



DRAFT CITY OF BILLINGS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

67th Montana legislative Session - 2021

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Billings' Proposed 2021 Legislative Agenda will focus on six primary goals:

- Enhance **public safety** and security;
- Support **self-governing powers**;
- Facilitate **sustainable economic development** and vitality of the City and surrounding region;
- Secure and protect **funding** for efforts to **reduce the burden** of COVID-19 on the **city residents**
- **Increase investments** in **critical infrastructure** to support our local economy; and
- **Lower the tax burden** on **property owners**, supporting programs where **users of government services pay for those services**

Therefore, the City Council of the City of Billings adopts the following priorities for the 2021 Legislative Session:

1. Support legislation that provides for and enhances the safety, health, and security of Billings residents, including combating human trafficking, reducing the sale and distribution of illegal drugs, fighting drug abuse and associated crime, reducing homelessness and providing resources for mental health services;
2. Support Legislation that will encourage and facilitate public and private investment in the City of Billings;
3. Support legislation that increases investment in infrastructure critical to supporting our economy;
4. Support legislation that secures and maintains tangible relief for the City of Billings' residents, small business, and services from COVID-19
5. Support legislation to shift the tax burden from Billings property owners to users of government services, where appropriate;
6. Support, in general, the Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT) Legislative Resolutions for 2021, and;
7. Support in general the Montana infrastructure Coalition's (MIC) 2021 legislative agenda