

RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, REQUESTING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SEEK INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION IN THE 86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION GRANTING CITIES THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON INCIDENTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION THAT AFFECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND FIRST RESPONDERS AND OBLIGATING STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE NOTICE TO CITIES WHEN INCIDENTS OCCUR THAT MAY RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE PUBLIC HEALTH RISK OR COMPROMISE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, Cities have a responsibility to promote and enhance the safety and wellbeing of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cities are the first responders to emergencies occurring within the city's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Cities have first-hand knowledge of the critical infrastructure located within the city that may be comprised during an incident; and

WHEREAS, Cities do not enjoy interagency status with state agencies on public health issues outside of their regulatory jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, State agencies do not have a requirement to notify cities of incidents occurring in the city's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, To ensure that the health and safety of the general public is secured, that first responders are properly protected and use the proper resources to resolve incidents, and that cities are able to quickly respond and protect critical infrastructure, State agencies must notify cities of incidents related to public health issues and provide access to information regarding public health issues within the city's jurisdiction; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That City Council adopts the findings and recitals set forth in the preamble of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the City of Sugar Land respectfully requests that the Texas Municipal League seek introduction and passage of legislation that grants cities the right to obtain information and the right to receive notice of incidents affecting public health from State agencies, especially when that information is vital to both the protection of the general public and first responders.

APPROVED on _____, 2018.

Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form: