

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-101

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla passed Municipal Ordinance A-2405 on May 13, 1970 which classified the City of Walla Walla as a nonchartered code city under Title 35A of the Revised Code Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, section 35A.11.020 of the Revised Code of Washington provides in pertinent part that “[t]he legislative body of each code city shall have all powers possible for a city or town to have under the Constitution of this state, and not specifically denied to code cities by law;” and

WHEREAS, it is part of the normal and regular conduct of the City of Walla Walla to identify its legislative priorities to provide input to state legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council has considered this matter during a regularly and duly called public meeting of said Council, has given this matter careful review and consideration, finds that good government and the best interests of the City of Walla Walla will be served by identifying its legislative priorities, and members of the legislative body and members of the public have been afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing views.


NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Walla Walla do resolve as follows:

Section 1: The City of Walla Walla hereby adopts the following legislative priorities for the 2024 state legislative session:

- Support fully funding US Highway 12 Phase 8 and the US Highway 12/Clinton Street intersection, which completes the US 12 Highway corridor, improves safety, emergency response times, and efficiency on this critical travel corridor.
- Support transportation funding to install a roundabout at the intersection on SR 125 and Myra Road and extend Myra Road south to Taumarson Road.
- Support funding for the state’s Department of Natural Resources wildland fire fighting capacity and fire prevention in eastern Washington, specifically the Mill Creek watershed, the City of Walla Walla’s primary water source.
- Support dedicated revenue resource(s) to cities for affordable housing and assisting the homeless as well as policies that protect manufactured home communities through zoning and land ownership opportunities as well as policies that narrow the growing gap between market rents and fixed incomes.

- Support funding broadband infrastructure and providing incentives in rural cities/towns of all sizes to foster economic development and provide greater technological equity with the urban centers.
- Support funding for implementation and/or continued implementation if the state legislature were to mandate body worn cameras for law enforcement agencies.
- Support proposals to establish extended producer responsibility policies in support of statewide/national and local recycling activities.
- Support allowing cities to revenue share sales tax subject to an Interlocal Agreement.
- Support the 2024 Association of Washington Cities city legislative priorities.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Walla Walla, Washington, this 25th day of October, 2023.




Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney