



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-121

Date: June 3, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Ryan Henderson, City Manager

Re: Legislative Update Sine Die

Yesterday the was the last day of the 89th Legislative Session. The Governor has until June 22 to sign bills.

As a reminder, on April 22 the City Council adopted its legislative priorities, which are as follows:
The Anna City Council encourages members of the 89th Texas Legislature to:

1. Preserve Local Authority: Advocate against state preemption of municipal powers to ensure decisions reflect local community needs.
2. Enhance Public Safety: Seek funding and legislative support for law enforcement resources, emergency response capabilities, and community policing initiatives.
3. Invest in Infrastructure: Prioritize funding for transportation improvements, water and sewer systems, and other critical infrastructure to support growth and development.
4. Promote Economic Development: Support policies and programs that attract businesses, foster entrepreneurship, and expand the local economy.

In accordance with the general legislative statements above, the City of Anna **SUPPORTS** the following:

1. Preserve Local Authority by supporting these bills:

[H.B. 21](#) (Gates) – HFC’s can’t exempt property outside jurisdiction – Signed by the Governor and effective immediately.

[S.B 1062](#) (Kolkhorst) - Allow cities alternate methods for publications of legal notices – Signed by the Governor and effective immediately.

2. Enhance Public Safety by supporting these bills:

[H.B. 2217](#) (Wharton) / [H.B. 4264 \(Hefner\)](#) - Creates new law enforcement grant programs or expands current law enforcement grant programs; HB 2217 referred to Senate Criminal Justice; HB 4264 referred to Senate Finance Committee – Sent to the Governor

[H.B. 1893](#) (Cook) – Law enforcement agencies may release license plate number of motor vehicles captured in video recordings under the public information law. – Sent to the Governor

3. Invest in Infrastructure by supporting these bills:

[S.B. 7](#) (Perry) – Creates New Water Supply for Texas Fund for water infrastructure projects – Sent to the Governor

[H.J.R. 7](#) (Harris) - Proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue. If approved by voters in November will dedicate one billion dollars a year for 20 years to the Texas Water Development Board for water projects. – Filed with the Secretary of State

4. Promote Economic Development by supporting these bills:

[H.B. 3066](#) (Leach) / [S.B.2297](#)(Paxton): Entitles certain municipalities to certain tax revenue associated with hotel and convention center projects; expands the definition of a “qualified project” to include facilities such as convention centers, hotels, restaurants, bars, retail establishments, spas, and parking areas or structures. - Referred to Senate Economic Development / died in Senate

In accordance with the City’s Legislative Priorities, the City of Anna **OPPOSES** the following filed legislation:

1. Preserve Local Authority by opposing these bills:

[H.B. 2715](#) (Curry) – Removal of Elected Officials: allows the governor to suspend an officer of the state or a political subdivision of the state for not following and executing the laws of this state in accordance with the officer’s oath of office. – Sent to the Governor

[S.B. 2237](#) (Bettencourt) / [H.B. 762](#) (Leach) – Cap severance pay for city employees at 20 weeks’ pay; Reported from House Intergovernmental Affairs – Sent to the Governor

[S.B. 412](#) (Middleton) / [H.B. 267](#) (Patterson) – Removes defense to prosecution for certain offenses involving material or conduct that is obscene or otherwise harmful to children. *Criminalizes Librarians* – Signed by the Governor and effective on 9/1/2025

Land Use / Zoning Preemption

[S.B. 15](#) (Bettencourt) / H.B. 3919 (Gates) – Caps minimum lot size for greenfields and other zoning restrictions for small lots; bracketed to cities over 150K pop in counties over 300K. – Reported enrolled

[S.B. 1844](#) (Paxton) – Disannexation of most city areas unless city provides full municipal services (no deadline) – Signed by the Governor and effective 9/1/2025

[S.B. 2695](#) (Creighton) – City can’t annex ESD territory if ESD finds that city can’t provide adequate services. Sent to the Governor

