

Preparing for the 87th Session of the Texas Legislature

**Ad Hoc Committee on
Legislative Affairs**

March 5, 2020

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Recap of the 86th Session of the Texas Legislature

- Over 2,000 bills related to cities were filed and many of them were preemptive
- High-priority preemption legislation that passed includes:
 - SB 2 (Bettencourt/Burrows): Revenue Cap
 - SB 1152 (Hancock/Phelan): Telecom Franchise Fees
 - HB 1631 (Stickland/Hall): Red Light Cameras
 - HB 2439 (Phelan/Buckingham): Building Materials

Senate Interim Charges

- Lobbying
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- Natural Disaster Funding
- Network Nodes in Public Rights of Way (SB 1004 85R)
- Revenue Caps (SB 2 86R)
- Vaping

House Interim Charges

- Economic Development & the Workforce
- Local Sales and Use Tax
- Homelessness
- Paid Sick Leave
- Short Term Rentals
- Telecommunication Fees (SB 1152 86R)

Agenda Development Timeline for the 87th Legislative Session (2020 – 2021)

- **Throughout the year:** Monitor interim committee charges
- **Jan. 2020:** Solicited initial legislative priorities from City Council
- **May 2020:** Solicit legislative initiatives from executive leadership and department directors
- **Jun. – Aug. 2020:** Meet with executive leadership and department directors to review draft legislative agenda

Agenda Development Timeline for the 87th Legislative Session (2020 – 2021)

- **Sept. 2020:** Finalize draft legislative agenda
- **Oct. 2020:** Present draft legislative agenda to Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs
- **Nov. 2020:** City Council adoption of legislative agenda
- **Jan. 2021:** Start of legislative session
- **Feb. 2021:** Dallas Legislative Reception in Austin
- **May 2021:** Sine die

Discussion



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