

RESOLUTION

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR THE 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND HIS DESIGNEES TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND TEXAS LEGISLATURE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, during the 2023 Legislative Session more than 8,345 bills and joint resolutions were introduced, approximately 1,258 of them passed, of which 230 affected the governing of Texas municipalities in a substantial way;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Horizon (“City Council”) is committed to good governance, intergovernmental cooperation, and the furtherance of democracy at the local level;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the public interest, and necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Horizon City to convey to the Office of the Governor and the Texas Legislature the opinions, views, and insights of those serving the Town of Horizon City;

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that the Governor and members of the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives can benefit from the ongoing exchange of information with locally elected public officials; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified the following topics worth memorializing on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Horizon City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas as follows:

A. SUPPORT-

- 1. *Interlocal Cooperation:*** The City Council hereby supports legislation that enhances federal, state, and local cooperation.
- 2. *Local Democracy:*** The City Council hereby supports legislation that upholds the authority of local governments and reinforces the ability of locally elected leaders to advance the priorities of their citizens and their ability to respond to community challenges and

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opportunities.

3. ***Preserves Municipal Authority:*** The City Council hereby supports legislation that maintains or expands the ability of locally elected legislative bodies to enact local laws and administer regulatory programs.
4. ***Protect Municipal Revenue:*** The City Council hereby supports legislation that protects the ability of locally elected legislative bodies to assess taxes and impose fees necessary to fund municipal programs, projects, and facilities consistent with the needs of local residents and local businesses.
5. ***Texas Municipal League Legislative Program:*** The City Council hereby supports the Texas Municipal League Legislative Program.

B. OPPOSITION-

1. ***Preemption:*** The City Council hereby opposes legislation that erodes, weakens, or supersedes the ability of locally elected leaders to respond to local challenges or opportunities unique to the community.
2. ***Annexation & Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ):*** The City Council hereby opposes legislation that results in the inability to expand the City Limits or decreases the size of the ETJ thus hindering the City's ability to engage in long-term strategic land use planning or the expansion of utility, street, and drainage infrastructure.
3. ***Revenue Reduction:*** The City Council hereby opposes legislation that expands appraisal caps, imposes revenue caps on *ad valorem* (property) taxes, restricts sales taxes, limits administrative fees, caps right-of-way fees, commandeers municipal court fines or fees, or otherwise reduces local revenue sources.
4. ***Intergovernmental Communications:*** The City Council hereby opposes legislation that prohibits the expenditure of municipal funds on professional communications and advocacy services, including lobbying and trade association memberships that would help the City track, understand, or influence legislation.

C. ADMINISTRATION-

1. ***Delegation:*** The City Council directs staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City's legislative delegation, that being State Senator Cesar Blanco, and State Representative Mary Rodriguez.
2. ***Advocacy:*** The Mayor and his designees are hereby authorized to advocate on behalf of the City consistent with this Resolution and otherwise convey the positions expressed herein.

3. *Texas Municipal League*: The City Council directs City staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Texas Municipal League.

DULY RESOLVED & ADOPTED by the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, on this, the ___ day of _____ 2025.

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY

By: _____
Andres Renteria, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elvia Schuller, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Sylvia Borunda Firth, City Attorney