
CITY OF ANN ARBOR POLICY AGENDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 (FY19)

The City Council adopts the following policy agenda items for FY19:

In the interest of creating and sustaining an affordable and welcoming community, the Council directs the following:

- Strongly support federal and state funding for affordable housing and oppose reductions for established and effective programs.
- Collaborate with Washtenaw County on the development of the County Farm/Platt Road site to provide a significant and sustainable affordable housing component.
- Support and advocate for the ability of cities to incorporate inclusionary zoning practices and affordability incentives into their land development codes.
- Develop and implement a strategy to utilize 40% of the funding returned to the City under the County Public Safety and Community Mental Health Millage and designated proceeds from the development of City-owned proto advance affordable housing goals.
- Monitor and advocate for measures that protect the rights residents of Ann Arbor without regard to immigration status.
- Monitor and pursue cultural arts funding at current or increased levels.

In the interest of creating and sustaining local and regional mobility and transportation safety, the Council directs the following:

- Monitor funding provided from the distribution of fuels taxes and other revenues from the state and actively support increases in the distribution to local government.
- Monitor and advocate for the award of federal, state, county, and private funds for the advancement of infrastructure projects that promote transportation system capacity improvements, transit enhancement, active transportation (including bicycle facilities, safe pedestrian movement, and urban trails), and advanced mobility operating systems.
- Propose, advance, and monitor initiatives that enhance the safety and accessibility of the right of way for vulnerable and at-risk users.
- Review current status and develop policy alternatives for expansion and optimization of parking assets in the downtown.

In the interest of promoting a sustainable and healthy environment, the Council directs the following:

- Update strategies for solid waste management that focus on reduction strategies, greater diversion and recovery of materials, reduced greenhouse gas reductions, improved efficiencies, and increased resident satisfaction.
- Monitor potential state actions on water quality levels for drinking water and wastewater discharges.
- Monitor and pursue opportunities to secure funding to protect, develop, and upgrade water, wastewater, drainage, and natural area resources and systems.
- Support and advocate for the incorporation of water reuse and reclamation systems into the Uniform Building Code.
- Pursue remedies that incent the installation of sustainable and renewable energy resources, including but not limited to residential and community solar and wind systems.
- Monitor and actively engage with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the US Environmental Protection Agency on the remediation of contamination at the Gelman/Pall site and the impacted groundwater resources.
- Support and advocate for continued funding for initiatives that protect the Great Lakes system.
- Monitor and pursue Natural Resources Trust Fund project funding.

In the interest of providing open, transparent, effective, and financially sound local government, the Council directs the following:

- Monitor potential state actions on Open Meeting Act and Freedom of Information Act requirements.
- Monitor potential state actions on pension and post-employment benefits regulations and funding.
- Monitor potential state actions that pre-empt the abilities of local governments to make local decisions in support of their communities.
- Monitor and take appropriate actions to address the legalization of marijuana for medical uses and ensure appropriate revenue distribution from licensed facilities within the City.
- Monitor state actions and advocate for policies that preserve and expand local control over quality of life and public safety issues such as the possession of fireworks, carrying of firearms into public facilities, oversight and control of oil and gas extraction facilities, siting of cell tower and utilities and provide control over discharge of storm water sewers into water bodies.

- Support improved voter enfranchisement through the development of a nonpartisan redistricting commission, modification or elimination of term limits for elected officials at the state level, and implementation of early voting and “no reason” absentee balloting.