

PROBABLE MUNICIPAL ISSUES (2003)

Rezoning -

the legislature will probably consider legislation that would require a city to reimburse the property owner if a rezoning diminishes the value of a property.

Regulation of Firearms -

the legislature will probably consider legislation that would eliminate the authority of a city to regulate the possession of firearms on municipal premises.

Texas Association of Builders (TAB) -

at the insistence of TAB, the legislature will probably consider legislation that would: (a) restrict municipal fees that affect housing costs; (b) require a "housing availability" impact statement for any "law" that affects housing; and (c) review all "government practices" and codes that affect housing affordability.

Manufactured / Industrialized Housing -

the legislature will probably consider legislation that would erode the authority of cities to regulate the location/siting of manufactured/industrialized housing.

NFPA 1710 -

the legislature will probably consider legislation that would impose NFPA 1710 fire staffing and response standards in Texas.

Collective Bargaining -

the legislature will probably consider legislation that would allow a city council to enter into collective bargaining with police and fire unions without a popular vote (as is currently required).

Right-of-Way Authority -

the legislature will probably consider legislation that would erode the authority of cities to regulate the use of their rights-of-way.

Employment Contracts -

the legislature will probably consider legislation that would restrict the ability of a city to enter into an employment agreement with a municipal employee.