

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION #2011 - 31**

**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; and
- WHEREAS, the Maryland Municipal League pursues legislative changes that would benefit Maryland municipalities; and
- WHEREAS, the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to continue to work on increasing revenue options for municipalities, including a focus on municipal tax duplication by having the General Assembly order a fiscal analysis of the impact of the existing tax duplication laws on municipalities in Maryland compared to the potential impacts of fair tax duplication laws on the municipalities; and
- WHEREAS, the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to promote legislation to improve the reliability and responsibility of utility companies in Maryland, including minimizing the number and duration of electrical outages, encouraging the undergrounding of wires when road reconstruction is planned, requiring rapid and high quality road restoration after utility cuts are made in roadways, removing old utility poles within a short amount of time when new poles are installed or the old poles are not otherwise needed, and removing dead lines from poles promptly when cable or other utility service is discontinued; and
- WHEREAS, the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to promote legislation specifying modified size, font size, and break-away structure standards for signs the State Highway Administration would otherwise approve for installation along State Highways that are appropriate to the lower speeds and narrower right-of-way widths found in many communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park authorizes the City Manager to transmit to the Maryland Municipal League the Legislative Action Request forms concerning municipal revenues and municipal tax duplication; improving the reliability

and responsibility of utility companies; and specifying alternative sign standards for State Highways in certain communities.

ADOPTED THIS 5TH DAY OF JULY, 2011.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk