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Legislative Priorities

General Priorities

Retain Local Control

The City of Columbia opposes legislation that would limit or remove local authority, including legislation that would impact our tobacco enforcement, legislation that would result in new municipal expenses without offsetting revenue to the City of Columbia and/or our residents, impact our ability to adopt and/or enforce local building codes, or impact our local oversight over short-term rentals.

Promote Safe and Healthy Communities

The City of Columbia supports legislation that promotes community-centered public health and safety services and reduces violent crime, including maintaining current state funding levels for public health with a focus on prevention and treatment, identifying additional funding for wrap-around support and mental health services.

Promote Fiscal Sustainability

The City of Columbia supports legislation that protects municipal taxing authority. We oppose legislation that would limit local revenue, including by eliminating local sales tax on goods or services, replacing local lodging taxes with a statewide lodging tax or setting user or license fees.

Support Infrastructure Maintenance and Expansion

The City of Columbia supports legislation that improves and expands State and local infrastructure. We support improving transportation systems, including roadways and pedestrian access, and policies that support the generation and transmission of electricity.

Support Economic Growth

The City of Columbia supports legislation that promotes economic growth and development, including policies that enhance education and workforce development, increase affordable housing, stimulate economic revitalization and industrial site-readiness.

