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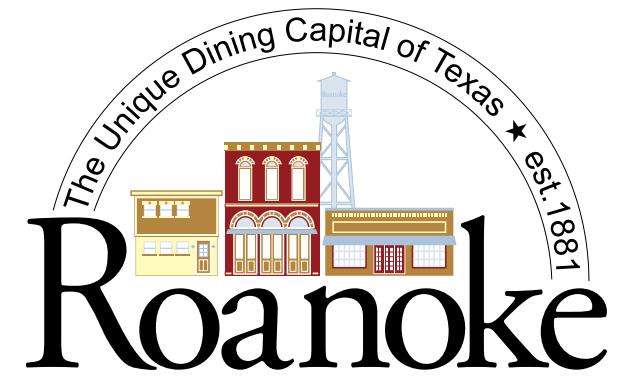
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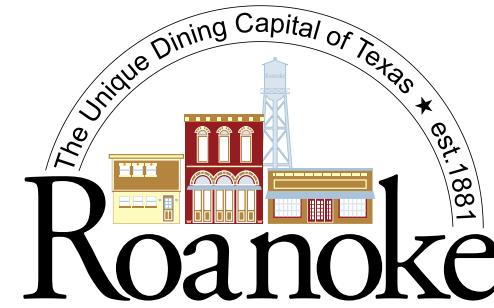
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Year after year,
Texas cities rank
among the top cities
in the nation for job
creation, population
growth and best
management.

**Large employers in Roanoke
increase Roanoke's daytime
population to over 60,000.**

**The Alliance Industrial
District in Roanoke has
created over 5,000 jobs.**

**Roanoke's historic downtown
showcases retail, restaurants
and entertainment and draws
high traffic daily.**





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The City of Roanoke has been able to provide the services and infrastructure businesses need and the quality of life people want.



The Unique Dining Capital of Texas ★ est. 1881
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Instead of celebrating the amazing successes of Texas cities, some state officials are telling the world that Texas cities are bad places to do business.



The End of Local Laws? War on Cities Intensifies in Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott, an outspoken critic of federal overreach, recently suggested that his state should adopt a "ban across the board" on local regulations.

BY DANIEL C. VOCK | APRIL 5, 2017

ANOTHER VIEW *by Al Kauffman*

Anti-city legislation bucks Texas history

Editorial

Stop fight against local control

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott should stop his war against city governments. He is up for re-election in November, and he has been fighting the

control at the city level. No surprise. He's a politician.

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

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They praise 'local control,' but they want Austin control

BY BUD KENNEDY

Obviously, the Texas Legislature does not have enough to do.

When lawmakers convene Tuesday in Austin, they will have five months to work up a budget and fix anything that might need fixing between now and 2019.

Not to be outdone, state Rep. Jonathan Stickland told a forum last fall that if a city doesn't go along with lawmakers, "We can remove their charter."

Depending on whom you ask, the battle over "local control" vs. "state control" is over



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The ability of Roanoke elected leaders to create a vibrant, livable city is under assault from state officials who want to dictate that every community and neighborhood conform to their agenda.



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OTHER VIEWS

Revenue caps would save little, hurt much

Anyone concerned about skyrocketing property taxes should be against state Sen. Paul Bettencourt's push to cap revenues for cities and counties.

Why? Because states

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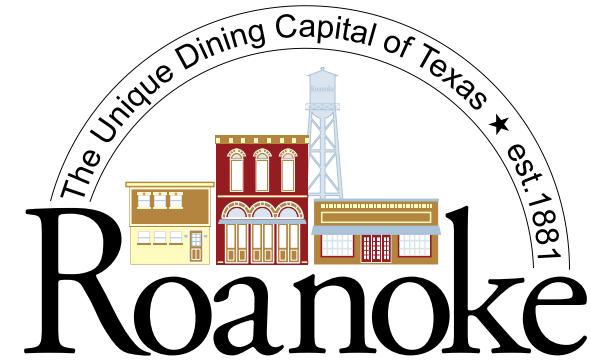
*Tax limit ties
hands of local
government*

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Local government officials including Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price were in Austin on Tuesday to argue against Senate Bill 2, a measure that Sen. Paul

The greatest threat now:

State officials want to put one-size-fits-all restrictions on the annual budgets of all cities and counties.





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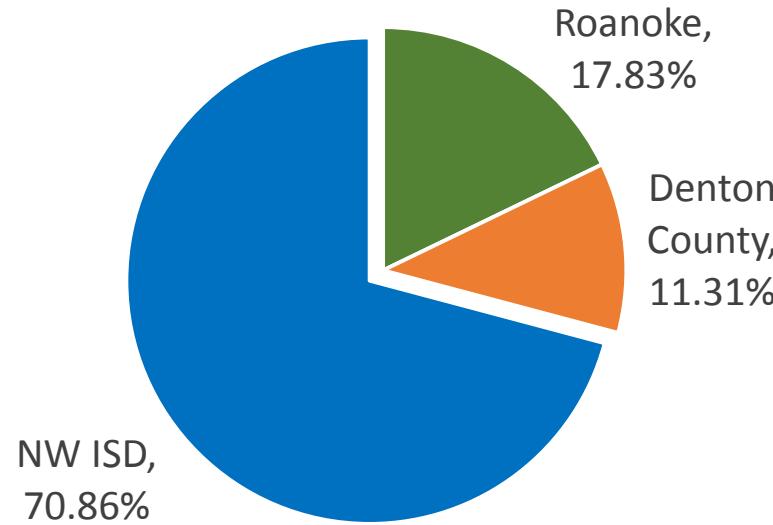
Based on proposed legislation, for Fiscal Year 2018-19, the City of Roanoke would have lost \$169,618 in property tax revenue, which would have limited the City's ability to add needed equipment and personnel.

