

Further Legislative Action Related to Climate Change and Statewide Climate Justice Initiatives

The City supports use of Climate Commitment Act (CCA) funding for programs that substantially cut climate pollution and reduce cost burden including:

- Establishing a statewide Home Energy Score Program that provides a common framework and licensing for residential home energy assessments and disclosure to support residential energy retrofits.
- Establishing a statewide Navigator program to provide information and resources to help communities navigate clean energy incentives and find qualified contractors for energy upgrades and retrofits.
- Updates to land use planning that take into consideration climate change and resiliency.

Further State resources and support to address homelessness and affordable housing

Olympia has the highest percentage of rent-burdened households and the highest concentration of the Thurston County's homeless. The City supports:

- Continued State support for the operation and management of permanent supportive housing sites; including additional funding for the project at 303 Franklin Street - low-income and housing for people with disabilities.
- Continued State support for the Rights-of-Way Safety Initiative.
- State leadership and support for renter/tenant protections, including rent stabilization and tenant screening.
- State resources for moderate and low-income community members to achieve housing stability and pathways to homeownership.
- The creation of new tools, incentives, revenues and resources that cities can use to increase affordable housing supply, including condo reform.

Support for the Evergreen Basic Income Pilot Program

- Programs to address issues of financial stability particularly regarding the cost of rent, food and childcare.

Support Mental Health and Behavioral Health Resources

- Further State leadership and funding to expand and create better access to community based mental health and behavioral health resources.
- State investments in education funding for professionals to enter the mental health and behavioral health fields.
- Designated State funds towards helping local governments fund and expand Crisis Response Programs.
- Help for families to get family members, who are not minors, into psychiatric care.

Changes to the Property Tax Levy Lid Lift

The current 1% levy lid restricts revenue growth when costs are increasing more than 1% per year. The City Supports:

- Raising the levy lid lift more than 1% for specific projects or initiatives.
- Raising the levy lid lift based on the rate of inflation or 1% annually, whichever is higher.

Support for Tax Structure Reform

- Making the Washington State tax code more fair, adequate, stable, and transparent.
- Improving Washington State's tax structure to benefit individuals, families, and businesses in Washington State.

Support for Funding Mechanisms related to EMS and Fire Services

- Allowing jurisdictions in close proximity to form combined public safety departments through councilmanic action.

Further Support Regarding Public Safety Reforms

- Funding to help cities with resources related to the ongoing implementation of unfunded and mandated public safety reforms (ie body cameras, Blake decision, etc.)

Further Legislative Action to Reduce Gun Violence

- Further State leadership is needed to put safeguards in place to prevent gun violence in public spaces, expanding the prohibition of open carry to all publicly owned facilities.