

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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



MINNESOTA CITY FACTS:

- 853** Cities in Minnesota
- 495** Cities with populations under 1,000
- 148** Cities with populations over 5,000

Bonding

The League supports a substantial bonding bill that includes appropriations for municipal water and wastewater infrastructure, local roads and bridges, the Local Road Wetland Replacement Fund, flood hazard mitigation, and dam repair and removal projects.

Broadband

The League supports funding for the Office of Broadband Development, additional investments in the Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program, and incentives for private sector service providers to respond to local or regional needs.

City Street Funding

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

Email Retention

The League opposes changes to the records management statutes. Current laws and the city general record retention schedule protect the public's right to access government records.

Housing

The League supports funding for workforce housing and affordable housing programs, including resources in a bonding bill.

Local Government Aid (LGA)

The League calls for a restoration of the local government aid system to at least the 2003 certified level of \$586.8 million.

Pensions

The League supports adjustments of plan benefits to reduce the cost of the pension system before any employer contribution increase is implemented.

Pre-emption/ Local Control

The League opposes legislation that erodes the fundamental principle of local control in cities across Minnesota.

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.

Urban Forest Management

The League supports at least \$5 million per year for a state matching grant program to assist cities with emerald ash borer, and to build cities' capacity to respond to other catastrophic urban forest problems.

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