



# City of Beaumont

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There has been a lot of discussion regarding the possibility of the Battleship Texas being moved from its current location near the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site to Beaumont.

The Beaumont City Council has not decided on whether or not to submit a proposal to the Battleship Texas Foundation requesting that the Battleship Texas be moved to Beaumont.

If the Battleship Texas were moved to Beaumont, the cost to moor the ship would be the responsibility of the City of Beaumont. The low-end projected estimate, by Lanier Engineering, is \$5.275 million to moor the ship, provide pedestrian access, and provide for mechanical and electrical utilities. This estimate does not include the necessary parking that would be required or expenditures associated with providing a location for ticket sales or a gift shop.

The City of Beaumont would need to hire an engineering firm to get a better projected cost to moor the ship. The engineering cost would be between a projected \$400,000 to \$800,000. The spread in the cost is dependent on what the projected construction cost would be and the difficulty of engineering the project. Engineering the project would take an estimated four to six months.

The Corps of Engineers and the General Land Office would then need to review and approve the engineered project, as well as the Navigation District and possibly the Port of Beaumont. The permit approvals can take years.

Thank you for your interest in this possible project.