

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 2722 AND HOUSE BILL 5177, AND URGING THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO REJECT THESE MEASURES IN THEIR CURRENT FORM.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2722 (SB 2722) and its companion House Bill 5177 (HB 5177) propose significant changes to the allocation and use of toll road revenue generated by the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA); and

WHEREAS, these bills would require Harris County to transfer thirty (30) percent of its surplus toll road revenue, estimated at approximately \$58 million annually, to the City of Houston, thereby reducing available funding for countywide road infrastructure projects and potentially increasing county road debt; and

WHEREAS, while SB 2722 and HB 5177 mandate that the City of Houston use these funds exclusively for law enforcement and emergency services related to toll road incidents and disasters, they do not require the City to document actual costs incurred, conduct audits, or return excess funds, creating a lack of financial accountability; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation requires that all remaining toll revenue, after operational costs, be fully disbursed, thereby eliminating HCTRA's ability to maintain a reserve fund for future infrastructure needs or economic downturns; and

WHEREAS, SB 2722 and HB 5177 alter the formula for distributing funds to Harris County Commissioner Precincts based on an ambiguous definition of "roads owned and maintained by the County," leading to uncertainty and potential inequities in funding allocation among precincts; and

WHEREAS, restricting the use of surplus toll revenue to only county-owned and maintained roads would jeopardize joint projects with TxDOT and other local jurisdictions, including the City of Deer Park, and our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Harris County Precinct 2 has some of the worst road conditions in the County, and the financial constraints imposed by SB 2722 and HB 5177 would severely limit the ability to make necessary investments in road repairs and infrastructure improvements, disproportionately impacting the residents of Deer Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Deer Park relies on the strength of Harris County's transportation infrastructure and funding for regional mobility projects, and these bills would significantly hinder the County's ability to maintain and improve roads that benefit residents and businesses in Deer Park; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Deer Park supports transparency and fiscal responsibility in toll revenue management, SB 2722 and HB 5177, as currently drafted, present serious financial and operational risks to Harris County and its municipalities, warranting strong opposition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS:

1. That the City Council of the City of Deer Park, Texas, formally opposes SB 2722 and HB 5177 and urges the Texas Legislature to reject these measures.
2. That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Speaker of the House Dade Phelan, members of the Texas Senate and House of Representatives, the Harris County Commissioners Court, and any other relevant stakeholders.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED this the ____ day of _____ 2025.

Jerry Mouton, Jr
Mayor of City of Deer Park

ATTEST:

APPROVE

City Secretary
City of Deer Park

City Attorney
City of Deer Park