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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **Granbury to Receive Gold-Level Scenic City Award Tuesday**

**Granbury, Texas** – Earlier this month the City of Granbury’s Community Development Department learned that their staff member’s hard work and dedication had earned Granbury the Gold-Level Award in the Texas “Scenic City Certification Program.”

The SCCP is a nationally recognized one-of-a-kind model, developed to provide communities with a comprehensive set of standards and evaluations for the design and development of public spaces and roadways.

Any Texas city may apply to the program and scoring for the award is done a points-basis. Every city applicant receives a detailed, scored evaluation that identifies both strengths and areas for improvement. Official certification is earned by cities that score points in the upper range and meet threshold standards for landscaping, tree planting and sign regulation.

There are five total levels based on the percentage of possible points awarded:

- Recognized
- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold
- Platinum

Awards are presented on a five-year basis, after which cities can reapply. Granbury first entered the program in 2010, earning a score of 229 out of 323, earning (a Silver-level recognition). Granbury was re-certified in 2015, earning a score of 252 out of 338, once again earning a Silver. This year Granbury was re-certified and earned a score of 288 out of 338, finally earning the Gold-level recognition.

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Planner Brett Mangum, in the City's Community Development Department was tasked for reapplying on behalf of the City of Granbury in hopes of increasing its overall score.

"(I'm) happy that we moved up in the rankings from silver to gold. We are now literally 'the gold standard' for aesthetics and public streetscapes," Mangum said.

"Brett did a wonderful job in analyzing the adopted ordinances against the scoring criteria resulting in Granbury being re-certified for the second time in 2020," said Community Development Director Scott Sopchak, Mangum's supervisor.

Presentation of the award will be made by Scenic Texas President, Sarah Tober, at the Granbury City Council meeting, Tuesday. Mayor Nin Hulett will receive the honor on behalf of the City.

If you have questions or for more information please contact Granbury Public Information Officer Alex Southern at 817-573-6764 or at [asouthern@granbury.org](mailto:asouthern@granbury.org).

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