



# Legislative Policy Principles

November 26, 2018

# Purpose/Timeframe

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- Review& edit draft legislative document
- Finalize language prior to legislative dinner
- Federal policy discussion December 10
- Formal adoption December 17



# Legislative Committee

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- Authority defined in Council Policy CP-2:
- Legislative Committee Role: Anticipate and proactively address federal, state and regional legislation/policies to protect the City home rule charter.
- Responsibilities include:
  - Help draft state and federal policy statements
  - A member shall serve as the City representative on CML Policy Committee
  - Review pending legislation, including pros/cons
  - Confirm City positions against policy statement
  - Be available to testify to advance City positions
  - Recommend new positions to City Council for consideration



# Draft Specific Priorities

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- **Home Rule**
  - Uphold local decision-making and home rule authority on municipal operations, taxation, land use controls, and public safety best management practices.
- **Affordable/Attainable Housing**
  - Increase availability of attainable, owner-occupied, housing consistent with the city's comprehensive plan.
- **Education**
  - Advocate for improved P12 and post-secondary educational access and accountability, ensuring all students obtain a quality education and can meet established performance metrics.
- **Oil & Gas**
  - Share local experience with oil and gas development to inform statewide policies that balance public and private interest.
- **Railroads**
  - Advocate solutions to safety and nuisance issues related to railroad proximity, such as crossing conflicts and quiet zone rules.
- **Taxation**
  - Preserve tax-exempt status for municipal bonds and expand sales tax coverage to internet businesses.



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- **Human Services**
  - Support solutions that increase vital human service resources to vulnerable populations to address issues such as food insecurity, homelessness, mental health, and opioid abuse.
- **Transportation**
  - Support federal and state funding of transportation infrastructure such as U.S. 85/120th Avenue, Interstate 270, and 88th Avenue, with an emphasis on an integrated, multimodal network.
- **Older Adults/Senior Services**
  - Ensure reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and adequate funding for implementation.
- **Grants**
  - Continue needed community funding through federal block and competitive grant programs from the Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Justice, and Transportation.
- **Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge**
  - Maintain the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge as one of the premier national conservation areas for public enjoyment, wildlife and habitat management.



# Draft Guiding Policy Principles

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- State Mandates
- Sales & Use Tax
- Economic Development
- Municipal Development and Land Use
- Public Safety
- Healthy Eating & Active Living (HEAL)
- Home Rule
- Transportation
- Human Services
- Oil & Gas
- Education
- Affordable/Attainable Housing



