

City of Lago Vista

Resolution No. 25-2131

A Resolution Urging the Governor of Texas to Veto Legislation that Further Erodes Local Control and Municipal Self-Governance

WHEREAS, the City of Lago Vista, Texas, was founded on the principles of local self-governance, citizen involvement, and community-driven decision-making; and **WHEREAS**, Texas municipalities exist as political subdivisions of the State, yet they are closest to the people and best positioned to tailor land use, development standards, and local revenue policies to fit the unique character and needs of their communities; and **WHEREAS**, recent legislation filed and passed in the Texas Legislature seeks to undermine the authority of city councils and local voters by centralizing control in Austin, in direct conflict with conservative principles of limited government and local autonomy; and **WHEREAS**, these legislative efforts—often under the guise of “uniformity”—disproportionately favor large, urban interests at the expense of small and rural cities like Lago Vista, which face distinct infrastructure, environmental, and planning challenges; and **WHEREAS**, such measures risk stifling community-led growth, exposing cities to costly mandates, and depriving citizens of the right to influence their own neighborhoods through local elections and ordinances; and **WHEREAS**, the Governor of Texas holds the constitutional authority to veto harmful legislation and protect the right of cities to govern in accordance with the values of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAGO VISTA, TEXAS, THAT:

Section.1. The City of Lago Vista respectfully urges Governor Greg Abbott to veto any legislation that further restricts municipal authority, particularly in the areas of:

- Local land use and zoning decisions;
- Development standards and building regulations;
- Revenue generation and fiscal autonomy; and
- Any other area of traditionally local governance without direct State funding or partnership.

Section.2. The City specifically urges a veto of the following bills, should they reach the Governor’s desk:

- SB 2858 (Creighton / C. Bell) Relating to state preemption of certain municipal and county regulation.

- SB 3016 (Creighton / C. Bell) Relating to state preemption of municipal and county regulation on land use, structures, businesses, and related activities and municipal boundaries and annexation.
- SB 840 (Hughes / Hefner) Relating to certain municipal regulation of certain mixed-use and multifamily residential development projects and conversion of certain commercial buildings to mixed-use and multifamily residential occupancy.
- HB 2844 (Landgraf / Kolkhorst) Relating to the regulation of food service establishments, including retail food stores and mobile food vendors; requiring an occupational license; imposing fees; authorizing an administrative penalty.
- HB 2559 (Bettencourt / Patterson) Relating to the imposition by a municipality of a moratorium on property development in certain circumstances.
- SB 924 (Hancock / Geren) Relating to entities that provide video services.
- SB 15 (Bettencourt / Gates) Relating to size and density requirements for residential lots in certain municipalities; authorizing a fee.

Section.3. The City Council calls upon all members of the Texas Legislature to reaffirm their support for local government as a core pillar of representative democracy, and to oppose blanket preemption measures that remove power from the people and their local elected officials.

Section.4. The City Secretary is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the elected State Representative and Senator for the City of Lago Vista.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of June, 2025.

CITY OF LAGO VISTA

ATTEST:




Kevin Sullivan, Mayor



Susie Quinn, Interim City Secretary

In a motion by Councilor Roberts, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Durbin, the foregoing instrument was passed and approved.