

# NEW RESIDENT WELCOME PACKET

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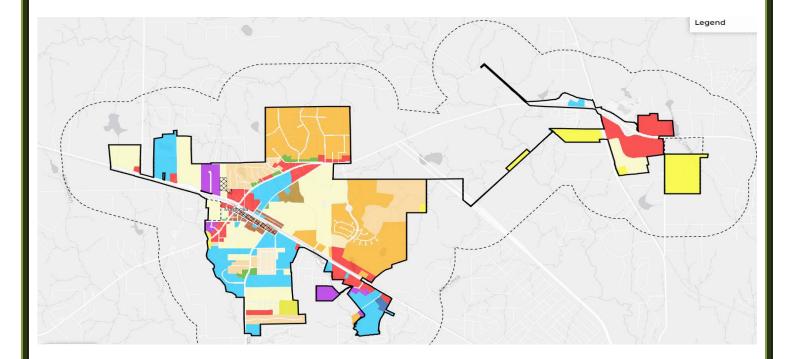
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Main No.: (281)356-2266 Fax No.: (281)259-7811 Website: <u>http://www.cityofmagnolia.com</u>

#### MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS:

ADDRESSES ENDING IN 0,2,4,6,8: Water Sunday & Thursday 8pm-12am ADDRESSES ENDING IN 1,3,5,7,9: Water Saturday & Wednesday 8pm-12am

### City Limits and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction



View our full city limits/zoning map on our website: www.cityofmagnolia.com → Maps/Property Info

View our Unified Development Code for development requirements: www.cityofmagnolia.com → Codes & Ordinances

# **CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor Todd Kana Mayor Pro Tem Richard Carby Daniel Miller Brenda Hoppe Jack Huitt Jr Matthew Dantzer

www.cityofmagnolia.com - City Council / Mayor and City Council

The Magnolia City Council meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Sewall Smith Council Chambers, 18111 Buddy Riley Blvd., Magnolia, Texas 77354. Meeting dates may be changed by official Council action. Agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, and are accessible on the City's website at <u>www.cityofmagnolia.com</u> under City Council/City Council Agendas tab. All meetings are open to the public and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

City Administrator, Don Doering City Secretary, Christian Gable Finance, Beverly Standley Finance, Crislyn Jackson Utility Billing Manager, Crystal Supak Permits, Christian Gable Public Works Director, Burt Smith City Engineer, Tim Robertson

www.cityofmagnolia.com - City Departments / Administration

### POLICE

Chief of Police, Kyle Montgomery

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### **MUNICIPAL COURT**

Municipal Judge, Chad Peace Frances Suarez, Court Administrator Chance Garrett, Court Clerk

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#### WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MAYOR TODD KANA

Dear New Magnolia Resident:

Welcome to Magnolia! It is an exciting time in the City of Magnolia. Long--awaited growth of our roadways here are clearing the way for more growth.

People have long come to the Magnolia area for the quality of life it provides - its natural beauty, great schools and low taxes. And, while our location is ideal, it has become an even more prime location with the designation of the SH 249 Toll Road route. Locally dubbed "*the Aggie Expressway*," this highway connects the National Bio-Security Center at Texas A&M University with the Texas Medical Center in Houston. Magnolia is located midway on the route between these two centers and is approximately halfway between I-45 and Hwy. 290, making it more central than any other city in the newly created SH 249 region.

From our city and roadways to our schools, plans for expansion are becoming routine. But it's not all about infrastructure in Magnolia. For more than 150 years, people have called Magnolia home by one name or another. First known as Mink, Texas, our city earned the name Community of Unity in 2011 as a result of the cooperation of our people. In 2012, we were recognized as a Union Pacific Rail Town and now we are indeed Magnolia—at the crossroads of progress!

Looking for something fun to do? Magnolia-be surprised is not just a tourist tag line. We surprise people every day with our calendar of events from Stroll Through the Renaissance to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Show, there's always something going on in our city with family-friendly events leading the way.

As the official Host City of the Texas Renaissance Festival, our city steps back in time each year from October through November to embrace the storybook world of the Renaissance. But most important to our people and our culture is our heritage. Magnolia values God and family.

