



DRAFT 2025 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

Transportation - Advocate for additional funding to plan, build, preserve, modernize, and expand transportation and infrastructure projects that impact northern Arizona and our tribal partners. Support investments in clean transportation infrastructure, including public transit, electric vehicle charging, and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.

Resilience and Preparedness - Advocate for assistance to upgrade infrastructure to withstand catastrophic events such as flooding, storms, and forest fires.

Flagstaff Pulliam Airport – Protect the State Aviation Fund (similar to HURF) and emphasize the need to use funds for airport maintenance and operations. Discourage transfers out of the fund for non-aviation expenditures.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Affordable Housing - Support legislation and seek funding in support of affordable housing, including the renewal of the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) and renewal of the State Affordable Housing Tax Credit program. Join cities across the state in prioritizing the creation of housing units while retaining local control in areas related to housing development.

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.

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.



CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

Fire Insurance – Support state level efforts to ensure affordable and accessible fire insurance coverage for Flagstaff residents, including efforts to reduce wildfire risk in both the natural and built environments that are aligned with the AZ Dept. of Insurance and Financial Institutions Resiliency and Mitigation Council.

ENVIRONMENT

Forest Health - Advocate for state and federal investments in wildfire risk reduction-based forest management across all lands in northern Arizona, complementing municipal efforts to protect our region. Invest state funding in important regional forest health projects across all lands while also reducing wildfire risk to the built environment. Advocate for collaborative prescribed fire policies that both increase acres treated and support the development of a technically skilled workforce.

Arizona Corporation Commission - Urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to preserve energy efficiency programs and renewable energy credits to protect critical resources that benefit Arizona households, businesses, workers, and ratepayers. Develop and strengthen relationships with Arizona Corporation Commissioners to increase awareness of these programs' economic and workforce development benefits.

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 restoration of funding to the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund grant program for historic preservation. Promote 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.