



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 12, 2017 Agenda Item 6

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 Takoma Park's LARs is scheduled for July 19, 2017. Requests are due to MML by July 28, 2017.

Successful LARs should have broad applicability and benefit to Maryland municipalities rather than just Takoma Park or Montgomery County. In 2016, the City Council selected the following priorities:

1. Creation of an Innovation Fund from which municipalities could receive grant funding to undertake innovative efforts to advance one or more high priority goals of the State of Maryland;
2. Legislation that would mandate coordination of construction and repairs by utilities and the State Highway Administration, and localities, provide notice to municipalities and residents, and mandate time frames in which final repaving and repairs are made to residents' property; and
3. Evaluation of the collection and distribution of business personal tax by the State of Maryland.

Council Priority

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

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Racial Equity Impact of Action

N/A

Attachments and Links

- Legislative Action Request form

2018 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 RETURN ED VIA MAIL OR E-MAIL NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017.**

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?

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 2018:
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:

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