

# Texas Municipal League (TML) Post-Conference Legislative Updates



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# The Texas Municipal League

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The Texas Municipal League (TML) is a non-profit organization that started in 1913 and provides advocacy, education, and services for Texas cities.

- Includes 1,177 member cities
- Governed by a Board of Directors of over 47 municipal officials across Texas





# TML Annual Conference

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Texas Municipal League (TML) Annual Conference and Exhibition was conducted on October 9 – 11 in Houston, TX.

The TML annual conference is the largest in-state gathering of over 3,300 Texas municipal officials for 2.5 days of continuing education and training sessions related to city-related matters, in addition to a tradeshow exhibition of municipal service providers.

Attendees this year included City Council Members, the City Manager's Office, the IGR Department, CCW staff, the City Attorney, and the City Secretary's Office.

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# TML Annual Conference

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**A Secure Water Future for Your City:** The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) leads the state's efforts to ensure a secure water future for Texas and its citizens. Attendees will hear from TWDB on the water needs across the state, including current initiatives and finance programs available to cities to address local water needs. You will also hear from the City of Corpus Christi about their efforts to address water needs, including the nation's first municipally owned seawater desalination project.

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# TML Annual Conference Education

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Over 50 Education Sessions Offered, Including:

- **TML Legislative Outlook:** The 89th session of the Texas Legislature will begin on January 14, 2025. Learn what issues are likely to be priorities and how the League and Texas cities will work together to protect your ability to serve your residents.
  - **AI Applications in Municipal Government:** Dive into the exciting world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its transformative applications in libraries, economic development, and tourism.
  - **Maximize Human Potential: Win Together in a Shifting World:** Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., President and CEO of SHRM, will help community leaders maximize their role in shaping the workforce, nurturing talent, and steering their city through the complexities of the business landscape.
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# TML Legislative Outlook Session

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## **Key Legislative Issues Identified by TML:**

- Super Preemption
- ETJ and Annexation
- Zoning Reform and Housing
- Taxation and Economic Development
- Community Censorship



# TML Municipal Policy Development Process

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- ✓ **October 2023** - The TML membership considered resolutions at the 2023 Annual Conference at the annual business meeting.
  
  - ✓ **August 2024** - The Municipal Policy Summit, a two-day policy briefing at which the members made recommendations for the League's 2025-2026 legislative program, meets.
  
  - ✓ **October 2024** - The Municipal Policy Summit report, along with any other resolutions, will proceed to the annual business meeting at the 2024 Annual Conference.
  
  - December 2024** - The TML Board will finalize the League's 2025-2026 legislative program based on resolutions passed in both 2023 and 2024.
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# TML Legislative Agenda Development:

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- The Legislative Report from the TML Municipal Policy Summit in August 2024 was the first resolution adopted as submitted to create the TML fixed legislative agenda
  - 27 other resolutions were submitted; many were defeated for lack of support, research, or representation
  - Final approval by the TML Board will be done in December 2024
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