



City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN

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Legislative Alert: Act Now on Key Bills

Your Voice Shapes Highland Haven's Future

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

For the past two weeks, we've discussed Sen. Pete Flores' S.B. 785 on HUD-Manufactured Homes. Today, with the Texas Legislature in its final two weeks, we turn to other critical bills that could impact Highland Haven. Please review the TML Legislative Update at [TML Legislative Update - May 9](#) and share your views with Rep. Ellen Troxclair and Sen. Pete Flores.

H.B. 30 (Rep. Troxclair):

This bill would require a budget election to raise property taxes after a disaster, delaying funding for recovery efforts like infrastructure repairs. This would delay municipal disaster response and funding until a budget election can be held in November.

H.B. 1227 (Rep. Gates):

As this bill is currently written, it would cap solid waste franchise fees at 2%, down from our 5% with Waste Management. If passed, it would cut our revenue from this source by 60%, impacting services like roads and public safety.

S.B. 673 (Sen. Hughes):

This allows accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in single-family zones without city regulation, and would bring multi-family units and short-term rentals to Highland Haven. This bill applies to all cities, regardless of size.

How to Take Action

Contact Rep. Ellen Troxclair (ellen.troxclair@house.texas.gov, 512-463-0490) and Sen. Pete Flores (pete.flores@senate.texas.gov, 512-463-0124) to share how these bills affect Highland Haven. Your input can shape their final votes. For details and any other legislative updates you would like to see, please visit the [TML Legislative Update Page](#), or the [City of Highland Haven Legislative Issues Page](#).

As we navigate these legislative changes, your engagement is vital to preserving Highland Haven's character and services. Please stay vigilant, share your concerns with our representatives, and continue participating in our community's future. Thank you for your commitment to keeping Highland Haven strong.

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

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Legislative Issues

www.highlandhaventx.com/legislative-issues/

The City of Highland Haven's Legislative Issues page provides residents with up-to-date information on state legislation that may affect the community. It includes a list of relevant bills from the 89th Legislative Session, Resolution 366 opposing Senate Bill 19, and Resolution 364 outlining the city's legislative priorities during the 89th Legislative Session.

The page also offers resources for contacting representatives, tips for effective advocacy, and links to the Texas Municipal League's legislative information. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and participate in local and state governance by utilizing these resources.

Next BOA Meeting

The next Board of Alderman meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday May 20 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 June 12 at the Community Center.

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

Budget Talk

Ongoing Budget Development with the Board of Alderman



We've begun discussing the city's budget with the Board of Aldermen, and these discussions will continue at every Board meeting until the budget is adopted in August.

We encourage you to attend and share your input with the Board. At our last meeting, we reviewed the water budget, analyzing fixed and variable costs to plan effective funding.

We're now doing the same for the general fund, examining each expense and its funding sources to ensure sustainable budgeting.

Join us at upcoming meetings to help shape Highland Haven's financial future!



Current Watering Restrictions

Do Your Part to Conserve Water

Under the City's 2024 Drought Contingency Plan, watering with hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times during our current drought stage.

Even-numbered addresses (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) may irrigate on Sundays, and odd-numbered addresses (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) on Saturdays, using hand-held hoses, buckets (5 gallons or less), drip irrigation, or automatic systems—but only between midnight–10 a.m. and 8 p.m.–midnight.

These rules apply to all water sources, including lake water, wells, and city water. We appreciate your cooperation in protecting our water resources.

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!