As you settle into your new home, take some time to familiarize yourself with the City. This packet provides helpful information that should help you get started and offers a glimpse of activities and services that the City provides. I also highly encourage you to familiarize yourself with our website at <u>www.cityofmagnolia.com</u> which is also a great source of information, to include our Code of Ordinances online.

Local media publications, as well as your neighbors, are also good sources of information as you begin to become acquainted with our City.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet you and invite you to attend a City Council meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Consider getting involved in the governance of our wonderful City by serving on a Board or Commission, or perhaps even running for a City Council position.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call upon us at any time.

Again, welcome to Magnolia-a Community of Unity!

Sincerely,

Todd Kana Mayor

# **MAGNOLIA HISTORY**

# **Brief Historical Information**

The year 1840 may have been the turning point in the history of what is now known as Magnolia, Texas. That was the year that the southern boundary of Montgomery County was extended to Spring Creek. This area was officially named Mink, Texas on September 3, 1885. The first known application for "Magnolia" was dated January 17, 1885, however; the official name change to Magnolia did not occur until July 28, 1903.

By 1924 it was a thriving community. Several large sawmills were open as well as several general stores, saloons, barbershop, ice cream store, telephone office, livery stable, bank, hotel, boarding house, doctor's office, pharmacy, blacksmith shop, syrup and grist mills, churches, school, land office, railroad depot, telegraph station, cotton gin, tanning yard, feed store and garage. Magnolia became a shipping center for lumber, farm products and cattle.



An election was held on September 28, 1968, to determine if the territory known as Town of Magnolia should become an incorporated municipality. There were a total of 123 votes cast, 106 votes for and 17 votes against. The City of Magnolia became an incorporated municipality on October 15, 1968 with Cedric Smith serving as the first Mayor.

The Depot is located in the heart of downtown Magnolia at 426 Melton Street, Magnolia, Texas 77353. The Depot has been made a habitable building without compromising its historic integrity. In October 2005 The Depot was

moved to a new location directly across the railroad tracks due to highway expansion plans, therefore, rendering The Depot ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places.



structure to use and enjoy.

The Depot provides an active link to the City's past and a focal point for its future. Today, The Depot serves as a public facility for meetings, receptions, activities and parties. **The Magnolia Historical Society** maintains and operates The Depot and makes it available to groups for a nominal fee. Everyone who enters The Depot, with its exposed wood trusses, plank flooring and sliding freight doors, is reminded of the glory days of train travel. The Depot and its adjacent railroad tracks were vital players in Magnolia's early days. Restoring The Depot not only preserved that history for future generations, but also gave the community a project to share and a beautiful

The Historical Society member's determination and success have fostered a can-do attitude toward other preservation projects such as the addition of the first doctor's office in Mink, Texas (now Magnolia) and plans for a sawmill in the future.

**Depot Day** happens each year annually in April and brings entertainers, craft booths, great food, live and silent auctions and precious socializing with friends, neighbors and visitors. The Depot also sponsors annual Halloween and Christmas events. The Haunted Depot and Spooky Caboose event is held each Halloween night for the unique enjoyment of the Magnolia community. The Hometown Christmas event is held each December in conjunction with the Annual Christmas Parade. The activities of this event include vendors, activities for children as well as a visit from Santa.

The proceeds from all events sponsored by The Historical Society are used for facility maintenance and future events. Photo credit: <u>Bytes of Life</u>

# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

#### • Population/Income -

2020 population: 2,359 (2020 US Census)
2023 population: 4,420 (Texas Demographic Center 2023)
2030 population projection: 5,789 (TWDB: MWUG Population Projections for 2020-2070)
Median age: 36.6 (2021 ACS 5-year)
Median household income: \$63,661 (2021 ACS 5-year)

#### City Size & Taxes -

City size in square miles: approx. 5.5 square miles Property tax rate (2024): \$0.2948 per \$100 valuation

#### • Housing -

Median Home Value: \$290,147\* (Zillow 2023) Types of Structures: 68% Single-Family Homes Average Days on Market: 54 (Redfin 2023 Survey Data)

#### • Education (2021 ACS 5-year)

High School Graduate 46.8% Some College 38.7% Bachelor's Degree 8.1% Graduate/Professional Degree 7%

#### • Labor Force (2021 ACS 5-year)

Employment 61.2% White Collar Workers: 72.4% Blue Collar Workers: 27.7% Job Growth Rate: 2.40% Number of Universities within an hour's drive: 9 Number of colleges/universities within an hour's drive: 15

