



2019 Public Policy

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If we don't speak up, who will?

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Guide was created to inform not only our members but also our elected officials and the community on the Chamber stance on issues impacting business in this region.

With more than 740 members who employ 7,500 Pearland citizens, the Pearland Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in Brazoria County. Our mission is to promote an environment for trade and commerce through advocacy that will enhance the economic growth for members and community.



Legislative Priorities addressed in this guide are issues pertaining to all levels of government.

Please use this guide, as well as the website, as resources to stay on top of issues relating to business in the Pearland, TX area.

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Business & Trade

A strong economy is crucial to the continued advancement of Pearland.

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce SUPPORTS:

- Continued operation of the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas Enterprise Zone fund and the tax incentives available under the Texas Economic Development Act under Chapter 313 of the Tax Code.
- Legislation that provides funding for State Water Plan projects increasing the State's water resources and establishes long-term planning efforts for an affordable and reliable water supply.
- Support legislation (HB 360 & SB 118) extending the expiration date of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act from September 1, 2019 to September 1, 2029, supporting the continue attraction of new capital intensive projects for Economic Development through tax abatements to keep Texas competitive in attracting major investment projects.
- Continued use of a locally approved 1/2 cent sales tax collected by cities to fund economic development efforts and tools in their current form including tax abatement, tax increment reinvestment zones, and Chapter 380 agreements.
- State efforts to recruit and retain businesses
- Measures proposed to reduce the burden of the Franchise Tax on local businesses
- Removing the restrictions on sales of alcoholic beverages in Pearland
- Continuation of the Export-Import Bank
- Giving preference to local businesses in the procurement process of local governmental entities
- Affordable and available windstorm insurance
- Updating and modernizing of accurate floodplain maps
- New avenues to increase local, state, and federal revenue from non-tax sources
- Funding for advertising and promotion of Texas and local tourism
- Continued use of the Hotel Occupancy Tax as a local funding source for tourism

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce OPPOSES:

- Legislation that elevates the recreational use of water above the public health and safety needs for drinking water and industrial use.
- Any legislation which reduces local control, specifically in the areas of Municipal Powers and Authority, Protecting Municipal Revenue, Land-Use Regulation, and Annexation.
- Legislation that will negatively impact the Watermaster for the Brazos River Basin.
- Capping the Texas Rainy Day Fund
- Unreasonable cybersecurity mandates which may be burdensome on business.
- Local ordinances that mandate employers to provide paid sick leave benefits.



Lonza Houston, Inc.

A grand opening was held on April 10, 2018 for the 300,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility, the first of its kind and the world's largest facility dedicated to Cell and Gene Therapy.



Tool-Flo Manufacturing

Tool-Flo has completed their 80,000 sq. ft. headquarters, training and manufacturing facility for tools and products for the oil, automotive, gas, aerospace and medical industries.



Endress+Hauser

Endress+Hauser is planning a 100,000 sq. ft. facility in Lower Kirby District with room to consolidate several Houston operations. The facility will have 110 employees including management, engineering, sales, operation and administrative staff.



Healthcare

Promotion of policy and legislation which advance health is good for everyone in Pearland.

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce SUPPORTS:

- Continuation of 1115 Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Waiver (1115 Medicaid Waiver)
- Measures that sustain funding for the Texas trauma network
- Maintaining Medicaid funding
- Maintaining or increasing funds for medical education, nursing programs, medical residencies, internships and other health professions
- Improvements to our State's Mental Health System
- Legislation and reforms to the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to address the rising cost of providing health insurance
- Favorable tax treatment for companies that offer workplace wellness programs and incentive participation
- Recess and other physical activity as part of the school programming to promote health and wellness
- Reforms that promote sustainable Medicaid and Medicare programs

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce OPPOSES:

- Additional mandates on employers providing health insurance benefits
- Measures that increases costs for Texas employers and/or their employees and families



Mobility & Infrastructure

Infrastructure is the scaffold on which we build business.

