

City of Rowlett, Texas

Legislative Update #6-May 22,2009

The following bills are being tracked through the 81st Texas Legislature. Current bills included are in the City of Rowlett's official legislative program, while others have been added upon request. If you desire a bill to be tracked that may have positive or adverse impact upon the City of Rowlett, please contact Brad Weber in the City Manager's Office at bweber@rowlett.com or (972) 412-6148.		Filed	Out of Committee	1st Vote	Out of Committee	2nd Vote	Sent to Governor	Bill is Law
Support	H.B. 9(Truitt) Texas Local Option Transportation Act: Formerly known as Rail North Texas. Provides options to fund regional rail. The primary objective of this bill is the advancement of regional railways.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Support	S.B. 855 (Carona)Texas Local Option Transportation Act: Formerly known as Rail North Texas. Provides options to fund regional rail. The primary objective of this bill is the advancement of regional railways.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Support	H.B. 1047 (Deshotel) Transportation Funding: Requires highway funds to be used specifically for highway funds, and not the Department of Public Safety (DPS).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	S.B. 700 (Patrick) Property Tax Rate Ratification: Requires a city to automatically conduct a property tax rate ratification election any time the city adopts a tax rate that exceeds the rollback rate.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Neutral	H.B.980 (Lucio)Sales Tax: Has impact on local sales tax in relation to retailers who ship goods to other locations. Unlikely at this time that DL Horton will be impacted, but bill is being monitored for deviations.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Neutral	H.B. 1376 (Thompson) Sales Tax: Has impact on local sales tax in relation to retailers who ship goods to other locations. Unlikely at this time that DL Horton will be impacted, but bill is being monitored for deviations.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	S.B. 2196 (Williams)Control of Police Departments: Would impose virtually all civil service policies on police chiefs, even in cities where voters have rejected civil service.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Support	S.B. 298 (Carona) D.W.I. Checkpoints: Allows the DPS and other law enforcement agencies of cities with a population of 500,000 plus to conduct D.W.I. check points.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Support	S.B. 397 (Carona)Arrest Warrant Transmission: Allows arrest warrants to be sent by fax and email.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	S.B. 388 (Carona) Law Enforcement Oversight: Creates a law enforcement oversight department within the DPS. Would create unfunded mandates and additional reporting requirements for local police departments.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Support	H.B. 22 (Leibowitz) Sex Offenders: Requires offenders to provide police with aliases, screen names, handles, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	H.B. 3023 (Coleman) Stun Guns: Creates a moratorium until January 2011 on the purchase of a stun gun by a law enforcement agency and the use of a stun gun by a peace officer.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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Oppose	H.B. 1260 (Hopson) DWI Registration Program: Establishes a DWI offender program similar to a sex offender program. Creates and unfunded	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	H.B. 1254 (Callegari) Red Light Cameras: Requires a red flashing light to be placed at intersections with red light cameras.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	H.B. 2639(Isett)Red Light Cameras: Would completely ban red light cameras.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	H.B. 554/ S.B. 820 (Menendez/Duncan) Extension of the Open Meetings Act: Requires the City Secretary to mail out City Council agendas regarding specific building code issues to any requestors, any time the Council discusses	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Support	H.B. 3298 (Strama) Open Meetings: Would allow a quorum of a city council to discuss certain items not related to official city business without placing such items on the agenda.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	H.B. 1511 (Otto) Residential Sprinklers: Requires that sprinkler systems be installed in single family residences over 7,500 sq. feet, while prohibiting the city from setting a more stringent standard.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	H.B. 4144 (Gattis) Zoning: Removes local control in relation to planning and zoning and gives control to the county. Additional burdens include expense.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	H.B. 4123 (Alonzo) Fire Fighter Collective Bargaining: Imposes mandatory collective bargaining, while interfering with sovereign immunity of cities.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	H.B.2678 (Y.Davis) Collective Bargaining: Grants collective bargaining rights to police officers, firefighters/EMS personnel in cities with a population over 5,000. Requires cities to conform to federal standards of collective bargaining.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Support	H.B. 360/ S.B. 908 (Kuempel/Williams)TMRS: Requires guaranteed minimum credit to employee accounts, assuring stability of the system.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Oppose	H.B. 300 (Isett) TxDOT Sunset Bill: Would place all red light camera systems under the authority of TxDOT and require cities to pay property owners when their property is acquired as part of road widening project.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oppose	S.B. 1 (Ogden) TxDOT Funding: Certain amendments to this bill have the potential to limit TxDOT funding to Toll way projects.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
*As bill numbers become available regarding Management Districts, staff will begin monitoring and reporting the progress of those bills.								
**There are currently numerous bills filed that seek to set property tax appraisal caps . As the legislative session continues, further information will be provided as bills make it out of committee.								
***Further information will be provided on the Cities Aggregation Power Project (CAPP) as bills are filed.								

