

# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



**Agenda Item Number:** R 8-15

**Department Source:** Public Communications *Jm*

**To:** City Council

**From:** City Manager & Staff

**Council Meeting Date:** 1/5/2015

**Re:** General Federal and State Legislative Tracking Priorities - 2015

## Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance, Exhibits to Resolution/Ordinance

**Supporting documentation includes:** None

## Executive Summary

This list of 2015 tracking priorities would supplement the City's existing procedure on intergovernmental relations, adopted last year. The intent is to identify issues and bill subjects as early as possible. As the federal and state legislative sessions proceed, staff will bring specific bills and opportunities to Council's attention for guidance on possible follow-up communication with legislators. The priorities do not identify infrastructure capital projects.

## Discussion

The proposed list of City issues is aligned with the City's seven strategic priorities and elements of the Community Vision, where possible. Staff expects the General Assembly to pay particular attention to issues relating to public safety, police conduct and municipal courts. Congress will address issues more national in scope, possibly including bills that would authorize local sales tax on online purchases. At this writing, it is not possible to determine how proposed legislation could affect the City's comprehensive plan.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: NA

Long-Term Impact: NA

## Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Governance and Decision Making

Strategic Plan Impact: Customer Focused Government, Economic Development, Financial Health, Growth Management, Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Infrastructure, Workforce

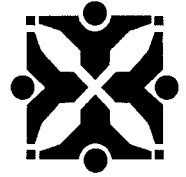
Comprehensive Plan Impact: Not Applicable

## Suggested Council Action

Adopt the tracking priorities as proposed or as amended.

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## Legislative History

Jan. 6, 2014 - Council approved R6-14 adopting legislative tracking priorities and infrastructure priorities, 6-1

Jan. 6, 2014 - Council approved PR7-14 adopting a revised policy for intergovernmental relations.

Feb. 6, 2012 - Council approved PR-11-12 adopting a combined intergovernmental relations policy and list of legislative tracking priorities, 7-0

Feb., 6, 2012 - Council approved R-21-12 adopting infrastructure priorities, 7-0



Department Approved



City Manager Approved

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Bill No. R 8-15

### **A RESOLUTION**

adopting legislative tracking priorities for the 2015 federal and state legislative sessions.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City Council to identify and express its views on proposed legislation and budget actions that have a potential impact upon the City; and

WHEREAS, these matters are routinely considered by the Congress of the United States, the Missouri General Assembly and other legislative, regulatory and policy-making bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to communicate its needs and priorities to members of the City's legislative delegations and appropriate state and federal funding agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri adopts the legislative tracking priorities set out in Appendix A.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is authorized to communicate the expected impact of proposed legislation and budget, regulatory and policy actions to members of the City's legislative delegations and appropriate state and federal funding agencies.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

## APPENDIX A

### Legislative Tracking Priorities - 2015

#### Strategic Priority: Customer Focused Government

Adopt innovative ways to engage all customers and improve services based on community values, priorities and expectations.

##### Community Vision Elements

- Support high-level, responsive community services and facilities
- Enhance government transparency and citizen engagement

##### Bill Subjects

- Effects on local government discretion
- Effects on local government revenues or funding options
- Elections, initiative petitions and referendum
- Public records and meetings
- Reporting requirements for political subdivisions

#### Strategic Priority: Economic Development

Support and further stimulate our local economy.

##### Community Vision Elements

- Protect the community's historic and natural character with sustainable planning and design
- Keep downtown Columbia vibrant, diverse and inviting
- Enhance the presence of arts and cultural resources in the community
- Encourage economic growth, enhance regional economic partnerships and foster digital infrastructure

##### Bill Subjects

- Missouri Arts Council budget
- Missouri Higher Education budget
- Missouri Tourism Division budget
- Data center incentives
- Economic development tools
- Historic preservation incentives
- Local tourism tax authority and flexibility
- Redevelopment incentives
- Tax credits
- Tax incentives for sports events

## **Strategic Priority: Financial Health**

Meet the critical financial needs of the City while maintaining a balanced budget through efficient use of resources, expenditure management and revenue growth.

### **Community Vision Elements**

- High level, comprehensive, responsive services – from library, to police, emergency, substance abuse, and public works – keep the city clean, safe, and beautiful, and citizens informed and knowledgeable; provide equitable treatment to all; incorporate input from citizens; and support the high quality life of the community.

### **Bill Subjects**

- Effects on local government revenues or funding options
- Health plans
- LAGERS
- Prevailing wage
- Public contracts
- Public employees
- Public indebtedness
- Public investment requirements, limits or opportunities
- Reporting requirements for political subdivisions
- Sales and use taxes
- Tax exemptions
- Unfunded mandates
- Utility fees

## **Strategic Priority: Growth Management**

Plan for growth to ensure there are resources to meet increased demands such as protection of natural spaces, sufficient and affordable housing, extension of core services, preservation of buildings and places of historical value and sufficient places to conduct business.

### **Community Vision Elements**

- Protect the community's historic and natural character with sustainable planning and design
- Promote best environmental practices in resource conservation and energy efficiency

### **Bill Subjects**

- Missouri Natural Resources Department budget
- Building codes
- Eminent domain
- Energy
- Environment
- Historic preservation
- Housing
- Outdoor advertising
- Planning and zoning
- Redevelopment
- Solid waste
- Sustainability
- Tax credits

## **Strategic Priority: Health, Safety and Well-Being**

Create an inclusive, thriving, livable community that promotes health, safety, and well-being.

### **Community Vision Elements**

- Enhance the presence of arts and cultural resources in the community
- Foster community pride and respectful human relations
- Support educational excellence at all levels
- Effectively address the community's needs for human services, health care and affordable housing
- Sustain the community's parks, trails and recreational amenities

### **Bill Subjects**

- Missouri Health and Senior Services budget
- Missouri Higher Education budget
- Missouri Mental Health budget
- Missouri Natural Resources budget
- Missouri Social Services budget
- Missouri Tourism Division budget
- Missouri capital improvements funding
- Missouri higher education programs
- Disability accommodations
- Public safety
- Traffic enforcement

## **Strategic Priority: Infrastructure**

Ensure that there are plans and resources to meet existing and future infrastructure demands such as roads, water and electric systems, storm water, sanitary systems, water systems, public transit, airport, railroad and parks and trails.

### **Community Vision Elements**

- Achieve the appropriate balance of community infrastructure and needed development
- Sustain the community's parks, trails and recreational amenities
- Improve citizens' ability to travel within or beyond the community on roads and through public transportation, commercial air service and non-motorized modes

### **Bill Subjects**

- Missouri Natural Resources Department budget
- Missouri Transportation Department budget
- Airports
- Disability accommodations
- I-70 improvements
- Public transit
- Redevelopment
- Roads
- Utilities

## **Strategic Priority: Workforce**

Create an environment that supports engaged, high performing employees; enables the City to recruit, retain and compete for talent; and ensures retention of institutional knowledge.

### **Bill Subjects**

- Collective bargaining
- Health plans
- LAGERS
- Public employees
- Prevailing wage
- Unemployment
- Unions
- Workers compensation