

**CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 23-256**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, SPOKANE COUNTY WASHINGTON, ADOPTING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR USE DURING THE STATE LEGISLATURE’S 2024 REGULAR SESSION AND ANY SUBSEQUENT SPECIAL SESSIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of actively participating in the legislative process to advocate for the best interests of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to establish a comprehensive legislative agenda to guide the City's advocacy efforts at the state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has engaged in a collaborative process to identify key priorities as aligned with the City’s strategic plan to promote the best interests of Liberty Lake and its residents and businesses in the upcoming state legislative session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, as follows:

**SECTION 1: Adoption of the 2024 Legislative Priorities**

The City Council hereby adopts the City's 2024 Legislative Priorities, as attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The agenda encompasses the following key priorities and focus areas:

Public Safety & Well-Being

Support legislation:

- Bolstering cities’ ability to recruit and retain law enforcement officers.
- Providing additional funding for local alternative response programs.
- Helping to curb organized retail theft.
- Protecting privacy and reducing costs associated with body worn and dash cameras.
- Creating greater access to behavioral health services.

Economic Vitality & Opportunity

Support legislation:

- Expanding access to affordable, quality childcare.
- Reforming Washington’s low carbon fuel standard and carbon tax.

- Addressing the disconnect between environmental regulations, building code requirements, and housing affordability.

Support continued funding for:

- Completion of the HUB outdoor field project in Liberty Lake.
- Land purchase and construction of an Army National Guard Readiness Center in Liberty Lake.
- Completion of the Idaho Central Performing Arts Center in Spokane Valley.

### Planned Growth & Infrastructure

Support legislation:

- Prioritizing infrastructure preservation funding.
- Amending the Growth Management Act to give cities more opportunities to participate in updates and flexibility in implementing provisions of the Act.

Support funding for:

- Construction of a 3rd lane on I-90 from Barker to the State line.
- City of Spokane Valley's funding request for the South Barker Road Corridor Project.

### **SECTION 2: Authorization for Advocacy**

The Mayor, City Council members, City Administrator, and designated representatives are authorized to actively engage with state and federal legislators, agencies, and other stakeholders to advocate for the City's 2024 Legislative Priorities. The City Council encourages collaboration with regional partners to extend advocacy efforts.

### **SECTION 3: Distribution of the Legislative Agenda**

The City Clerk is directed to provide copies of the adopted 2024 Legislative Priorities to all relevant state and federal legislators representing the City, as well as key agencies and organizations.

### **SECTION 4: Effective Date**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, State of Washington on this 5th day of December, 2023.

Cris Kaminskas  
Cris Kaminskas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:  
Sean P. Boutz  
Sean P. Boutz, City Attorney

Kelsey Hardy  
Kelsey Hardy, City Clerk

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## 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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