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce SUPPORTS:

- Transportation dollars for smart solutions to the maintenance and improvements of the Pearland area infrastructure. Increased efforts to renovate, maintain, and improve aging infrastructure in Pearland area
- Ongoing partnerships with Brazoria County and Texas Department of Transportation to increase smart solutions for funding for continued expansions, improvements and maintenance of State Highway 288, State Highway 35 and FM 518. Support includes -

FM 518 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion from State Highway 288 to FM 2351 • Expanded Lanes • Connectivity (intersection development and intersecting roads) • Maintenance and Expansion Planning • Minimize impact on business of road closures 	State Highway 288 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded Lanes • Feeders • Connectivity (intersection development and intersecting roads) • Maintenance and Expansion Planning • Minimize impact on business of road closures 	State Highway 35 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion South of FM 518 • Expanded Lanes • Connectivity (intersection development and intersecting roads) • Maintenance and Expansion Planning • Minimize impact on business of road closures
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- Action toward the expedited construction of "Segment B" of SH 99 (Grand Parkway) from South of Alvin in Brazoria County to Interstate 45 in Galveston County.
- Support for funding for State roadway expansion projects including FM518 (SH288 to Friendswood City Limits), SH35 (FM518 to Alvin), and SH36 (Freeport to IH-10).
- Improved access to the Texas Medical Center and reduced congestion on SH 288 by championing the extension and improvement of Kirby Drive
- Continued upgrades to State Highway 36 through Brazoria County to a four-lane divided highway, thereby providing a safe, alternative truck route from Port Freeport and an alternative hurricane evacuation route for Brazoria County residents
- Innovative State funding measures, including funding the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund to accelerate the completion of authorized channel improvement projects in Texas ports.
- State mobility funding, including the Maritime Capital Fund, for last-mile roadway projects and rail infrastructure connecting to ports.
- Designation of FM 2004, SH 36 and FM 523 to and from Port Freeport as primary truck routes to highways SH 288, US 59, IH 45 and IH 10.
- Interstate-69 southern route to serve Texas ports more effectively.
- Brazoria-Fort Bend Rail District and the creation of a freight rail line connecting Port Freeport to Rosenberg, Texas.
- Opportunities to improve and modernize freight rail.
- Efforts to improve the maintenance, modernization and market competitiveness of commercial waterways, including Port Freeport and Port of Houston.
- Strengthening the Texas Power Grid to ensure long-term stability
- An increase in vehicle registration fees that would be committed solely to transportation infrastructure
- An increase in the gas tax as another funding instrument for the state
- Development and implementation of multi-use paths, bike lanes, and interconnecting trail systems throughout the City of Pearland
- Bringing CONNECT or a similar service to the Pearland area to service handicapped and disabled residents
- Increasing/Continuation of funding to Metro Planning Organization including extension of line to Beltway 8
- Legislation restoring funds dedicated to Local Park Fund Grants



Education

Accessible educational opportunities must exist to serve the labor needs of tomorrow if we are to continue to thrive today.

Inequalities in education are faced by districts of all sizes in all areas in Texas. Even within the boundaries of Pearland our districts have different needs in regards to funding, ratings/rankings and accountability.

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce SUPPORTS:

