Local Decisions have created Texas cities where people want to

Live
Work
Do Business
Texas cities lead the nation because they provide the services and infrastructure businesses need and the quality of life people want.

Instead of celebrating the amazing successes of Texas cities, some state officials are telling the world that Texas cities are bad places to do business.
The ability of Texans to create vibrant, livable cities is under assault from state officials who want to dictate that every community and neighborhood conform to their agenda.

The greatest threat now:

State officials want to put one-size-fits-all restrictions on the annual budgets of all cities and counties.
Some state officials are trying to mislead Texans into believing cities are to blame for high property taxes.

But here’s the truth: Cities only collect 16% of property taxes.
Look at your tax bill. Across the state, school district taxes are about 3.5 times higher than city taxes. In Roanoke, the school district taxes are almost 4.0 times higher than the city taxes.

2018 Property Tax Notice

The taxable value is: $ 247,300

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City $927.67 17.94%
NW ISD $3,684.77 71.26%
Denton County $557.84 10.80%
Roanoke’s Statistics and Facts:

- City of Roanoke collected $7.4 Million dollars in property taxes in FY2017-18
- Roanoke received less than $4 Thousand dollars from the State of Texas for the Texas Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (LEOSE)
- Roanoke Paid to the State $817 Thousand dollars in fees:
  - Administrative fees $317 Thousand
  - Court Fees $437 Thousand
  - Red Light Camera Fees $63 Thousand

Texas property taxes are high because the legislature has been cutting the state’s share of funding for education.
This forces school districts to raise your local property taxes to make up the difference.
Instead of blaming cities, the state can provide meaningful property tax relief by fixing the school finance system.

We need to tell the real story:

Letting Texans decide at the local level what’s best for their community is the foundation of the Texas Miracle.
Local decision-making gives Roanoke residents a voice:

In how much they want to invest in infrastructure improvements like roads, new police and fire stations, water and sewage treatment and recreation facilities.

Citizens are encouraged to provide public input at City Council Meetings and Budget Work Sessions. Public Hearing are held on the Property Tax Rate and Budget before adoption.
Roanoke Citizens want the decisions that affect their homes and neighborhoods to reflect local priorities and values.

It’s your home.
It’s your neighborhood.
It’s your community.
You and your neighbors should decide what’s best for your community.