

*RICHMOND
RECEIVES 2025
SCENIC CITY OF
THE YEAR AWARD*





PROUD TO BE
A Certified Scenic City

The City of Richmond has been named the 2025 Scenic City of the Year by Scenic Texas, a statewide honor that recognizes communities for exceptional standards in **visual character**, **environmental stewardship**, and **long-range planning**. For Richmond, this represents a significant and, in many ways, once-in-a-lifetime distinction that reflects years of coordinated effort to keep the city both beautiful and forward-looking.





Scenic Texas highlighted Richmond's comprehensive approach to:

- ❖ Visual Quality – building design & streetscapes
- ❖ Unified Development Code (UDC) – cohesive design standards
- ❖ Environmental stewardship and green infrastructure
- ❖ Enforces a robust tree preservation ordinance
- ❖ Comprehensive Master Plan, Trail Master Plan, Historic Downtown Revitalization Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- ❖ Protected under the Historic Overlay District – Scenic preservation
- ❖ Traffic Signal Box Art Wrap Program & Planning for Walkability and Scenic Design – Downtown Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project
- ❖ Publications: *Travel + Leisure* "Best Places to Retire in the U.S." & *Southern Living* "Cutest Christmas Towns in Texas"

To this new honor, Richmond recently achieved **Platinum Scenic City** re-certification from *Scenic Texas* through 2029, **the highest level** available in the program. Together, the Scenic City of the Year award and Platinum status underscore Richmond's role as a statewide leader in scenic preservation, environmental stewardship, and high standards for the public realm.



The background of the image is a photograph of the Texas State Capitol building in Austin, Texas. The building is a large, classical-style structure with a prominent central dome topped by a green lantern. The facade features numerous columns and arches. The sky above is filled with white, fluffy clouds. The entire image has a semi-transparent green overlay, particularly noticeable in the lower half where the award text is placed.

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Mayor Haas, Commissioners and staff accept the Scenic City Award at this year's Scenic Texas ceremony.

Congratulations Richmond!

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SCENIC CITY OF THE YEAR 2025

The City of Richmond is honored to be recognized for our commitment to beauty, preservation, and quality of life.