



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Mike Land, City Manager

Date: February 26, 2019

Reference: Discussion regarding the 86th Regular Legislative Agenda

2030: Sustainable City Government: Goal 1 – Excellent City Services with High Level of Customer Satisfaction

The 86th Legislative Session is well underway with approximately 95 days left until its conclusion. The City has an adopted Legislative Agenda that has been shared with various State Representatives.

To date SB2 and HB2 addressing property tax reform have garnered the greatest amount of attention. The City provided written testimony to the Senate Property Tax Committee offering suggestions to SB2. Similar testimony will be provided for HB2. It was reported Friday morning that the House Ways and Means Committee will begin taking testimony on Wednesday February 27th which coincides with many of the Council members being in Austin already.

Several other bills have been introduced that are important to the City of Coppell. Senator Johnson has introduced SB 941 which addresses the City's Street Sales and Use Tax creating the opportunity for Coppell voters to consider extending the tax beyond the current four (4) year limit up to a ten (10) year limit. Representative Johnson will be introducing the companion bill in the House.

HB 1525 addressing remote/online sales tax collection has been introduced. A companion bill in the Senate, SB 890, is pending. Based on the language in the bill, we are cautiously optimistic that bill keeps intact the current definitions of origin-based collection, protecting our vitally important B2B collections.

SB 70 Introduced by Senator Nelson specifically addresses the Wayfair decision. This bill lets out of state retailers like LL Bean, who don't sell on a marketplace, to choose either destination sourcing, or to collect at a blended rate that the comptroller will then distribute to all cities based on the existing % of total local sales tax that each jurisdiction collects. This is good for Coppell because we have a positive disproportionate share per capita of local tax collections.

HB1631 eliminating the use of SafeLight Cameras has also been introduced.

Based on the schedule the Council has for Wednesday, combined with Representative Johnson's reading of the Coppell Day Proclamation, the Council will be discussing the day's priorities and logistics.