2027 LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Town of Prescott Valley has established the following priorities and guiding principles for the 2027 legislative session. These principles reflect the Town's priorities at the Arizona State Legislature and executive branch and will be utilized by Town Management to provide direction to the Town's registered lobbyists in advocating on the Town's behalf with the state.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND KEY PRIORITIES

Public affairs representation for the Town in 2027 shall be guided, in general, by the following focuses:

Protect the Town's local revenue sources, including state-shared revenue, and authority to impose necessary revenue measures to ensure the Town's fiscal sustainability. Oppose efforts to limit the elected body's ability to collect locally established taxes or fees and any action that would impose an unfunded mandate.

Preserve access to water for municipal governments while providing responsible water management tools to support existing and future residents and businesses with assured, safe, and sustainable water. The latter includes efforts to allow conservation and recharge to the aquifer of stormwater. Promote opportunities to enhance water and wastewater infrastructure. In relation, support the conservation of land, preservation of open space, and establishment of wildlife corridors within the town and region.

Protect the Town's ability to promote and attract economic development opportunities. Prescott Valley values collaboration with local, regional, state, and federal partners to ensure a vibrant local economy and improve residents' quality of life through quality schools, healthcare, tourism, attainable housing, recreation opportunities, and reliable local and regional transit systems.

Ensure that the Town can provide critical infrastructure necessary to promote and maintain the health and safety of residents. In the process, support efforts to ensure equitable distribution of revenues for improvements to state highway systems in Central Yavapai County, including areas in and adjacent to the Town limits.

Support measures and collaborative efforts that will assist the Town in its goal to provide public safety for residents, business owners, and visitors. Support efforts to enable a stable workforce pipeline for public safety employees. Cultivate an environment where healthcare, education, and industries have sufficient capacity to service rural Arizona.

Support the development of attainable housing so that needed first responders, educators, healthcare workers, and other professionals can reside in our community. This includes Town support for ongoing state investments in the low-income housing tax credit and gap funds to support increasing the supply of affordable housing.

Support local decision-making that allows the Town to provide programs, services, educational opportunities, technology resources, and community engagement activities that meet local needs. Support broad public access to information, learning opportunities, and community resources while respecting individual choice, parental rights, and privacy.

Finally, support the League of Arizona Cities and Towns in its efforts to represent the common interests of Arizona municipalities and, where possible, align the Town's position with that of the League. Collaborate with the League to protect shared revenue and local control, including the Town's zoning authority. Oppose measures that limit local government's ability to respond to residents' needs.