LOCAL CONTROL

- Oppose legislation that would erode municipal authority in any way.
- Oppose legislation that would impose a revenue cap of any type or negatively expand appraisal caps.
- Oppose legislation that would expand requirements for issuance of any city debt or that would erode the ability of a city to issue debt in any way.
- Oppose legislation that erodes municipal authority in the areas of municipal annexation, municipal zoning, eminent domain, building codes, health and safety, or extraterritorial jurisdictions (ETJs).

REVERSE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AID

- Oppose legislation that would require municipalities to fund former State and Federal programs without providing a means to recapture the associated costs.
- Oppose legislation that would impose additional state fees or costs on municipal court convictions or require municipal courts to collect fine revenue for the state.

MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION

- Support legislation that clarifies the impacts of S.B. 6 from the 85th Legislative Session related to municipal annexation and ensure that any legislation impacting a city’s ability to annex provides an exemption for industrial district areas.

ELECTRIC AND GAS RATEMAKING

- Oppose legislation that would eliminate cities’ jurisdiction over electric and gas utility rates and/or eliminate the reimbursement of cities’ rate case expenses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support legislation that extends the sunset date for Chapter 312 tax abatement authority.
- Oppose legislation that would erode a city’s incentive options to enhance its economic development efforts to promote retention and expansion of existing retailers, restaurants, developers, commercial businesses and primary employers and to attract new business.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

- Support legislation that would authorize a council-option property tax exemption of a portion of the appraised value of property damaged by a disaster.
- Support legislation that would increase the maximum local residence homestead exemption from 20 percent of a property’s appraised value to 30 percent.
**TRANSPORTATION**

- Support legislation that would eliminate reauthorization provisions for the collection and use of the street maintenance sales and use tax.
- Support legislation that distributes Federal transportation funding in a way that provides local governments with long term funding, sends the funding directly to localities, gives local leaders a stronger role in the decision making process and streamlines the entire process.
- Support legislation that provides additional funding to the Texas Department of Transportation for transportation projects that would benefit cities.

**ELECTIONS**

- Support legislation that clarifies language related to the reauthorization of local sales taxes for special districts (Street Maintenance Sales Tax, Crime Control & Prevention District, and Fire Control, Prevention, & Emergency Medical Services District) to more clearly define when a reauthorization election is to be held.
- Support legislation that reduces the number of early voting days required for runoff elections to five days.

**PEG FUNDS**

- Support legislation that would expand the use of public, educational, and government (PEG) fees to include operational and related costs associated with PEG channels.

**OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS**

- Oppose legislation that would diminish municipal authority to reduce the effects of oil and gas development on city residents.

**CITY SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

- Oppose legislation that would erode a city’s sovereign immunity.

**RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

- Oppose legislation that would decrease a city’s authority to be adequately compensated for the use of its rights-of-way.
- Oppose legislation that would erode municipal authority over the management and control of rights-of-way.

**QUALITY OF LIFE**

- Support legislation that expands a city’s ability to regulate low-income housing, halfway houses, and the abatement of substandard structures.