[S.B. 840](#) (Hughes) / H.B. 3404 (Hefner) – Must allow mixed-use and multifamily developments and residential conversions in non-residential areas. This bill allows multifamily apartments to go in any zoning category, including commercial, industrial, and warehouse. Prohibits much of the city’s ability to regulate the size or setbacks of these units and doesn’t allow the city to require more than one parking spot per unit. – Sent to the Governor

[H.B. 4163](#) (Guillen) – Agricultural Operations: prevents cities from requiring the owners or lessees of agricultural operations to mow, bale, shred, or hoe material on the public road right-of-way next to their property. – Sent to the Governor

[S.B. 785](#) (Flores) / H.B. 1835 (Guillen) – City must allow HUD-Code manufactured homes in residential zoning districts; The city cannot stop a mobile home being built in an existing residential neighborhood, no protections for HOA or deed restricted community. A manufactured home could go on any land in a neighborhood and requires the city to create a place for manufactured housing in some zoning category. Sent to the Governor

2. Enhance Public Safety by opposing these bills:

[H.B. 2713](#) (Darby) / S.B. 1331 (Hancock) – Cities over 70,000 may not repeal civil service after it has been in effect for at least one year. – Sent to the Governor

3. Invest in Infrastructure by opposing these bills:

[S.B. 924](#) (Hancock) – No franchise fees on streaming services. *Franchise fees are the rental costs paid by utilities that use the city's right-of-way or other city property to transmit their services. The City of Anna collects over \$1 million in franchise fees for use of city land and property.* – Sent to the Governor

4. Promote Economic Development by opposing these bills:

Additional bills that would affect the City of Anna and we are actively tracking include:

Finance

- [H.B. 9](#) (Meyer) – \$250,000 exemption for appraised value of business personal property; passed House and reported as substitute in Senate Committee on Local Government – Sent to the Governor.
- [S.B. 1851](#) (Nichols) – Subject to no-new-revenue rate for not conducting annual audit; committee report distributed – Signed by Governor and effective 9/1/2015

Land Use

Impact Fees

- [S.B. 1883](#) (Bettencourt) – Imposes pre-notice requirements for impact fees, supermajority vote to approve impact fee, and could not revisit fees for 5 years. – Sent to the Governor

Development

- [H.B. 2559](#) (Patterson)/ – Limits or temporarily prohibits a city’s ability to adopt a development moratorium – Sent to the Governor
- [H.B. 24](#) (Orr) – Raises protest threshold to 60% (from 20% of affected neighbors) under certain circumstances – Sent to the Governor

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- [H.B. 2512](#) (Geren) – S.B. 2038 fixes. Relating to the release of certain areas from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election. – Sent to the Governor

Public Safety

Active Shooters

- [H.B. 33](#) (McLaughlin)/[S.B.2862](#) (Flores) – Uvalde Strong bill requiring local active shooter planning and response oversight – Sent to the Governor

Public Camping Ban

- [S.B. 241](#) (Flores) – Cities must enforce public camping bans; voted from Senate Local Government

Less Lethal Projectiles

- [S.B. 2570](#) (Flores) – Defense of prosecution for less-lethal projectiles/TASER 10 – Sent to the Governor

Elections

Ballot Propositions

- [S.B. 506](#) (Bettencourt) – Ballot proposition language must be clear, and voter may submit ballot proposition for SOS review -- Sent to the Governor

Utilities

Residential Energy Backup Regulation

- [S.B. 1252](#) (Schwertner)– Prohibit a city from adopting or enforcing an amendment to local electrical code regulating or requiring city inspection of backup energy systems; SB 1252 on Senate intent calendar -- Sent to the Governor

Open Government

Public Meeting Notices

- [H.B. 1522](#) (Gerdes) – Governmental bodies must provide three business days notice for all public meetings and budget meeting notice must include physical copy of budget - – Sent to the Governor
- [H.B. 3850](#) (Canales) – Governmental bodies must allow public to address the body on items not on the agenda before/during the agenda discussion; can limit to five people

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