



# City Administrator's Update

HIGHLAND HAVEN

May 23, 2025



## Our Community at Risk: Legislative Update

Protect Our Small-Town Charm from State Bills

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

As the 89th Texas Legislative Session nears its end on June 2, 2025, two bills—Senate Bill 785 (SB 785) and Senate Bill 2858 (SB 2858)—could erode our community's character and local control. Our recent community survey showed an overwhelming majority of you support preserving our neighborhoods' aesthetic and a vast majority favor local decision-making. These bills conflict with those priorities. Here's what you need to know and how to act.

### Senate Bill 785: Manufactured Homes in Residential Zones

SB 785, set for Senate consideration tomorrow, May 24, 2025, would allow HUD-code manufactured homes in all residential zones, overriding our zoning authority. This could alter our neighborhoods' cohesive look, which you've said is vital to our town's charm, limiting our ability to enforce local design standards.

### Senate Bill 2858: State Preemption of Local Rules

SB 2858, not yet scheduled but possibly fast-tracked, would broadly preempt local regulations, including zoning and land use. Dubbed "Death Star 2.0," it could prevent us from tailoring ordinances to our community's needs, undermining the local control you strongly support.

### Why This Matters

Both bills impose state mandates that disregard our unique needs, threatening the small-town character you value and our ability to shape growth according to your vision.

### How to Take Action

Contact Rep. Ellen Troxclair ([ellen.troxclair@house.texas.gov](mailto:ellen.troxclair@house.texas.gov), 512-463-0490) and Sen. Pete Flores ([pete.flores@senate.texas.gov](mailto: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](#).

If these bills pass the House, urge Governor Greg Abbott to veto them:

Phone: (512) 463-2000 | Email: Use the form at [gov.texas.gov/contact](https://gov.texas.gov/contact).

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. 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/](http://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 89<sup>th</sup> 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 June 3 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. We will be discussing the budget in depth at a workshop on June 3, doing our best to prepare our city for the future.

We will explore all aspects of the budget working to ensure sustainable planning.

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



### *Honoring Our Heroes*

As we approach Memorial Day on May 26, 2025, we pause to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation.

This day is more than a holiday; it's a time to reflect on their sacrifice and the freedoms we cherish.

Join us in remembering our fallen heroes through moments of silence, gatherings with friends and family, or visiting a local veterans' memorial.

Let's come together to express gratitude and ensure their legacy endures in our hearts and our city.

### 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!