

2025 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

Legislation should address cities' needs in implementing the cannabis industry, including providing adequate funding via the Local Government Cannabis Aid Fund. We support increased local discretion and decision-making.

Bonding

We support a substantial bonding bill that includes funding for water and wastewater infrastructure, local roads and bridges, housing, the local road wetland replacement fund, flood mitigation, and dam repair and removal.

Elections

Legislation should address the needs and recommendations of cities and election administrators. We support ongoing and sufficient funding for election administration.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

We support state funding to help cities endure the costs of preparing for, and responding to, catastrophic urban forest problems, including EAB.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

We support the work of the EMS Delivery and Sustainability Task Force and will engage in the work of the newly-established Minnesota Office of EMS. We also support funding and policies that recognize different EMS models and support EMS statewide.

Employment Relations

We support defining public employees as those with a formal employer-employee relationship. We also support a balanced approach that empowers public employers to provide more generous paid leave benefits while minimizing legal mandates.

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 Decision Making

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

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.

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.

Public Safety Duty Disability

We support ongoing state funding to support injury prevention, treatment, and reimbursement for employers. We oppose expanding the definition of eligible work-related conditions for workers' compensation purposes.

Sales Tax Exemption on Construction Materials

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

Transportation Funding

We support dedicating more resources to all components of the transportation system and call for funding and tools to help cities meet growing transportation needs.

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure and Policy

We support state-provided technical and financial resources for municipal drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater systems.