



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 22, 2016 Agenda Item 3

Work Session

Discussion of Legislative Action Requests for Submission to the Maryland Municipal League

Recommended Council Action

Discuss and decide on three requests to put forward for consideration by the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Committee.

Context With Key Issues

Each year, MML determines its legislative priorities based on Legislative Action Requests (LARs) submitted by Maryland municipalities and MML chapters and departments, and on priority issues not resolved from the prior session. The LARs are reviewed by MML staff and provided to the MML Legislative Committee for consideration. The Legislative Committee selects up to four issues to be recommended to the MML membership at the fall conference. A resolution approving submission of LARs is scheduled for July 6, 2016.

Successful LARs should have broad applicability and benefit to Maryland municipalities rather than just Takoma Park or Montgomery County. To date, the following items have been suggested for consideration in the work session discussion:

- Legislation to hold utilities accountable for removal of old wires and to require coordination between SHA and utilities to reduce destruction and repair of newly or recently paved municipal roadways and sidewalks (2015 request). Pursuant to the language included in the final State of Maryland budget, SHA will provide a report by Nov. 1, 2016.
- Work to ensure that municipal residents are no longer harmed by tax duplication laws or the lack of appropriate tax duplication laws, and that reimbursement or tax differential eligibility is extended to all tax-duplicated services regardless of how those services are funded by the municipality or county (2015 request).
- Pursue the creation of an Innovation Fund from which municipalities could receive grant funding to undertake efforts in support of State of Maryland priorities (2015 request).
- Collection of video from police body-worn cameras and Maryland Public Information Act implications (Councilmember Smith).
- Request an evaluation of the collection and distribution of business personal property tax by the State of Maryland (City Manager's suggestion).

Council Priority

Livable Community for All; Advance Economic Development Efforts; Fiscally Sustainable Government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

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Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Attachments and Links

- [Link to Legislative Action Request form](#)

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2017 MML LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

Name of Municipality, Chapter or Department submitting request:_____

Contact Person/Title_____

Address/City/State/Zip:_____

Telephone numbers: (Work)_____ (Home)_____ E-mail:_____

Please complete this form in its entirety. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as well as documents related to your request. **LAR FORM MUST BE RETURNED VIA MAIL OR E-MAIL NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2016.**

INTRODUCTION

1. Describe the problem or situation the request is intended to address:

2. Describe the requested legislation:

3. Describe how the requested legislation would remedy the problem:

4. The proposed legislation would address: Only your municipality

Only municipalities in your county Municipalities in the entire state

All counties and municipalities in the entire state

5. Would the proposed remedy have a significant fiscal impact on your municipality?

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Could the problem be resolved by something other than a new law, i.e., action by another level of government or changes in administrative procedures?

2. If administrative remedies have already been pursued, what were they and what was the outcome?

3. What other state and/or local agencies, if any, would be affected by this proposal?

4. Have any state agencies been contacted about the proposal? If yes, what was their reaction?

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1. Has the League considered this proposal in a previous year? If yes, describe any significant changes in circumstances that might improve its chances of success in 2017:

2. Has this request been considered by the General Assembly in prior sessions? If yes, please provide the bill number, year, and outcome of legislation, if known:

3. Has this proposed legislation been implemented by any other city, county or state? If yes, please describe where it has been implemented and cite any existing law or model code upon which the proposal is based:

Signature of authorized municipal, chapter
or departmental official

Print name Date

Please return LAR form to:

MML Legislative Committee
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Annapolis, MD 21401
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410-268-5514
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Indicate the date of the meeting where the governing body of the municipality, chapter or department endorsed the request:_____.

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