



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 29, 2024 Agenda Item 2

Voting Session

Resolution Approving Submission of 2025 Legislative Action Requests to the Maryland Municipal League

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution.

Context with Key Issues

The City Council may submit up to three requests for consideration as MML priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session. The requests should have broad benefit or appeal to municipalities in Maryland in order to be considered as MML priorities.

The deadline to submit MML Legislative Action Requests for the 2025 Session is Friday, May 31. The requests must be endorsed by adoption of a City Council resolution.

Mayor Searcy has prepared a draft resolution for Council consideration and vote on May 29, 2024.

Council Priority

All: Advancing a Community of Belonging; Fiscally Sustainable Government; Environmentally Sustainable Community; Engaged, Responsive, Service-Oriented Government; Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

Environmental Considerations

The Council considers environmental and sustainability goals when determining legislative priorities.

Fiscal Considerations

The Council considers the City's fiscal health and the promotion of opportunities for revenue generation when determining legislative priorities.

Racial Equity Considerations

The Council considers racial equity when determining its legislative priorities.

Attachments and Links

- Legislative Action Request (LAR) Form
- Draft Resolution

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2024-

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION
REQUESTS TO THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR CONSIDERATION**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council is charged with setting policy and pursuing legislative changes in the best interests of the Takoma Park community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is an active member of the Maryland Municipal League (MML); and

WHEREAS, MML pursues legislative changes to benefit Maryland municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council discussed potential requests and a work session on May 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified requests to forward to MML for its consideration as legislative priorities for the League.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park authorizes the City Manager to transmit to the MML the following Legislative Action Requests:

1. The Council urges MML to continue efforts to protect Highway User Revenues for municipalities and to initiate or support legislation to provide additional revenue authority for municipalities.
2. The Council urges MML to initiate or support legislation to require the State Highway Administration (SHA) to pay for sidewalk infrastructure along state highways, including utility relocation. MML should also support SHA implementing safety standards for safer and walkable communities including expanding automatic enforcement tools (i.e., stop sign cameras).
3. The Council urges MML to support legislation to increase mental health and substance use services to youth. Efforts may include increasing behavioral health service capacity within schools as well as funding for wraparound youth programming including recreation services and infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park also urges MML to track legislation designed to advance the states' clean energy goals.

2025 MML LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

Name of Municipality, Chapter or Department submitting request:_____

Contact Person/Title_____

Address/City/State/Zip:_____

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

LAR FORM MUST BE RETURNED VIA E-MAIL NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2024. Notification of council/chapter/department approval must be submitted by July 1, 2024.

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 2025:

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 & Title

Date

Please email the completed LAR form
and approval notice to:

Iris: irisi@mdmunicipal.org

Bill: billj@mdmunicipal.org

Please indicate the date of the meeting where the governing body of the municipality, chapter or department endorsed/approved this request: _____.

Please complete this form in its entirety. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as well as documents related to your request. **Please return to MML NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2024. Notification of council/chapter/department approval must be submitted by July 1, 2024.**

How MML Legislative Priority Issues Are Selected

1. The League shall inform all member municipalities, chapters, and departments that they may **submit up to three legislative requests each for consideration** as MML initiatives before the Maryland General Assembly by a deadline selected by the League.
2. The staff reviews these requests and prepares background information for the Legislative Committee.
3. The Legislative Committee meets to discuss these requests and to consider MML priority issues not resolved during the previous session.
4. A legislative request that is the same or as substantially similar to a request that has previously been considered and rejected by the committee twice within a four-year period coinciding with the current term of the General Assembly shall be excluded from consideration by the committee.
5. The LAR submission form requires verification that the elected body of a municipality or the membership of a chapter or department has endorsed a legislative request prior to submission.
6. The committee shall limit legislative sponsorship proposals to the Board for consideration to no more than four (4) non-prioritized items and limit the proposals adopted by the Board to four (4).