- Measures that give school districts flexibility, local control, and limit unfunded mandates.
- Funding for universities, community colleges and school districts.
- Measures that provide school districts with the resources needed to address school safety and mental and behavioral health issues.
- Legislative review of the A-F school ratings and methodologies associated with House Bill 2804.
- Measures that, with regards to school accountability, clarify the legislatures intent and limits bureaucratic rule making.
- Efforts that utilize multiple measures, including individual student growth, as part of school accountability and teacher evaluation.
- Efforts to develop a local pool of skilled labor and any legislation which expands programs and decreases the Texas trade deficit and skilled labor loss.
- Funding for Adult Basic Education (ABE) as a mechanism to provide college ready individuals
- Overall increase of 8.2%, or \$144.8M in state formula funding for community colleges. Recommended funding level increases include rate increases, projected growth in contact hours and student success points (Student Success Points biennial rate be increased to \$215 per point), and inflationary increases.
- Establishing as a state goal for dual credit that by 2030, no less than 30% of high school graduates will have earned at least 12 student credit hours (SCH) in dual credit. Recommend utilizing the existing Texas Education Opportunity Grant (TEOG) program to pay for up to 12 SCH in core academic transfer subjects or in career and technical education (CTE) courses leading to certifications.
- Maintaining and increasing state funding for Skills Development Fund (SDF) & the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant
- Funding SBDCs through the Texas Workforce Commission, rather than as non-formula support items at institutions of higher education.

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce OPPOSES:

- Statewide laws dictating local property tax rate decisions. Instead, decisions on raising and lowering property tax rates ought to remain the purview of locally elected officials, rather than one-size-fits-all statewide laws. With regard to the public schools, the state has gradually eroded its contribution to school funding by substituting local property taxes for state obligations. Thus, further restrictions on local property taxes will lead to critical shortfalls for public school funding – and in the midst of ever increasing state mandates.



University of Houston Clear Lake

- University of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland has been strengthening the educational landscape of the greater Pearland area since 2010. UHCL Pearland Campus offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in areas such as education, criminology and more. Undergraduates with more than 45 credit hours can complete their bachelor's degrees in eight programs, while graduate students can receive their master's degrees in six programs.
- With degree options that include business, behavioral science, education and nursing, UHCL Pearland offers a great educational opportunity for those living in the growing Pearland area and adjoining communities. Since 2017, UHCL Pearland Campus has hosted Alvin Community College core classes, which are transferrable to UHCL. Beginning in fall 2018, students in UHCL's Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program can take classes at UHCL Pearland Campus."



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Alvin Community College

- Offers career and technically-oriented academic programs for students transferring to a 4 year university
- Partners with Pearland Turner High School to provide ACC freshman and sophomore general education classes
- 152 students received their Associates Degree two weeks before graduating High School – a majority were from Pearland Turner High School
- Signed an agreement with UHCL to allow ACC students to transfer an Associate Degree program to a UHCL Bachelors program



Dr. Christal M. Albrecht
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Pearland ISD

- 641 students designation as national AP scholars placed the district on the College Board's National Honor Roll
- SAT and ACT scores were at unprecedented highs resulting in a record number of students designated as National Merit semi-finalists
- The Texas Commissioner of Education pronounced PISD as the 3rd highest scoring of the 116 large school districts in Texas
- The Pearland High School Marching Band has been chosen as one of only 20 marching bands worldwide to march in the 2020 New Year's Tournament of Roses Parade.
- 263 students graduated with 1/3 earning an Associate's Degree from ACC



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Alvin ISD

- Celebrated the first graduating class of the Shadow Creek High School
- Passed the 2018 Bond issue which will fund additional campuses to the 9 campuses currently serving Pearland Shadow Creek students
- Honored the Shadow Creek Sharks who in their first year of varsity high school football played for the State Championship
- Alvin ISD dedicated their 7th junior high school to Dr. McNair who was noted for his work in laser physics and was an Astronaut on the Space Shuttle Challenger.



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Flood Control and Disaster Preparedness

Infrastructure is the scaffold on which we build business.

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce SUPPORTS:

- Legislation to create a Clear Creek Watershed Authority to improve communication, cooperation, and efficiency with all the jurisdictions along Clear Creek.
- Creation or authorization of a taxing authority for the purpose of receiving funds, guiding maintenance needs and providing oversight for the design, development and building of the Coastal Spine.
- Assess the feasibility of implementing preventative measures aimed at decreasing the impact of major storm events and storm surges on the Port of Houston, Port of Freeport, and the surrounding areas

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City of Pearland

2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - Position Statements

The City of Pearland's Legislative Agenda is organized by the categories of Local Control, Keeping Families Safe and Healthy, Expanding Business Growth, and Increase Efficiency and Reduce Waste. The City's Strategic Priorities are Fiscal Responsibility, Safe Community, Healthy Economy, Engaged Community, Sustainable Infrastructure, and Parks, Recreation & Events. These priorities establish what the City strives to accomplish and provides a framework for the City to focus on long term priorities while also making a connection to our everyday actions which serve the residents and business community of Pearland.

Local Control and Decision-Making

Along with elected State officials, Local government officials are custodians of the public trust in way that should maximize the benefit of taxpayer dollars to its residents and businesses that reside in our City and the region. The City of Pearland can meet the need of its citizens because our elected officials along with the responsibility, have the authority to set a balance budget, levy tax rates appropriate with the community's needs, annex, provide land use protections, and much more. Property taxes are locally closely reviewed and determined and provide 20% of local operating revenues. Local decisions and decision-makers are closely considered, reviewed, and fully transparent. Local elected officials stand for office before their neighbors in competitive active elections. The success of Texas is undeniably tied to its cities and the wide variety of needs, approaches, and delivery of essential local services.

In support of local decision-making, we have the following legislative priorities for which we respectfully request support by our partner State elected officials:

Municipal Powers and Authority

- Oppose any legislation that erodes home rule authority and control over local governance priorities
- Oppose State legislation that would require expenditures by the City without a source of revenue provided by the State.

Protect Municipal Revenue that Fuels Essential Services

- Oppose changes to the current property and sales tax systems as well as other income producing structures that would cause the City to lose revenue or the ability to raise revenue, including lowering the appraisal cap or lowering the effective tax rate provision and unfairly shift taxes to other taxpayers.
- Support legislation solving the public school funding deficit in Texas thereby stabilizing School Districts reliance on property taxes, which constitutes 2/3 of the property taxes in the state and the greatest contributor to the growth in property taxes.
- Oppose legislation that would restrict the ability of municipalities to issue debt required for long-term capital investments, repaid locally, through either General Obligation or Certificates of Obligation bonds.
- Support legislation limiting the State administrative fee for collecting sales taxes to 1% and a cap related to the cost of providing collection service.

Land-Use Regulation and Annexation

- Oppose legislation that would restrict the zoning authority of cities, would restrict a city's ability to adopt or amend zoning regulation, change vesting rights or create a property right in a zoning classification.
- Oppose legislation that would allow special districts to form in a city or its extraterritorial jurisdiction without the city's permission, or that would impose additional requirements on cities relating to special districts.
- Support legislation clarifying Emergency Services District (ESD) rules for formation, expansion, and dissolution. Currently once formed, lack of clarity in State law allows an ESD to annex additional Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) without the consent of the municipality as is required with ESD creation. Additionally, when a City annexes ETJ currently served by an ESD, the ESD is not dissolved even when the City provides comparable or better services covered by the ESD.
- Support legislation modifying the SB6 (85(1) - 2017) enacted restrictions on annexation to allow a City with boundaries in multiple Counties to function under the Tier 1 or Tier 2 annexation laws based on the County where the annexation is to occur allowing for municipalities to expand their borders, grow their tax base, provide safe-guards for adjacent properties, and reduce the proliferation of Special Districts



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Keeping Families Safe and Healthy

The City of Pearland has built a strong reputation as being a safe environment for families and businesses to call home. Multiple generations remain in our community and new residents choose our community because we provide excellent public safety through police, fire, and code enforcement, while providing multiple parks and recreation services for all ages to enjoy. We ask that the State also consider the importance of water in this session and not impose any unnecessary burdens for local governments or water systems. In support of keeping families safe and healthy, we have the following legislative priorities:

Public Safety

- Support legislation removing the duty of municipal jailers to notify a magistrate pursuant to CCP 16.22 (a)(1) - This notification has been a nightmare, is costing money on transfers and taking officers off the street to make those transfers. The purpose of this statute should be to ensure people who are committed to County jails get mental health treatment, not to force agencies to tie up resources on people who have not even been committed.
- Support legislation to return the power of arrest and citation to school-based law enforcement officers for Class C misdemeanors committed on school property, including but not limited to, theft under \$50, simple assault (unwanted touching), narcotic paraphernalia, possession of tobacco or alcohol, that were hampered by SB 393 (83R) and SB 1114 (83R) resulting in negative impact on school safety.
- Oppose legislation that would impose a presumption that first responders incur illnesses or injuries in the line of duty without medical evidence.
- Oppose legislation that would impose expanded collective bargaining rights or expand the current meet and confer law.
- Support legislation providing a single state fire rescue response agency that would coordinate all TIFMAS (Texas Intra-State Fire Mutual Aid System), IMT (Incident Management Teams) and USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) activities and assets during state disasters. Currently, multiple state agencies are responsible for different components of fire department response across the state during disasters. One state agency will greatly improve coordination and collaboration on incident responses among state, county and local fire department resources."
- Support an increase in funding from \$1 million a year to \$3 million a year for Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) related training and equipment. This program has proven to protect and enhance all Texas communities in responding to catastrophic incidents and its continuation is dependent upon the additional funding support.

Infrastructure

- Support legislation providing adequate staffing and funding for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to enforce all rules, permitting requirements, and Agreed Orders for solid waste landfills, especially for Air Quality Standards and Odor Control Plans to ensure these permitted facilities meet all standards which will enable adjacent property owners the safe use and enjoyment of their property.
- Support legislation and efforts to fund the Texas Coastal Barrier project
- Support legislation allowing participation in the Texas Department of Transportation – Aviation Division's Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grants by privately owned airports that are open to the public. The program matches up to \$50,000 annually for maintenance to parking lots, fencing, and other airside and landside needs.



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Water Resources

Support legislation that provides funding for State Water Plan projects that increase the State's water resources or further establishes long-term planning efforts for an affordable and reliable water supply for the Brazos River Authority, Gulf Coast Water Authority, Brazoria County, and the Houston Region - provided that the investments already made by the City are reflected in any proposed financing mechanisms.

Expanding Business Growth and Investment, Jobs

Cities have been the economic engines for this state during the past couple of decades, as we provide the community in which businesses chose to operate. Cities judiciously provide performance-based incentives and land for business recruitment and expansion when appropriate. We intend to continue with our economic development successes in cooperation with the State. In support of expanding business growth, we have the following legislative priorities:

Economic Development

- Oppose attempts to restrict the ability of cities to use Type A (4A) and Type B (4B) funds.
- Oppose attempts to restrict the use of economic development tools available to local governments such as tax abatement, tax increment reinvestment zones, and Chapter 380 agreements.
- Support HB457 adding the City of Pearland to the list of cities eligible for the state hotel and sales tax rebate for a hotel convention center
- Support legislation (HB 360 & SB 118) extending the expiration date of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act from September 1, 2019 to September 1, 2029, supporting the continue attraction of new capital intensive projects for Economic Development through tax abatements to keep Texas competitive in attracting major investment projects.

Transportation

- Support for funding for State roadway expansion projects including FM518 (SH288 to Friendswood City Limits), SH35 (FM518 to Alvin), and SH36 (Freeport to IH-10).
- Oppose funding or legislation enabling the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to construct the SH35 Freeway and/ or Tollway, as currently planned with an elevated cross-section through the Old Townsite area of the City of Pearland, which is superfluous to existing SH35.
- Support legislation that will provide additional funding to the State Highway Fund (SHF) by increasing the limits included in Proposition 7 regarding the amount of Sales and Use Tax (\$2.5B) and percentage (35%) of the Motor Vehicle Sales and Rental Tax that are deposited into the SHF.
- Support legislation and efforts to complete Segment B of the Grand Parkway (SH99), especially the portion between Alvin and League City (SH35 to IH-10)

Right-of-Way and Utilities

- Oppose legislation that would further erode a city's ability to condemn property for a public use, would negatively impact the City's authority over its right-of-way, would erode municipal authority to require utility companies to pay the costs of relocating their facilities in a timely manner, as required by current law, or would limit the current ability of the City to receive fair market compensation for use of the public rights-of-way to which the City is responsible and entrusted
- Support legislation returning the control of public ROW and ability to charge market value for use of public ROW to the public, instead of providing a public subsidy (corporate welfare) to private wireless provider companies OR requiring small-cell node system provider companies to pay market value for the use of public rights-of-ways similar to other utility companies



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Increase Efficiency and Reduce Waste

Especially considering the changing economy during the past decade, cities such as Pearland have looked inward to find answers on how to balance our budgets. There are mandates and restriction that come from the State that add to our cost of doing business. We ask that the State be considerate of opportunities to increase efficiencies for cities and not impose an unfunded mandates. In support of increasing the efficiency and reducing waste in local government, we have the following legislative priorities:

Open Meetings/Open Records

- Support uniform application of the public information and open meetings laws at every level of government including State legislative and executive branches.
- Support legislation requiring Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs), Emergency Services Districts (ESDs) and other Special Districts to hold district public meetings at a location accessible to the public within the boundaries of the district or the closest public governmental building

Open Meetings/Public Advertising

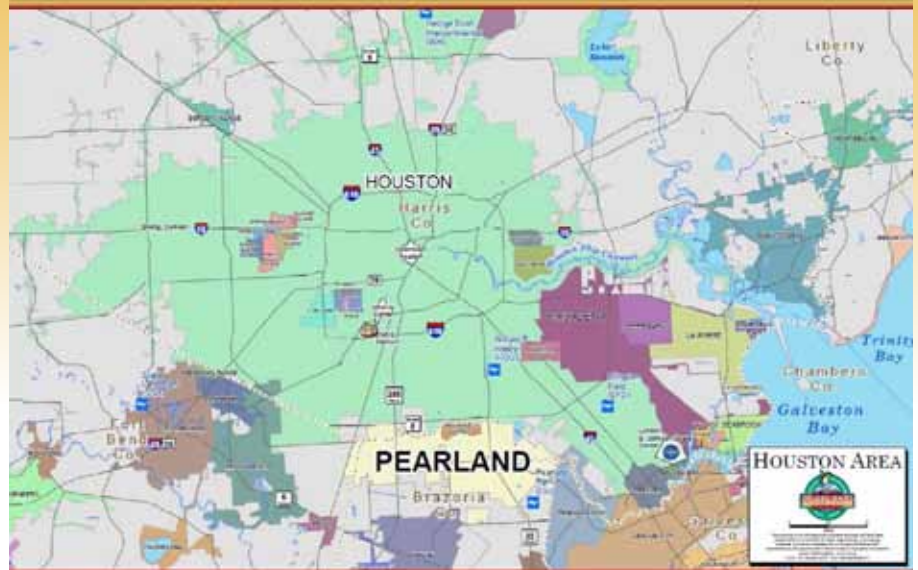
- Support legislation that would enable the use of online electronic notice rather than obsolete print media for all public notices.

Public Bidding

- Support legislation changing Texas Family Code 231.006 to allow Child Support Forms to be submitted prior to contract award. Current law requires this document, which is immaterial to the bids, to be provided with the sealed bid. If inadvertently left out the bid is rejected. This costs the taxpayers \$280,000 on a City of Pearland project funded with Federal Transportation funds.
- Oppose SB 180 requiring additional cost for advertising and additional hearings for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permitting for municipal facilities if located in certain income and demographic areas



Pearland is a developing “cosmopolitan suburb,” well positioned in Houston metro



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Lonza
Merit Medical Systems, Inc.