#### • Key Regional Industries –

Construction Engineering Services Business Consulting Services Medical and Specialized Hospitals Production, Transportation, Material Moving Pipe & Other Metal Manufacturing Educational Services

For additional demographic information please contact: Rachel Steele – Magnolia Economic Development Director at, 281.356.2266, Option 4 or email: rsteele@cityofmagnolia.com

# UTILITY AND PERMIT DEPARTMENT

Phone No.: (281356-2266, **Option 2** Fax No.: (281259-7811 Crystal Supak – csupak@cityofmagnolia.com Christian Gable – permits@cityofmagnolia.com

www.cityofmagnolia.com – City Departments / PERMITS / INSPECTIONS / UTILITY BILLING

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\*\*Office is closed in observance of City recognized holidays\*\*

#### **General Information**

Bills will be sent out the first week of each month. Payment is due on the 20<sup>th</sup>. A 5% penalty will added if not paid by 5:00 PM on the 20<sup>th.</sup> It takes 24 hours for the 5% fee to show up on the website. If payment is not received by the end of the business day at the end of the month, service will be disconnected and a \$45 disconnect/re-connection fee is added. A \$100.00 meter tampering fee will be charged <u>if the meter is</u> <u>tampered with</u> or damaged in any way by someone other than authorized City personnel, which could result in Class A-C misdemeanor charges. If a lock is cut or damaged, if the meter, meter box or curb stop is damaged, the repair/ replacement cost will also be added. No partial payments are accepted.

#### **Deposits**

All new residential and commercial customers of water and/or wastewater utilities with meters less than 1-inch in size shall be required to pay and maintain a security deposit in the amount of \$200.00. If the requested or existing meter is greater than or equal to 1-inch in size, then the deposit is \$350.00. All rental properties will be required to put up a \$350.00 refundable deposit, provide ID, and a rental agreement for the start of service. An application charge of \$35.00 must also be paid at the time of the payment of the security deposit. The current property owner shall be held responsible for any unpaid utility charges incurred at the service address.

#### Method of payments accepted:

Cash, check, money order, charge cards + 3.5% convenience fee (VISA & MasterCard)



Pay bills online through our website, by phone, or mail/hand-deliver payment to City Hall (left entrance). www.cityofmagnolia.com (281)356-2266 ext 2

# **RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION**

The City of Magnolia contracts with **GFL Environmental ("GFL")** to dispose of waste inside the City of Magnolia. Contact our utility department for all inquires - not GFL.

Pickup days are **Tuesday and Friday** with no more than 7 bags or 2 trash cans. Citizens are responsible for their own trash containers and for placing them at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on the designated pickup days. The fee for this mandatory service is included with the monthly water bill.

The following items are **NOT** allowed in trash containers or trash bags:

- Dirt, rock or sand
- Tires
- Construction materials
- Concrete
- Pallets
- Ceramic tile
- Sheet rock
- Roofing materials
- Hazardous materials
- Paint
- Auto batteries
- Motor oil

All trash must be bagged - no loose trash will be accepted.

#### **BULKY ITEMS - HEAVY TRASH**

Heavy Trash is accepted on Friday with regular collection and limited to one (1) bulky item per household per pick -up.

Examples of Bulky Trash would include: Appliances Furniture Bundled branches not weighing more than 40 lbs. and 4 ft. long Unlimited bagged leaves or grass clippings Home goods

Items Not Accepted - dirt, batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, waste generated by a private contractor, dead animals hazardous/toxic chemical or material.

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Q: I have a Magnolia address; does it mean that I live in the City Limits of Magnolia?

*A*: The City of Magnolia city limits are approx. five square miles and the ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) is a half mile beyond that. The Magnolia mailing address is much larger than our city limits. Please call if you are unsure as to whether you are in the city limits.

#### Q: Do I have to get a permit for my sign?

*A*: Nearly all signs in the City of Magnolia (and in our ETJ) need to be permitted. Please contact our permit department to find out if you need to apply for a sign permit.

#### Q: Do I have to renew my sign permit every year?

A: Yes, you have to renew the Sign Operating Permit every year. It expires on the 30th of April.

