

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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



Adult-Use Cannabis

We support the reinstatement of the Local Government Cannabis Aid fund to ensure adequate funding for local governments to implement the law and respond to challenges resulting from the cannabis industry.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

We support the accountability and transparency recommendations of the EMS Delivery and Sustainability Task Force and will remain engaged in the work of the Minnesota Office of EMS. We support funding and policies that recognize different EMS models throughout Minnesota.

Housing

We support state-local partnerships that provide policies and resources to address local housing needs, while preserving local authority over zoning and land use decisions. We encourage lawmakers to focus on policies tailored to each community's unique needs.

Local Government Aid (LGA)

We support increasing LGA to reduce pressure on the property tax and equalize property tax bases. We also support indexing LGA to inflation so that aid to cities keeps pace with rising costs.

Public Safety

We support ongoing state funding and policies that enable cities and public safety personnel to respond to community safety needs.

Water Infrastructure and Policies

We support workable, scientifically-supported water quality regulations and programs, supported by state-provided technical and financial resources for municipal drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater systems.

Bonding

We support a substantial bonding bill that includes funding for water and wastewater infrastructure, local roads and bridges, the local road wetland replacement fund, and disaster assistance accounts.

Employment Relations

We support changing the Minnesota Paid Leave program to exempt unique city positions like election judges and city councilors. We will provide a local government perspective to the legislature as the program takes effect in 2026.

Local Decision Making

We oppose legislation that erodes or eliminates local decision making authority for cities to make the policy and funding decisions that best serve their individual communities.

Local Sales Taxes

We support a change in law to allow cities to propose a local sales tax for capital project costs to its voters without requiring a special law authorization.

Sales Tax Exemption on Construction Materials

We support legislation to streamline the process for cities to secure sales tax exemptions on construction materials.

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