



CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Quality of Life and Connectedness

1. Support creating statutory protections for public spaces against unlawful camping.

Public Safety & Well-Being

2. Support imposing mandatory minimum sentences for recurring property crime offenders.
3. Support imposing mandatory minimum sentences for recurring opioid (particularly fentanyl) sellers and/or distributors.
4. Support synchronizing existing statutes with standardized definitions of e-bikes & e-scooters.
5. Oppose legislation limiting local law enforcement's ability or capacity to utilize license plate reader technology.
6. Support creating new funding sources supporting a functional criminal justice system:
 - a. Promoting the recruitment and retention of qualified law enforcement officers.
 - b. Establishing alternative response / behavioral health programs.
 - c. Expansion of regional behavioral health services.
 - d. Promoting the addition of jails, public defenders, prosecutors, court staff, and diversion programs.

Economic Vitality & Opportunity

7. Support expanding the allowable uses of lodging tax to promote local tourism.
8. Support increasing funding and/or expanding access to affordable, quality childcare.
9. Support replacing California Air Resources Board emissions standards with federal emissions standards to comply with the U.S. Clean Air Act in Washington.
10. Support viable integration of environmental stewardship, building code requirements, and housing affordability:
 - a. Oppose increasing taxes for the sole purpose of funding affordable housing.
 - b. Support continued reforms aimed at making condominium construction more affordable.
 - c. Support promoting home ownership by individuals and single families.
 - d. Support allowing alternative construction methods to meet environmental sustainability goals contemplated by building code amendments.
 - e. Support preserving the inclusion of affordable energy sources in residential construction.
11. Oppose legislation attempting to establish a state income tax in any form.

Planned Growth & Infrastructure

12. Support providing local governments with flexibility in implementing Growth Management Act provisions to account for local conditions.
13. Support expanding reliable and sustainable funding sources for the preservation of local infrastructure and bolstering the Public Works Assistance Account.
14. Support continued funding for capital projects in the city limits or in adjacent jurisdictions:
 - a. Preserve budget authorization for Mission Ave. Frontage Improvement Project (TP-4).
 - b. Preserve budget authorization for Mission Ave. Grind & Overlay Project (TP-10).
 - c. Preserve budget authorization for North Spokane Corridor completion.
 - d. HUB outdoor sports field complex expansion.
 - e. Expansion of travel lanes on I-90 between Sullivan and State Line.
 - f. Barker/I-90 Interchange project (Partnership w/ the City of Spokane Valley).
 - g. Intersection improvements at E. Appleway Ave. @ Spokane Bridge Rd. in Spokane County.
15. Support legislation providing local governments with flexibility in establishing alternative funding mechanisms for sidewalk construction and maintenance.

Public Service Excellence

16. Oppose legislation establishing or extending unfunded mandates.
17. Oppose legislation eroding employer rights in collective bargaining.