

**City of Georgetown 2019
Legislative Agenda 86th
Texas Legislature**

The City of Georgetown's Legislative Agenda establishes a policy direction for a summary of important issues that affect the Georgetown residents, businesses, and stakeholders.

Local Control - Oppose Legislation that would:

- Erode or otherwise diminish home rule authority and local control (local control: where local elected officials are tasked with raising funds and providing services to respond to the individual and market driven needs of the unique community they serve);
- Impose limits on the city's existing economic development authority;
- Restrict the ability of cities to provide economic and efficient methods of financing city purchases and projects;
- Erode annexation or zoning authority; or
- Erode municipal authority over the rights-of-way or erode municipal authority to collect reasonable compensation for the use of rights-of-way.

Taxation - Oppose Legislation that would:

- Impose revenue caps in the form of adjusting provisions for the current property tax rollback; or
- Reduce the appraisal growth cap established in current law.

Unfunded Mandates - Oppose Legislation that would:

- Create unfunded or underfunded mandates from state and federal government which ultimately end up costing local taxpayers.

Parks – Support Legislation that would:

- Enhance the investments in all parks and open spaces
- Support conservation of open space and making public lands accessible for public use by supporting the sporting goods sales tax and the land and water conservation fund
- Support water and natural resources through conservation, presentation, and the rights to access nature, the outdoors, and recreational amenities
- Enhance physical activity and improve health and wellness by utilizing parks and recreation amenities and services
- Support funding for services and programs that ensure access for all people to connect to nature and the outdoors
- Create a livable, safe, and responsible community by supporting safe recreational amenities, pathways, and trails
- Support the positive economic impacts of connecting our communities to nature and the outdoors from the Parks and Recreation Industry

Utilities - Support Legislation that would:

- Dissolve the Chisholm Trail Special Utility District (CTSUD) Board;
- Allow continued MOU general fund transfers and return on investment; or
- Preserve local control regarding Municipally Owned Utility (MOU) decision making related to electric market participation.

Utilities – Oppose Legislation that would:

- Expand of Public Utility Commission’s jurisdiction or limit MOU control related to rates or regulations;
- Change current law regarding disclosure of competitively sensitive information; or
- Create required discount mandates for MOUs.