Energy

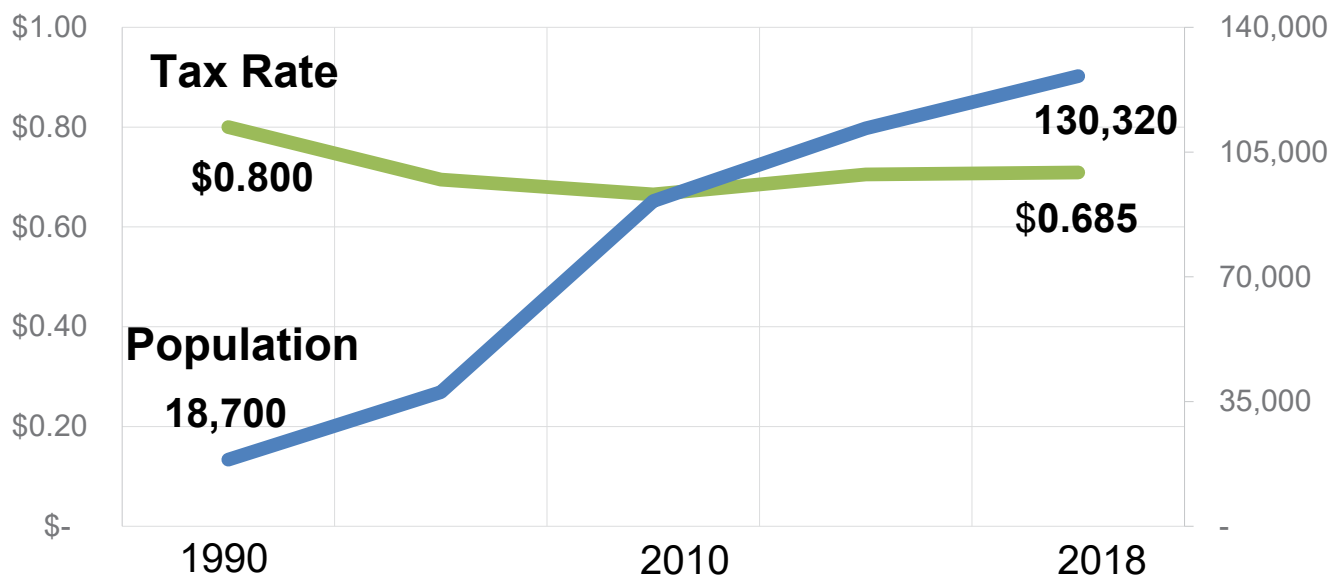
Baker Hughes, Inc.
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EthosEnergy (formerly TurboCare)
Mott McDonald
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Manufacturing/Distribution

Aggreko, LLC
Kemlon Manufacturing & Development
Packaging Services Company, Inc.
Shawcor
SolvChem, Inc.
Third Coast Terminals
Weatherford International



Population Growth & Tax Rate History



About the Pearland Chamber of Commerce

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce, a volunteer intensive organization driven by the entrepreneurial spirit, is proud to encompass a group of visionaries leading the way for others to follow on the road to our city's progress and promotion of commerce in the Gulf Coast region.

For over 50 years, this commerce driven organization has been the voice of business, with a mission to build business, leaders and community by championing a pro-business agenda. Formed in 1963 by a group of business professionals concerned about the progress of Pearland, this organization was charged with creating job opportunities through stimulation of industrial and commercial growth.

Dynamic leaders continue to lead the way in improving economic development and quality of life for our members and citizens.

Armed with passion and vision, our members, board of directors, volunteers, and staff combine power and energy to build upon progress. Whatever the needs of our more than 750 members, we will continue to be the vehicle for building success and prosperity.

MISSION
Support business.
Promote growth.

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