Reminder: Comment Period Open for Sales Tax Rule Changes

As reported in last week’s Legislative Update, the comptroller’s office recently published rule changes that alter the way certain internet orders are treated for purposes of sourcing local sales and use taxes.

City officials are encouraged to review the rule changes and, if interested, submit comments within the three weeks remaining to do so.

Please contact Bill Longley, TML Legislative Counsel, with questions at bill@tml.org or 512-231-7400.
Texas Water Development Board: Proposed State and Regional Flood Planning Rules

On December 20, 2019, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) published proposed rules related to regional flood planning and state flood planning guidelines. TWDB has also released proposed boundaries of the flood planning regions that will result in 11 flood planning regions in Texas.

The proposed rules are in response to H.B. 8, adopted in the 2019 Legislative Session, which requires TWDB to: (1) prepare and adopt a comprehensive state flood plan not later than September 1, 2024, and every five years after; (2) designate flood planning regions; (3) designate representatives from each planning region to serve as the initial regional flood planning group; (3) provide technical and financial support for the regional flood planning groups; and (4) adopt guidance principles for regional and state flood planning.

Additional information about the proposed rules is available here. TWDB is accepting comments on this rulemaking until February 3, 2020. Comments on the proposed boundaries are due by January 31, 2020.

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