



Municipal “Hot Topics”
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1. TML Legislative Update Newsletter
2. TML Advocacy Committee
3. Annexation/ETJ – Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee Interim Charges
4. Small Cell Nodes – Lawsuits, Interim Hearing, and FCC Activity
5. Licensed Carry – Austin/Waller County Lawsuits
6. Economic Development
 - a. House Select Committee on Economic Competitiveness Interim Report
 - b. Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Expiration
7. Revenue Caps
 - a. Last Session/This Interim
 - b. Governor’s Plan
 - c. School Finance: The following is actual language on public education funding from the state budget bill that was passed by the Legislature in May:

“Property values, and the estimates of local tax collections on which they are based, shall be increased by 7.04 percent for tax year 2017 and by 6.77 percent for tax year 2018.”

To make up for reduced state money going to school funding, the legislature passed, and the governor signed, a budget essentially requiring that property values – and the school property taxes derived from them – go up by almost fourteen percent over the next two years.
8. Infrastructure
 - a. President’s Plan – Texas Officials D.C. Visit
 - b. Hurricane Harvey – Training for EMCs
 - c. Federal Budget – First meaningful CDBG increase since 2010, from \$3 billion to \$3.3 billion