

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-19

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF HARRISBURG' PROVISIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS, the Harrisburg City Council is the policy making and legislative body of the City of Harrisburg;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF HARRISBURG, SD:

1. Harrisburg City Council supports a reliable statewide emergency radio system that allows users across the state to communicate within and outside of their agencies. In order to sustain this capability and enhance operations locally, statewide, amongst other states, and with federal agencies, the Harrisburg City Council supports state funding initiatives to upgrade the statewide system to the national standard for public safety communications utilized by both federal and state governments known as Project 25 (P25).
2. Harrisburg City Council supports legislation allowing alternative publication options for local government.
3. Harrisburg City Council supports legislation providing county commissions the option to reduce the number of official newspapers to one.
4. Harrisburg City Council supports legislation that expands workforce housing opportunities in South Dakota.
5. Harrisburg City Council supports legislation to allow a local option, a gross receipts tax on alcoholic beverages, to fund county services.
6. Harrisburg City Council supports tax increment financing (TIF), an economic development tool that has led to millions of dollars in increased property value, benefitting both the state as a whole and the local entities sponsoring the districts, while at the same time maintaining the integrity of the process.
7. Harrisburg City Council supports legislation that provides additional funding for mental health, drug and alcohol education, intervention, and treatment programs.
8. Harrisburg City Council supports cooperative activities between county and municipal governments, the protection of existing joint activities, and elimination of barriers that hinder the creation of such arrangements.

9. Harrisburg City Council supports efforts to eliminate double taxation on public projects through the state use and contractor's excise taxes.
10. Harrisburg City Council supports state funding for human service agency transportation to offset the costs to local public and nonprofit transportation systems.
11. Harrisburg City Council supports state funding initiatives to mitigate the emerald ash borer infestation.
12. Harrisburg City Council supports legislation that eliminates any regulatory barriers within state law that prevents or stifles the creation of triage centers, which provide detoxification services to those seeking treatment for substance abuse, and crisis stabilization for mental health issues.

Date adopted: 09/04/19.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Finance Officer