2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The League of Minnesota Cities promotes excellence in local government through effective advocacy, expert analysis, and trusted guidance for all 853 Minnesota cities.

City Street Funding
The League calls for a dedicated and sustainable state funding source for non-Municipal State Aid city streets, legislation that would allow cities to create street improvement districts, and grant funding for cities burdened by cost participation requirements.

Housing Policy
The League supports preserving existing city decision-making authority to allow individual communities the adequate avenues to support their unique goals for the development and preservation of housing opportunities.

Infrastructure Fees
The League supports legislation that will give cities the ability to impose infrastructure fees so new development pays its fair share of public infrastructure needed to serve growing communities.

Local Control
The League opposes legislation that erodes local control in cities across Minnesota.

Aid to Cities
The League supports the existing LGA formula, regular increases in the LGA appropriation, and a permanent acceleration of the annual payment schedule. The League also supports permanent funding for the Small Cities Assistance Account and the restoration of PERA employer aid.

Police and Fire Disability Issues
The League supports full funding for the Public Safety Officers Benefit Account to reimburse employers for compliance with a state mandate. The League is also working to address issues related to increases in post-traumatic stress disorder claims.

Bonding/Capital Investment
The League supports a robust bonding bill that includes municipal water and wastewater infrastructure, local roads and bridges, the Local Road Wetland Replacement Fund, flood hazard mitigation, and dam repair and removal.

Sales Tax Exemption on Construction Materials
The League supports legislation to streamline the process required for cities to secure the sales tax exemption on construction materials.

Telecommunications and Broadband
The League supports a balanced approach to telecommunications that allows new technologies to flourish while preserving local regulatory authority. The League also supports additional funding to assist with broadband deployment.

Resources for Affordable Housing
The League supports the creation of additional local tools and funding for workforce housing and affordable housing programs, including resources in a bonding bill.

Water Issues
The League supports technical and financial resources needed for drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure. The League will continue to work to ensure that non-city water users are held accountable for their impacts on water quality and quantity.
The League's Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) staff work on legislative issues that matter to cities. Feel free to contact our IGR staff members with any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding legislative issues.

**We’re here to help!**

IGR staff and the legislative issues they cover are listed here.

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