

Recently Enacted Pro-Life State and Local Policies

| | Pro-Life City Ordinance to Abolish Abortion | Senate Bill 8 “Texas Heartbeat Act” | House Bill 1280 “Trigger Bill” |
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| When does the policy go into effect? | Immediate upon final passage | September 1, 2021 | 30 days after <i>Roe v. Wade</i> is overturned |
| Which preborn children does the policy protect? | Preborn children within the city's limits | Preborn children within the state | Preborn children within the state |
| At what point in pregnancy is abortion prohibited? | Conception; no abortions permitted | Detectable heartbeat, as early as 6 weeks gestation | Conception; no abortions permitted |
| How is the policy enforced? | <u>Immediate</u> : Civil lawsuits brought by any member of the aborted child's family or any Texas citizen <u>Post-Roe v Wade</u> : criminal penalties enforced by the city | <u>Immediate</u> : Civil lawsuits brought by any Texas citizen | <u>Post-Roe v Wade</u> : Criminal, civil, and administrative penalties enforced by the state |
| What exceptions are included? | If the pregnancy poses a risk to the mother's life or if there is a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major bodily function | If the pregnancy poses a risk to the mother's life or if there is a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major bodily function | If the pregnancy poses a risk to the mother's life or if there is a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major bodily function |
| Who is punished/liable? | The abortionist and anyone who aids or abets the abortion | The abortionist and anyone who aids or abets the abortion | The abortionist |

The ordinance in summary:

Recent state laws have been passed to further protect preborn children, but there is more that we as a city must do to protect our preborn citizens and their mothers. The Texas Heartbeat Act leaves preborn children younger than 6 weeks vulnerable, and the so-called “trigger ban” requires us to wait on the Supreme Court to change their minds. This Pro-Life city ordinance prohibits committing and aiding/abetting an abortion at all stages of pregnancy within the city limits, protecting preborn children from the moment of conception. The ordinance is effective immediately upon passage through creating a civil cause of action, allowing private citizens to file lawsuits against the abortion industry to enforce the law. Additionally, the ordinance allows the city to enforce criminal penalties that go into effect after *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. This strong, legally sound ordinance will prevent the abortion industry from setting up shop within our city limits. In passing this ordinance, we are standing strong for Life and firmly declaring ourselves a safe haven for our preborn children. While abortions may still happen in other Texas cities, this ordinance allows us to go as far as we legally can to ensure that abortions may not happen here. Over forty other Texas cities have passed this ordinance- we should be next.