

City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN



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Standing Up for Highland Haven Defending Our Right to Govern Locally

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

The 89th Texas Legislative Session continues, and our city is actively working to protect local decision-making. At our upcoming Board of Aldermen meeting on March 18, the Board will consider Resolution No. 366, formally opposing Senate Bill 19 and other legislative efforts that undermine local governance. This bill—along with several others introduced in the Texas Legislature—would strip cities like Highland Haven of vital resources, including access to legal and legislative advocacy through organizations like the Texas Municipal League. Eliminating these resources would place an enormous financial burden on small cities while also limiting our ability to advocate for our residents at the state level.

State lawmakers refer to this as “taxpayer-funded lobbying,” but the reality is that this effort is aimed at silencing cities while leaving other lobbying groups untouched. Meanwhile, the state itself uses taxpayer dollars to advocate at the federal level, creating a clear double standard. Local control is the foundation of good governance, and decisions for Highland Haven should be made by those who live and work here—not dictated by one-size-fits-all mandates from Austin.

This newsletter will continue to provide updates on key legislative issues affecting our city, along with ways you can stay engaged. Your voice matters, and lawmakers need to hear from the residents they represent.

Stay informed, stay involved, and thank you for being an engaged part of our community!

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In this newsletter you can expect:

Note about
proposed
Resolution #364

Link to our
legislative issues
webpage

Update on City
Survey and next
steps

Dates for the
next BOA
Meeting

Dates for the
next P&Z
Meeting

Legislative Issues

www.highlandhaventx.com/legislative-issues/

To find out more about current legislative issues that may affect our city, please visit the website listed above. On the city's legislative issues webpage you can find a copy of Resolution #364 which outlines the city's legislative priorities for the 89th Texas Legislative Session. A copy of Resolution #366, outlining the city's opposition to Senate Bill 19 will be available in the packet for the March 18 BOA meeting.

You can also find a Bill Review document which summarizes bills that have been filed so far this session, as well as contact information for our local representatives and sample form letters which can help you write an effective advocacy letter or email.

Next BOA Meeting

The next Board of Alderman meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday March 18 at the Community Center.

A copy of the agenda will be available online, as well as the packet.

Next P&Z Meeting

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday April 10 at the Community Center.

A copy of the agenda will be available online, as well as the packet.

City Comprehensive Plan Update

City-Wide Survey Results Presented to Planning and Zoning

As part of our efforts to update Highland Haven's Comprehensive Plan, we recently conducted a community survey to gather resident feedback on key issues, including infrastructure, water resources, public safety, and community priorities. With a 30% response rate, the survey revealed strong support for preserving our residential character, improving infrastructure, and maintaining local control over growth and development. Concerns were raised about water conservation, road conditions, emergency preparedness, and city communication.

The Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Aldermen will review the survey results in the coming weeks. Once they have had the opportunity to analyze the feedback, we will publish the full results online and move forward with the next steps in updating our Comprehensive Plan. This process will include further community engagement through town hall meetings and focus groups to ensure that resident input remains at the heart of our city's long-term planning.

We appreciate everyone who participated in the survey—your voice is essential in shaping the future of Highland Haven!



Stay in the Loop & Reach Out!

We appreciate you taking the time to stay informed about what's happening in Highland Haven. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about city matters, we're always happy to hear from you! Feel free to reach out, and we'll do our best to provide answers and keep you in the know.

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Stay engaged, stay involved, and thank you for being a part of what makes Highland Haven a great place to live!
