

# City of San Antonio 88th State Legislative Session Update

City Council – A Session – April 20, 2023

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## **88<sup>TH</sup> State Legislative Session**

### **OVERVIEW**

- **General Update**
- **Bills of Interest**



## General Updates

- City tracking approximately 1,500 bills
- 38 days left in the 88<sup>th</sup> regular Session
- May 29<sup>th</sup>, last day of the 88<sup>th</sup> regular Session

# BILLS OF INTEREST

## Super Preemption

### **HB 2127 (Burrows) / SB 814 (Creighton) – Pre-emption of City Authority**

- Would prevent cities and counties from adopting or enforcing local ordinances related to the codes referenced in the bill
  - Agriculture, Business and Commerce, Finance, Insurance, Labor, Local Government, Natural Resources, Occupations and Property Codes
- HB 2127 voted favorably out of House floor on April 18 (Vote: Y: 92/N: 55)



# BILLS OF INTEREST

## Finance

### **SB 2220 (Menendez) – Project Finance Zone**

- Allows certain municipalities to use state hotel tax revenue for qualified projects
- Would allow San Antonio to have up to a 3-mile zone centered around a convention center or arena in which the increment in the state hotels taxes are rebated for a 30 years
- Ben Gorzell, CFO, Marc Anderson (VSA) and Cacie Madrid (SA Chamber) testified in support, April 19
- Left pending in committee



# BILLS OF INTEREST

## Municipal Finances

### **SB 1110 (Schwertner) – Municipal Utility Fund Transfers**

- Prohibits the City from transferring revenue from a municipal utility to the city's general fund
- As filed, the bill would eliminate more than 25% of the City's general fund revenue
- Outreach to our delegation & bill sponsor
- COSA testimony in opposition
  - Left pending in committee, March 21
  - No House companion bill

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## Property Tax Relief

### **HB 2 (Meyer) – Appraisal Caps**

- Reduces the limit on annual appraisal increases from 10% to 5% - and expands limit to all types of property
  - Passed House

### **SB 3 (Bettencourt) – Homestead Exemptions**

- Increases the homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$40,000 to \$70,000
  - Passed Senate; referred to House Ways & Means Committee

# BILLS OF INTEREST

## Animal Control

### **HB 4759 (Campos) – Dangerous Dogs**

- Relating to an attack by a dangerous dog
  - Determination if a dog is dangerous and increases criminal penalty from Class C misdemeanor to third degree felony
- Left pending in House Public Health Committee, April 17

### **Other dangerous dog related bills:**

- SB 2226 (Menendez) / HB 4909 (Bernal)
- HB 1653 (Campos)

# BILLS OF INTEREST

## Safe Haven Baby-Box

### **HB 2010 (Hefner) / SB 780 (Hughes)**

- Adds fire departments and law enforcement agencies to the list of emergency infant care providers who must take possession of certain abandoned children
  - Passed Senate, March 16
  - Senate version voted favorably from House Health and Human Services Committee

### **HB 4533 (Martinez-Fischer) / SB 2343 (Menendez)**

- Adds fire departments and law enforcement agencies to the list of emergency infant care providers who must take possession of certain abandoned children and provide additional services
  - Referred to House Human Services Committee & Senate Health & Human Services

# BILLS OF INTEREST

## Land Use

### **HB 2789 (Holland) / SB 1412 (Hughes) – Accessory Dwelling Units**

- Accessory dwelling units by right in single family zoning or un-zoned areas
  - Senate version voted favorably from Local Government Committee, April 18

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## Land Use

### **HB 1307 (Toth) – Release of ETJ**

- Left pending in committee

### **HB 1279 (Tepper) – Reduction of ETJ**

- Left pending in committee

### **HB 4215 (Bell) – Maximum size of Municipal ETJ**

- Left pending in committee

### **HB 4285 (Rogers) – Outdoor Signs in ETJ**

- Voted favorably from Land & Resource Management Committee

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## Local Control

### **SB 175 (Middleton) – Taxpayer Funded Lobbying**

- Prohibition of using public funds for lobbying activities
- Limits Community Advocacy
  - Passed Senate, April 6
  - No hearing set in House State Affairs Committee

# BILLS OF INTEREST

## Other

### **SB 1238 (Nichols) / HB 9 (Ashby) – Broadband**

- Updates to the Broadband Development Program and funding
- \$5 billion for BDO to expand broadband availability
  - SB 1238 passed Senate
  - HB 9 voted favorably from State Affairs Committee



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# QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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