



Legislative UPDATE

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H.B. 3167 Subdivision Platting Legislation: Author Requests Attorney General Opinion

The Texas Senate author of the subdivision [platting “shot clock” bill passed in 2019](#) has filed a [request for an attorney general opinion](#) related to how cities are implementing the bill. The request asks about what “information a local jurisdiction must provide if denying or conditionally approving a plat under Chapter 212 of the Local Government Code and the authority of local governments to establish prerequisites to the submission of a plat application.”

The League prepared a [detailed Q&A](#) on the bill last year and will be filing general comments on behalf of cities. City officials who are experiencing issues with the subdivision platting process in the wake of the bill may also wish to weigh in. Written comments are due by August 28, and may be submitted by email to opinion.committee@oag.texas.gov. Please share any filed comments with Scott Houston, TML general counsel, at gencounsel@tml.org.

Resolutions for the 2020 TML Annual Conference

[Correction: The deadline shown in a previous version of the article below was incorrect. The deadline is actually August 31, 2020, which is five days later than the incorrect date.]

The TML Constitution states that resolutions for consideration at the annual conference must be submitted to the TML headquarters 45 calendar days prior to the first day of the Annual

Conference. For 2020, this provision means that resolutions from any member city, TML region, or TML affiliate must arrive at the TML headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2020.

For details on the submission process, go to:

https://www.tml.org/DocumentCenter/View/2020/Memo-for-Cities-2020-05312020_final_corrected-date

To learn more about how resolutions fit within the League's Legislative Policy Development Process, go to:

<https://www.tml.org/DocumentCenter/View/1859/2019-2020-Policy-Process-53120>.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

The Texas Municipal League is open for business. The building is closed to all but essential personnel and most staff is working remotely, but the League remains open for business and is fully ready to serve. Cities are encouraged to call or email for legal assistance, help with ordinances, or for general advice or assistance. Let us know how we can assist you and your city.

Call TML staff at 512-231-7400, or email Scott Houston for legal assistance at SHouston@tml.org; Rachael Pitts for membership support at RPitts@tml.org; and the training team for questions about conferences and workshops at training@tml.org.

The League has prepared a coronavirus clearinghouse [web page](#) to keep cities updated. In addition, everyone who receives the *Legislative Update* should receive a daily email update each afternoon with information on new developments. The daily email updates will be our primary means of communication during the pandemic. Those emails are being archived [chronologically](#) as well as by [subject matter](#).

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