# Q: I want to put up a sign advertising my business on someone else's property (Off-Premise sign) is that allowed?

A: According to our sign ordinance #344, no new off-premise signs are allowed in the City or the ETJ.

#### Q: I would like to put a second home on my property. What do I need to do?

*A*: The first thing you need to do is subdivide the property. There cannot be two homes on one property. Subdividing property requires the process of replatting and that can be lengthy so please start early if you plan on doing this!

# Q: I am moving my business into the City of Magnolia in a rented out/existing building. What do I need to do?

A: If you are making any alterations to the building beyond cosmetic, you will need to submit plans along with an application for a building permit. If you are just moving into the building without doing any kind of work on it, you will need to apply for a Certificate of Occupancy. All new businesses have to apply for the Certificate of Occupancy even if they are not doing any work on the building. Our inspector will come out and inspect the building to make sure it is safe (according to the building code) for occupancy. This inspection does not include the health department or the Fire Marshal!

# Please contact Montgomery County to schedule appointments with the Health Dept. and the Fire Marshal.

#### Q: How long does it take to get a permit approved?

*A:* Permit approval usually takes about two weeks depending on the project or if any revisions are needed. In that case, it could take longer.

#### Q: I was told that I have to get a permit to install a water heater in my home. Is that true?

*A:* Yes. State law requires that the City perform an inspection of water heater replacements. If hiring a contractor to replace your water heater (gas or electric), the plumber must obtain a permit before the work is performed (unless it is an emergency replacement being done while the permit office is closed) and make sure an approved final inspection from the City is obtained. If the permit cannot be obtained before the work is performed due to the permit office being closed, a permit must be obtained on the next business day. The work must comply with the current codes and ordinances.

#### Q: How long is my permit good for after being issued?

A: Permits expire 180 days from the date of issuance or the date of your last inspection.

#### Q: Why do I have to pay Impact Fees when I have a new water and/or sewer tap installed?

*A:* An impact fee is a fee that is implemented by a local government on a new or proposed development to help assist or pay for a portion of the costs that the new development may cause with public services. They are considered to be a charge on new development to help fund and pay for the construction or needed expansion of offsite capital improvements. These fees are usually implemented to help reduce the economic burden on local jurisdictions that are trying to deal with population growth within the area.

#### Q: What is Platting?

*A*: *A plat provides for the subdivision of land that can be legally defined (i.e. Lot 29, block 19 of the Happy Trails subdivision). Subdivision plats are required to show how land will be subdivided. The plat must reflect adequate streets and right-of-way for the project. The plat is checked to assure it abides by all development rules.* 

Undeveloped land must be platted before development occurs. If land is platted, it can be replatted to further subdivide the existing subdivision plat or change the use of the property (i.e. from single-family to multi-family). Typically, a replat will make changes to the layout of lots, reserves, building setback lines and easements.

#### Q: Is there a dump/ hazardous waste facility in the City of Magnolia?

*A*: No, the City of Magnolia does not have a dump. Waste Management operates the Security landfill and can be reached at (281)592-3543 for disposal costs, hours, and general information. The local hazardous waste landfill is located in Spring and can be reached at (281)367-7283 for more information. There is a landfill in Houston called the Fairbanks Landfill and you can reach them at (713)849-2902.

#### Q: I do not have services with the City of Magnolia and I do not know who my

water/sewer/garbage/electrical provider is. Can the City tell me who my provider/providers are? A: No, the City of Magnolia only has information for the Magnolia area. Electricity providers can be found through <u>www.powertochoose.org</u>. We do not have all of the providers and districts for the areas. You should contact your Realtor, the Home Owners Association or the landlord/previous owners of the home to find out who the providers are.

### **MUNICIPAL COURT**

Phone No.: (832)934-0605 Fax No.: (281)259-9963

Municipal Judge, Chad Peace Frances Suarez, Court Administrator – <u>fsuarez@cityofmagnolia.com</u> Chance Garrett, Court Clerk – <u>cgarrett@cityofmagnolia.com</u> Prosecuting Attorney, Shanna Redwine

www.cityofmagnolia.com – City Departments / Municipal Court

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\*\*Office is closed in observance of City recognized holidays\*\*

Court is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month for Juveniles at 5:30 pm, Pre-Trials at 6:00 pm and Adult Arraignments at 6:00 pm, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month for Show Cause at 5:30 pm and Judge/Jury Trials at 6:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: The Municipal Court staff CANNOT answer legal questions of any kind or give legal advice. The clerks provide options; explain court proceedings and procedures only. If you need legal advice, please contact an attorney.



