



2024 State Legislative Priorities

GUIDING PRIORITIES

Preserve Local Control - Support legislation that preserves or enhances the City's ability to govern locally and oppose legislation that reduces or restricts the City's local authority.

State Shared Revenues - Protect (and recover) state shared revenues to municipalities and oppose new legislation seeking to divert shared revenues away from municipalities.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Post-Wildfire Flood Mitigation - Advocate for state funding for the construction and maintenance of post-wildfire flooding mitigation projects in Flagstaff, such as the Spruce Wash suite of projects.

Transportation - Advocate for additional funding to the Arizona Department of Transportation to plan, build, preserve, modernize, and expand transportation and infrastructure projects that impact northern Arizona and our tribal partners.

Rural Broadband - Support and encourage continuing state efforts to increase rural broadband access and capacity to encourage and develop economic activity, including allowing for remote education, business attraction, revenue creation, and the attraction of remote workers.

ECONOMY

Fire Insurance - Support efforts to ensure affordable and accessible fire insurance coverage for Flagstaff residents.

Affordable Housing - Support legislation and seek funding in support of affordable housing, including allocations to the Housing Trust Fund and the renewal of the Arizona Low Income Housing Tax Credit. Join cities across the state in opposing preemptions of inclusionary zoning.

Short-Term Rentals - Work with stakeholders supporting legislation to allow for local regulations over investor-owned residential properties used as short-term rentals and ensure equity with the hotel industry.



CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

ENVIRONMENT

Forest Health - Advocate for investments in forest health on state-owned land in northern Arizona, augmenting municipal efforts to protect our region. Utilize state funding to support important regional projects to thin and restore forests. Advocate for collaborative prescribed fire efforts that support the development of a technically skilled workforce.

Arizona Corporation Commission - Urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to adopt a statewide clean energy standard that achieves 100% carbon-free clean energy in our state. Develop and strengthen relationships with Arizona Corporation Commissioners to increase awareness of Flagstaff's carbon neutrality goals.

Environmental Funding and Partnership - Support state funding and partnership opportunities to expand open space, parks, natural areas, trails, and wildlife corridor initiatives across northern Arizona. Support the City's dark skies program and strengthen relationships with regional partners such as the Arizona Department of Transportation to increase understanding of the City's dark skies goals.