

# Advocating for Your City

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Year	Total Bills Introduced	Total Bills Passed	City-Related Bills Introduced	City-Related Bills Passed
2011	6303	1410	1500+	160+
2013	6061	1437	1700+	220+
2015	6476	1329	1600+	220+
2017	6800	1220	2000+	290+
2019	7541	1437	2000+	330+
2021	6927	1073	2000+	240+
2023	8344	1258	1800+	230

TML tracked 1,880 bills (23% of all bills introduced) in 2023



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## TML Legislative Process

- **TML Business Meeting**

- Delegates will consider resolutions submitted by the membership
- One delegate from each city
- Resolutions are due August 26, 2024
- Resolutions approved by the delegates at the business meeting
- October 10, 2024 during TML Annual Conference in Houston

- **Municipal Policy Summit**

- Policy briefing in Austin on all municipal issues
- Members appointed by TML President
- Report will go forward to annual business meeting for approval
- Summer 2024



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## Grassroots Efforts

- Get to know your legislators, contact them often
- Stay informed on issues
- Understand the legislative process
- Become a resource for your legislator and TML
- Be able to act quickly during session
  - Phone calls, emails, and/or testifying



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## TML Advocacy Toolkit



- TML Policy Development Process
- Tips for Grassroots Involvement
- Crafting Effective Advocacy Letters and Emails
- Guidelines for In-Person Testimony
- Contact Information for Legislators
- Essential Legislative Resources



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## Stay Engaged During Session

- *Legislative Update*
- Monthly Legislative Webinar
- TML Alert Emails
- GRIP Survey



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## 89th Legislature: Major Issues

- Land Use
  - Disannexation
  - Minimum lot size and small lot preemption
  - Accessory dwelling units by right
  - HUD code manufactured housing by right
  - Building height restrictions
  - Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)
- Preemption and “Super preemption”
- Community Censorship



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Now, more than ever, city officials need to have the voices of their communities heard at the capitol. The future of Texas communities and what makes our state GREAT depends on it.



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## Questions?



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