

**CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 24-270**

**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 2025 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 2025 Legislative Priorities**

The City Council hereby adopts the City's 2025 Legislative Priorities, as attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The agenda encompasses the following key priorities and focus areas:

Public Safety & Well-Being

1. Support imposing mandatory minimum sentences for recurring property crime offenders.
2. Support imposing mandatory minimum sentences for recurring opioid (particularly fentanyl) sellers and/or distributors.
3. Support creating new funding sources supporting a functional criminal justice system:
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  - 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.

### Planned Growth & Infrastructure

1. Support legislation providing local governments flexibility in implementing Growth Management Act provisions to account for local conditions.
2. Support legislation extending the due date of the Spokane County periodic comprehensive plan update to December 31, 2026 (from June 30, 2026).
3. Support expanding the allowable uses of REET 1 and REET 2 to include restoration projects for all local infrastructure projects.
4. Support expanding reliable and sustainable funding sources for the preservation of local infrastructure and bolstering the Public Works Assistance Account.
5. Support fully funding the Washington Department of Commerce's Library Capital Improvement Program in the 2025-2027 biennial budget.
6. Support continued funding for capital projects in the City limits or in adjacent jurisdictions:
  - a. HUB outdoor sport field complex.
  - b. Development of Army National Guard Readiness Center on the DNR site in Liberty Lake.
  - c. Expansion of travel lanes on I-90 between Sullivan and State Line.
  - d. Barker/I-90 Interchange project (City of Spokane Valley).
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## **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 2025 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 2025 Legislative Priorities to all relevant state and federal legislators representing the City, as well as key agencies and organizations.

**SECTION 4: Effective Date**

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, State of Washington on this 3rd day of December, 2024.



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Cris Kaminskas, Mayor

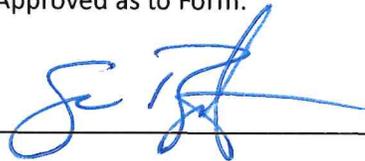
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Kelsey Hardy, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



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Sean P. Boutz, City Attorney



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## 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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