

# 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The League of Minnesota Cities promotes excellence in local government through effective advocacy, expert analysis, and trusted guidance for all 855 Minnesota cities.



## Adult-Use Cannabis

Legislation should be responsive to the needs of cities as they arise from the implementation of the adult-use cannabis industry, including providing adequate funding through the Local Government Cannabis Aid fund. The League supports efforts that would increase discretion and local authority.

## Bonding

The League supports a substantial bonding bill that includes appropriations for municipal water and wastewater infrastructure, local roads and bridges, housing, the local road wetland replacement fund, flood hazard mitigation, and dam repair and removal projects.

## Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

The League supports the work of the EMS Delivery and Sustainability Task Force and will engage in the work of the Minnesota Legislature's Joint Task Force on EMS. The League will advocate for funding and policy solutions that recognize different EMS models and support EMS statewide.

## Employment Issues

The League supports clarifying the Earned Sick and Safe Time law regarding applicability to paid on-call firefighters, public sector part-time EMS personnel, and other unique positions. The League also supports preserving inherent managerial rights for public employers to make decisions regarding budget, personnel, and appropriate levels of public service.

## Housing

The League seeks to build on the historic level of housing funding passed in 2023 and ensure successful implementation of new programs. The League also seeks to advance policy that builds on the state-local partnership and allows broader authority for cities to address their locally-identified housing needs while ensuring that local decision-making authority on zoning and land use remains.

## Local Government Aid (LGA)

The League is thankful for the significant LGA changes passed into law in 2023 and supports allowing annual increases to LGA to keep pace with rising costs due to inflationary pressures on city budgets.

## Local Control

The League will oppose legislation that erodes local control in cities across Minnesota.

## Local Sales Taxes

The League supports a change in law to generally allow cities to enact a local sales tax for public improvements and capital replacement costs without requiring a special law authorization.

## Public Safety Duty Disability

The League will seek ongoing state funding for measures related to injury prevention, treatment, and employer reimbursements. The League will oppose efforts to expand conditions presumed to be work-related for workers' compensation purposes.

## 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.

## School Resource Officers (SROs)

The League calls on the legislature and governor to work with stakeholders including law enforcement, local government, and education organizations to clarify laws pertaining to the authority SROs have in schools.

## Water and Wastewater Infrastructure and Policies

The League supports the state providing the technical and financial resources needed for municipal drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater systems.

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