## **MAGNOLIA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### Kyle Montgomery, Chief of Police

City of Magnolia 18111 Buddy Riley Blvd Magnolia, Texas 77354 Phone: (281) 356-2500 Fax: (281) 259-4382

#### Message from the Chief's Office:

The Department's vision, mission and values statement serve as the foundation and basis for the Magnolia Police Department. *"In Partnership with Our Community"* summarizes our determination to work together for a safer community, while providing the most progressive, well-trained, best equipped police department. We are constantly harvesting data from efficient and sophisticated systems of performance measures against empirical evidence and best practices in law enforcement. These structure, practices and performance standards provide aim toward a professional trajectory. The requisite technical skills utilize available technologies that incorporate a high capacity for inter-operations while attending our occupational culture. This allows us to embrace abstract, general, and complex methods to improve crime control and problem analysis capacity, which make technology a force multiplier. As objectives are achieved, new challenges become apparent from data streams leading to better management decisions toward progressive problem analysis and strategic interventions. Tracking progress is possible through a system of self-assessment and accountability.

Our continued collaborative effort, with an established methodology, helps us continue to be a premier law enforcement agency at the crosscurrents of opportunities. As first responders to emergency situations we know that many of the issues presented to us cannot be resolved by the police alone. Therefore, we are committed to partner with like-minded organizations to address and reduce the root causes. The citizens of Magnolia deserve a community that fosters an exceptional quality of life.

The men and women of the Magnolia Police Department stand ready to meet our current and future challenges and we are committed to providing the community with excellence in law enforcement services as we look forward to a long and continuous partnership.

# Sign up here for Blackboard: To receive alerts from your local agencies to your email or mobile phone, sign up for Blackboard Connect: https://cityofmagnolia.bbcportal.com/

#### **Post Office**

815 Goodson Rd. Phone: (281) 356-8427 Hours: M-F 9am-4:30pm Sat 9am-12pm

#### **Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce**

18935 FM 1488 Magnolia, Texas 77355 Phone: (281)356-1488

#### **Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department**

18215 Buddy Riley Blvd. Magnolia, Texas 77354 Phone: (281)356-3288

#### **Malcolm Purvis Library**

510 Melton Street Magnolia, Texas 77354 Phone: (936)442-7704 or (936)788-8304

#### **Montgomery County Services**

301 N. Main Street Conroe, Texas 77301 Phone: (281)364-4200

#### Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5 - Judge Matt Masden

31350 Friendship Drive Magnolia, Texas 77355 Phone: (281)356-4470

#### **Constable, Precinct 5 - Constable David Hill**

31350 Friendship Drive Magnolia, Texas 77355 Phone: (281)356-3883

#### **Vehicle Registration**

19100 Unity Park Drive Magnolia, Texas 77355 Phone: (281)259-9805

#### **Texas Department of Public Safety**

Drivers License 235 Old US 290E Hempstead, Texas 77445 Phone: (979)826-7649

2 Hilbig Street Conroe, Texas 77301 Phone: (936)442-2810

#### **STATE OFFICIALS:**

Governor Greg Abbott - <u>http://gov.texas.gov/</u> Office of the Governor P.O. Box 12428 Austin, Texas 78711-2428 Phone: (512)463-2000

Congressional District 8--Congressman Morgan Luttrell - <u>https://luttrell.house.gov/</u> (SERVING HARRIS, GRIMES & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES) District Address: 200 River Pointe, Suite 304, Conroe, Texas 77304

Phone: (936)441-5700 - Fax: (936)441-5757 Capitol Address: 301 Cannon House Office Bldg.Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202)225-4901 - Fax: (202)225-5524 Email: please use above zip-code entry

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick - http://www.danpatrick.org/home/

#### **TEXAS STATE SENATORS:**

Senate District 18—Senator Lois Kolkhorst- <u>https://kolkhorst.senate.gov/</u> Capitol Phone: (512)463-0103 Capitol Address: P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711

Senator Ted Cruz - <u>https://www.cruz.senate.gov/</u> Capitol Phone: (512)463-0103 Capitol Address: P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711 Phone: (903)589-3003

Senator John Cornyn - <u>http://www.cornyn.senate.gov/public/</u> 517 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510 Phone: (202)224-2934

Texas Senate - http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/members.htm

#### Magnolia Independent School District

The district consists of fifteen schools, two high school campus, two junior high campuses, two 6th Grade campuses, eight Elementary campuses, and one Alternative Academic Campus.

#### **UTILITY PROVIDERS**:

Electric Companies

#### ElectricChoice.com and PowertoChooseTX.org

**Natural Gas Companies** inside the City Limits:

Epcor 281-766-1290

Universal Gas Company 9750 FM 1488 Magnolia, Texas (281)252-6700

#### **TELEPHONE/INTERNET COMPANIES/TELEVISION:**

AT&T 1(888)294-8433

**Comcast** 1(800)266-2278

#### **Consolidated Communications**

350 S. Loop 336 West Conroe, Texas 1(866)989-2255

#### LEGAL AID

Lone Star Legal Aid - a non-profit organization that provides free civil legal services to eligible clients 412 West Lewis Conroe, Texas 77301 (936)539-2130 and (800)733-8394

# **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

- <u>4A Economic Development Corporation</u>
- <u>4B Community Development Corporation</u>
- <u>Planning & Zoning Commission</u>
- Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee

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#### 4A Economic Development Corporation

The 4A EDC meets in regular session monthly to conduct the business affairs of the Corporation. The regular meeting dates are scheduled for the **second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m**. The meetings are held at City Hall in the Sewall Smith Council Chambers.

The 4A develops annual fiscal year budget and annual projects based on sales tax projections that require approval from the city council. The 4A is overseen by the development corporation's board of directors and by the City Council. The 4A is subject to both the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act, therefore; accurate meeting minutes are considered permanent records.

The Boards in the City Government are comprised of volunteer citizens. They are critical for the efficient and effective functioning of City Government.

We are always seeking individuals who would be interested in serving on boards and commissions. For an application to serve on any of the Boards or Commissions, a link at the bottom of the page, or you may contact the <u>City Secretary</u>.

#### **<u>4B Community Development Corporation</u>**

The seven members Board of Directors appointed by the City Council governs the 4B CDC. The Directors are required to be residents of the City. The Board of Directors employs an Executive Director to organize all community development activities.

The 4B meets in regular session monthly to conduct the business affairs of the Corporation. The regular meeting dates are scheduled for **the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.** The meetings are held at City Hall in the Sewall Smith Council Chambers.

The 4B also develops annual fiscal year budgets and annual projects based on sales tax projections that require approval from the City Council. The 4B is overseen by the development corporation's Board of Directors and by the City Council. The 4B is subject to both the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act, therefore; accurate meeting minutes are considered permanent records.

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#### Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission shall have the duty to review the plans, plat or replat of any subdivision which lies within the city limits or within the City's area of control as provided for in state law, to determine if the proposed plans, plat or replat of such subdivision complies with all applicable City ordinances and codes. The City Planning & Zoning Commission shall make its recommendations known to the City Council at the next regular meeting of such governing body. The City Council shall retain the right to final approval and disapproval of any proposed subdivision, plan, plat or replat as may be submitted to the city Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Planning & Zoning Commission is subject to both the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act, therefore; accurate meeting minutes are considered permanent records.

If you are interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission, please find a link for an application at the bottom of the page, or you may contact the City Secretary.

#### **Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee**

Revenue from the City's hotel occupancy tax may be used to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry, with limitations, in accordance with <u>Chapter 351. Municipal Hotel Occupancy Taxes of the Tax Code</u>.

A tax is imposed on a person who pays for a room or space in a hotel costing \$15 or more each day. Local hotel taxes apply to sleeping rooms costing \$2 or more each day. The tax covers hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts, as well as condominiums, apartments and houses rented for less than 30 consecutive days. Persons leasing their houses or rooms in their house must collect hotel occupancy tax from their customers, in the same way a hotel or motel collects the tax from its patrons.

Rates: State of Texas 6.00% City of Magnolia <u>7.00%</u> TOTAL RATE 13.00%

Local taxing authorities are authorized to impose an additional local hotel tax that is collected by the local taxing authority.

If you are interested in serving on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee, you may contact the City Secretary.