities, thus would prevent municipalities from being members of TML, and other similar groups.
 - Stance: Opposed
- SB 1786 – Relating to approval procedures for property development review by a municipality.
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB1786>
 - 30-day timeframe to approve development related permits (i.e. site plan, building permit, etc).
 - Stance: Opposed
- HB 2532 – Relating to the time for issuance of a municipal building permit.
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=HB02532>
 - Would require a city to grant or deny a building permit application within 30 days of submission or reach a written agreement with the applicant providing for a deadline.
 - Stance: Opposed

City Related Legislation

- SB 1110 – Relating to the authority to transfer revenue of a municipal utility to the general fund of the municipality.
 - [Texas Legislature Online - 88\(R\) History for SB 1110](#)
 - Would limit City's ability to transfer money from a Utility fund to the General Fund if the transfer caused a rate increase
 - Stance: Opposed
- HB 1246 – Relating to disannexation of certain areas that do not receive full municipal services.
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=HB01246>
 - Would: (1) define “full municipal services” to mean: (a) the provision of: (i) police protection; (ii) fire protection, including fire hydrants; (iii) emergency medical services; and (iv) certain solid waste collection services; and (b) the operation and maintenance of: (i) water and wastewater facilities; (ii) roads and streets including road and street lighting; and (iii) any other facility, building, or service owned by the city; and (2) provide that any area in which the city is not providing or causing the provision of full municipal services is disannexed as of December 31, 2023 unless the city is not currently required to provide full municipal services under a service plan or has entered into a regulatory plan or other written agreement to extend the time for providing or waive provision of full municipal services; (3) provide that should a city fail or refuse to recognize the disannexation of an area under section (2), above, a person owning property located in the area may bring an action against the city to compel disannexation of the portion of the property located in the city and may recover attorney's fees and court costs; and (4) provide that governmental immunity is waived for purposes of section (3), above.
 - Stance: Opposed

Economic Development Related Legislation

- SB 1340 – Relating to the local development agreement database maintained by the comptroller of public accounts
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB1340>
 - Database for economic development related incentive agreements.
 - Bill expands upon 380 database.
 - Would include 313 and 312 agreements.
 - Stance: For
- HB 4997 – Relating to a campus of the Texas State Technical College System located in Comal County and Guadalupe County.
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=HB4997>
 - TSTC Campus in Comal and Guadalupe County.
 - Stance: For
- HB 3048 - Relating to the authority of certain public institutions of higher education to offer programs and courses in junior college district service areas.
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=HB3048>
 - Would exempt TSTC from college district service areas rules.
 - Stance: For

Economic Development Related Legislation

- SB 1071 – Relating to the amendment of an existing comprehensive development agreement for a portion of State Highway 130.
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB1071>
 - Connector to SH 130 from I-35 in NB to SH 130 in Seguin
 - Stance: For
- HB 5 – Relating to agreements to create jobs and to generate state and local tax revenue for this state.
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=HB5>
 - Chapter 313 Replacement.
 - “Texas Jobs & Security Act”
 - Stance: For
- SB 1419 – Relating to limitations on the use of public money under certain economic development agreements or programs adopted by certain political subdivisions.
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB1419>
 - Would not allow for Municipalities to make a loan or grant of public money under this chapter from the proceeds of ad valorem taxes or bonds or other obligations of the municipality payable from ad valorem taxes.
 - Would limit Chapter 380 Agreements to not exceed 10 years.
 - Stance: Opposed

MOVING FORWARD

- **Continue to update State Legislators**
- **Northeast Partnership Legislative Trip to Capitol-
March 29th**
- **Work with Affiliates and other Municipalities**
 - **Texas Municipal League**
 - **Chamber of Commerce**
 - **Governmental Finance Officers**
 - **Texas Public Power Association**
 - **Texas Economic Development Council**

QUESTIONS?