

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 15**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF CLARKSTON'S  
2017 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.**

**WHEREAS**, efforts of representation on behalf of the City of Clarkston to influence, effect or guide the passage of legislation in the Washington State legislature are enhanced by a comprehensive package of proposals that have been officially adopted by the City Council after consultation with the Mayor pursuant to this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Clarkston, Washington that the attached City of Clarkston 2017 Washington State Legislative Agenda as the position of the city of Clarkston on the items stated therein.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vickie Storey, City Clerk



# City of Clarkston

## Legislative Agenda 2017

### **Fiscal**

- Careful and fiscally responsible consideration of a merger of LEOFF1 and TRS or LEOFF2.
  - If a merger results in withdrawing surplus funds from LEOFF1, a proportional amount of surplus funds representing the amount attributed to employer LEOFF1 contributions (approximately 11%) should be returned to employers to help offset the costs of LEOFF 1 medical costs.
- Restore and maintain State investments in state-shared revenue distributions and other assistance
  - Restore growth in liquor profit distributions.
  - Increase the municipal share of state-shared revenues of marijuana excise taxes.
  - Protect state-shared revenues by refraining from cuts or diversions of revenue to fund court mandated K-12 education funding.
  - Maintain the city-state partnership for shared revenues to fund key services.
  - Respect city local authority with regards to revenue, taxes, licensing, and home rule.

### **Public Works, Infrastructure, and Community Development**

- Ensure that Southeastern Washington is properly represented in any transportation infrastructure and community development funding package
  - Adequately fund WASDOT funded projects within the Lewis Clark Valley Metropolitan Planning area (Lewiston-Clarkston MPO).
  - Clarkston prioritizes planned improvements to Highway 12 / Bridge Street for transportation funding and those planned improvements must include curb, gutter, and sidewalk.
  - Provide alternative funding avenues for local projects such as street resurfacing.

- Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs to support job creation, our health and safety, economic vitality, and quality of life.
- Support and enhance actions to increase affordable housing, decrease homelessness, and improve a strained mental and behavioral health system.

## **Public Safety**

- Provide adequate funding for human services, housing, and jails
  - Asotin County's jail is substantially inadequate for housing the existing population of prisoners. An alternative to the existing facility must be found and funded.
  - Protect human services and public safety from cuts or diversion of revenue to fund court mandated K-12 education funding.
  - Provide adequate and sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement personnel.

## **Other**

- Update the Public Records Act so cities can continue to provide open and transparent government services to Washington residents.
- Maintain funding for the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) to provide vital support for local government performance.