For example, the city is proposing to add 6 positions in the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget. The city was able to add these positions with no increase to the tax rate , which has remained the same for 22 years. Proposed revenue caps would have severely limited the City's ability to add these positions or needed equipment.



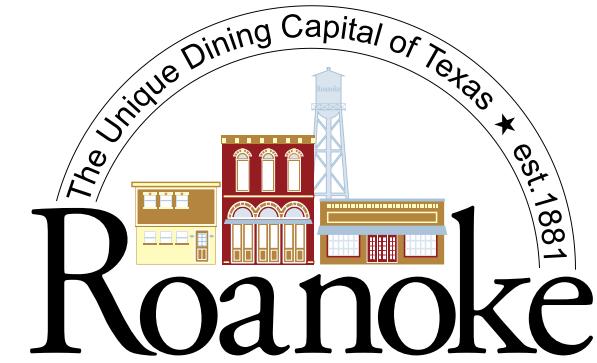
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Tax Rate Percentages



Some state officials are trying to mislead Texans into believing cities are to blame for high property taxes.

But here's the truth:
The City of Roanoke's tax rate only makes up 17.83% of the total tax rate for our citizens.





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Look at your tax bill.
Across the state, school
district taxes are about
3.5 times higher than city
taxes. And in Roanoke,
they are **4.0 times higher**.



2018 Property Tax Notice

Average Roanoke Home Value: \$317,331

	Rate	Tax
NW ISD	1.49000	\$4,728.23
City of Roanoke	0.37512	\$1,190.37
Denton County	0.23781	\$754.64
Total	2.10293	\$6,673.25



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Ross Ramsey Executive Editor

Analysis:
The state's declining support for public education in Texas

December 12, 2016

Had the state kept its share of school funding constant for the past 10 years, voters might not be griping about rising property taxes. The state is spending more than it used to, but it's spending less per student.





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THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Texas Senate approves its budget,
shifting school costs to local
taxpayers



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Senate Bill 1 – General Appropriations Bill FY 2018 – FY 2019

3. **Foundation School Program Funding.**¹⁰ Out of the funds appropriated above, a total of \$21,468,235,602 in fiscal year 2018 and \$21,503,735,602 in fiscal year 2019 shall represent the sum-certain appropriation to the Foundation School Program. The total appropriation may not exceed the sum-certain amount. This appropriation includes allocations under Chapters 41, 42 and 46 of the Texas Education Code.

Formula Funding: The Commissioner shall make allocations to local school districts under Chapters 41, 42 and 46 based on the March 2017 estimates of average daily attendance and local district tax rates as determined by the Legislative Budget Board and the final tax year 2016 property values. Property values, and the estimates of local tax collections on which they are based, shall be increased by 7.04 percent for tax year 2017 and by 6.77 percent for tax year 2018.



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Instead of blaming cities,
the state can provide
meaningful property tax
relief by fixing the school
finance system.



Austin's Smokescreen

State needs to fix school finance problem it created

Austin has no shame when it comes to passing the buck on school finance and property taxes.

Bad bills

Senate Bill 1 would lower the rate of revenue increases from property taxes for cities and

E2 AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN | SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

VIEWPOINTS

WE SAY PROPERTY TAXES

Provide real tax cuts, not illusions

To successfully pull off their stunts and tricks before audiences, great magicians employ the art of misdirection. The same is true for some politicians,



By leaving the school property tax untouched, the tax bills homeowners will pay in future years will rise sharply. That's because the state's school finance



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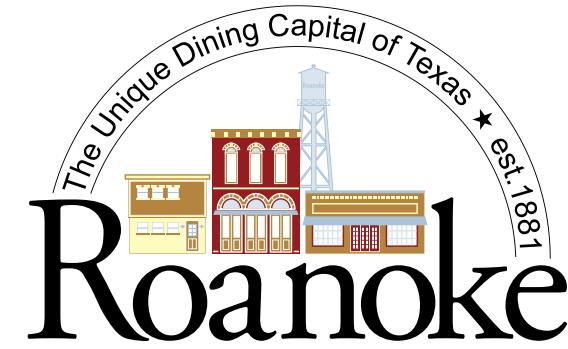


We need to tell the real story:

**Letting Texans decide at the local level
what's best for their community is the
foundation of the Texas Miracle.**



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Local decision-making gives Roanoke residents a voice:



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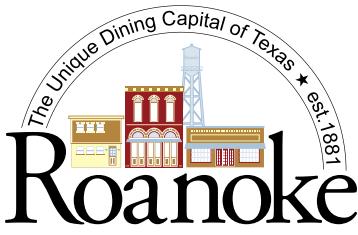
Local decision-making gives Roanoke residents a voice:

**In the level of services
they want and how to
pay for them.**





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Local decision-making gives Roanoke residents a voice:

In how much they want to invest in infrastructure improvements like roads, new police and fire stations, water and sewage treatment and recreation facilities.





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Local decision-making gives Roanoke residents a voice:

Process to adopt budget and tax rate – Opportunities to be heard

August 21: 1st public hearing on tax rate

August 21: Budget work-session for FY2019

August 28: 2nd public hearing on tax rate

September 11: Public hearing on Budget



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Roanoke citizens want the decisions that affect their homes and neighborhoods to reflect their local priorities and values.



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Local decision-making gives Roanoke residents a voice:

A historic overlay district was approved to protect home values and the character of existing neighborhoods. This was a local issue affecting OUR residents!





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It's your home.

It's your neighborhood.

It's your community.

You and your neighbors should decide what's best for your community.





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