

City Council Staff Report



Subject: 2019 Legislative Update
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Summary Recommendations:

Review and, as necessary, amend the proposed “2019 Legislative Platform” policy guidelines.

Background:

With the 2019 Legislative Session almost underway, staff anticipates a very active year in terms of impacts to specific areas of local government and regulation, such as sales tax distribution formulas, local land use and regulatory authority, affordable housing, historic districts, transportation, e-bikes and plastic bags. Monitoring and watching the State’s legislative activities require ongoing Council direction and participation from various members of Council and staff throughout the 45 day annual session. Despite the unpredictable nature of future legislative actions, staff recommends Council review and, as necessary, amend the proposed “**2019 Legislative Platform**” policy guidelines.

Further, pursuant to a request made by Council during its review of the 2018 Legislative Platform, two additions were made in respect to social equity. Those additions are highlighted in the attached Platform in **red ink** and also below.

Legislative Platform:

The Legislative Platform (“Platform”) was drafted in order to better define the City’s legislative strategies, and to provide a more solid foundation for staff- and Council-led advocacy efforts at the Federal, State, and local level. Staff has successfully deployed this Platform for several years in order to help identify legislative subject areas of general concern, as well as to make recommendations to Council on specific legislation using overarching policy guidelines. In addition, in the frequent event that it is necessary for staff or Council to respond to a legislative proposal and take a formal position prior to Council direction (realistically, this often happens between Council meetings), staff would only express positions that are generally consistent with these guidelines, and then seek subsequent Council reaffirmation at the next available meeting.

Policy Guidelines

Park City Municipal generally supports:

1. Legislation that leads to greater financial independence from Federal and State entities, and protects local resources from Federal, State, and other governmental controls;
2. Legislation maintaining maximum local flexibility in all areas of its day-to-day responsibilities, municipal operations, and local land use authority; and

3. Legislation that advocates fair and proportionate representation on regional/interlocal boards/commissions.
4. Legislation that fosters understanding in our diverse communities and promotes equitable access to resources for all residents.

Park City Municipal generally opposes:

1. Legislation that makes the City more dependent on Federal, State, and other governmental agencies for policy direction;
2. Legislation that erodes the City's broad police power or interferes with the local decision making regarding public safety and land use; and
3. Legislation that imposes intrusive, unnecessary or unfunded mandates that preempts local authority.
4. Legislation that impedes the equitable administration of public services, justice, and social well-being.

Department Review:

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