

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Discuss Roseville’s 2023 Legislative Priorities

BACKGROUND

At the October 25, 2021 meeting, the City Council adopted Legislative Priorities in anticipation of the 2022 Legislative Session of the Minnesota Legislature. Below is a summary list of the legislative priorities:

High Priority Items

The following legislative priorities are ones that the City of Roseville directly supports and will directly engage the Minnesota Legislature to ensure passage of legislation that implement these priorities.

- Seek financial support for capital improvements for the state and regional asset of the Guidant John Rose Minnesota OVAL and support facilities through the State Bonding Bill
- Allow Municipal Hotel Licensing
- Regulate the sale of catalytic convertors
- Increase funding to local governments to address emerald ash borer
- Allowing a Taproom and Cocktail Room on the same premise
- Enact statewide licensing of Massage Therapists
- Enact Local Option Sales Tax for Roseville

Other Priorities

The following legislative priorities are ones that the City of Roseville supports but will let other organizations and advocates directly engage the Minnesota Legislature regarding passage of legislation to implement these priorities.

- Amend state law to provide for the opportunity for city officials to participate virtually at city meetings from a remote location without having to open the remote location to the public as long as at least one publically accessible location is offered when not in a pandemic emergency
- Approve statewide conversion therapy ban
- Increase fees allocated to local Deputy Registrars
- Funding for Mental Health Voluntary Engagement
- Increase funding for mental health services and resources for public safety
- Implement Police Officer arbitration reform
- Increase funding for the creation and preservation of affordable housing, including rental and ownership units
- Advocate for an increase in Transportation Funding

- Amend State Building Code Chapter 1306 to Allow Municipalities to Require Sprinkler Systems in R-2 (Multi-Family) Occupancy Groups.
- Continue to fund the DEED Redevelopment Grant Program and the Demolition Loan Program
- Create presumptive coverage for Firefighters diagnosed with cancer
- Improve transparency of information property tax notices sent by counties
- Allow for the use of city website or other technology-based methods for official notices

In order to be ready for the 2023 Legislative Session, which begins on January 3, 2023, staff is bringing forward a discussion about Roseville's Legislative Priorities in order to be better prepared to advocate for the issues that are important for the City of Roseville.

To create Roseville's 2023 Legislative Priorities, staff would like the City Council to review the 2022 Legislative Priorities and make a determination if any of them should be changed or removed. Additionally, the City Council should identify other topics that should be added to Roseville's Legislative Priorities.

Staff is recommending that the following items should be discussed for possible inclusion to the 2021 Legislative Priorities:

- **Review the effectiveness of state law with the regulation of emergency medical services**

In the late 1970s, Minnesota created Primary Service Area (PSAs) that created exclusive operating territories for emergency medical and ambulance providers without local control. As a result, there is very little ability for a city to dictate service levels and response time these companies provide. In Roseville's case, while we are able now to provide advanced life support treatment, we have to rely on our PSA provider (Allina) to provide transport for the patient. Under the current law, there is not a meaningful ability for the city to set standards for level of care and response time. In addition, it is extremely difficult to have a PSA provider changed under state law. Staff believes it is in Roseville's interest, along with other cities, to have the Legislature create a working group to study the current PSA law and consider changes to provide for more opportunities for local control over the PSA providers.

- **Police Officer Recruitment and Retention**

As the City Council is well aware, recruiting and retaining police officers remain a huge issue for Roseville and other law enforcement agencies. So far in 2022, the City has hired eight new officers and still have three vacancies. Since 2020, we have hired 27 new officers. Previously, the City would typically hire 3-4 police officers a year. (In 2017, the City did not have any new police officer hires). Since 2020, the City has had had 21 officers leave. Many of those who have left said the stress/demands of the job contributed to their decision to leave. Some left for small agencies that are not as busy (less risk/liability), some were early retirements from policing, and many left law enforcement all together. Half of the City's patrol officers have less than five years' experience. The City offers incentives such as hiring bonuses in recruiting police officers. While this helped in the short-term, more and more agencies are also using hiring bonuses to attract officers. In the last legislative session, there were efforts to pass legislation that would, among other things, expedite training programs, provide signing and retention bonuses, and provide tuition resources. Staff believes the City should support legislation that will provide resources to help build new and support existing pathways in becoming a become a police officer.

82 • **Racial Equity**
83 The Minnesota Legislature should provide resources to collect and provide data
84 disaggregated by race for cities, counties, and the state to use to make informed policy
85 decisions that address racial disparities.

86 • **Regulation of cannabinoid products**
87 The Minnesota Legislature should develop a state regulatory framework for cannabinoids
88 with clear licensing, inspection, and enforcement tools.

89 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

90 Advocating for Roseville’s Legislative Priorities will provide a voice to the Minnesota Legislature
91 and Governor on items and issues that are important to the community and city operations.

92 **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

93 Not directly applicable to the Legislative Priorities. However individual items may have a cost
94 impact to the City, either negatively or positively, depending on the topic and outcome.

95 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

96 Staff recommends the City Council should review 2022 Legislative Priorities and discuss what
97 should be included as part of the 2023 Legislative Priorities

98 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

99 The City Council should discuss and provide direction on Roseville’s 2023 Legislative Priorities for
100 staff to bring back for further discussion and consideration.

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Attachments: A: 2022 Roseville Legislative Priorities

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