Town of Bowling Green

Legislative Agenda

2027

Town of Bowling Green Leadership

Bowling Green Town Council

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Councilmember	Randy Hageman
Councilmember	Dr. John Chinault
Councilmember	Daniel Webb
Councilmember	Jean Davis
Councilmember	Jeff Voit

Interim Town Manager: Mr. John Anzivino

Town Attorney: Mr. Jeff Gore

Government Relations Manager: Mrs. India Adams-Jacobs

Federal & State Representatives

Office	Representative	Address	Contact
U.S. Senator	Tim Kaine (D)	919 East Main Street, Suite 970, Richmond, VA 23219	(804) 771-2221
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Delegate, 67th District	Hillary Pugh Kent (R)	General Assembly Building, Room 1018, 201 North 9th Street, Richmond, VA 23219	DelHKent@house.virginia.gov
Delegate, 66th District (Parts of Caroline & Spotsylvania)	Nicole Cole (D)	General Assembly Building, Room 828, 201 North 9th Street, Richmond, VA 23219	DelNcole@house.virginia.gov

Preface

The Town Council of Bowling Green respectfully submits this 2027 Legislative Agenda for your review, consideration, and support. Council and the Town's administrative leadership vetted each initiative. The 2027 session falls in the Town's 360th anniversary year, a milestone for Caroline County's historic county seat.

Our mission is to serve the citizens of Bowling Green. The Town's visioning principles are:

- Vibrant, lively, thriving community
- Sustainable and resilient
- Connected regionally
- Walkable, connected neighborhoods
- A destination for visitors
- Small-town vibe; a village with historic charm
- A cultural and business center of Caroline County
- Beautiful public spaces and streetscapes

Each request aligns with the Town Council's Strategic Work Plan. The Bowling Green Action Plan goals behind these requests are:

- **Utilities:** Improve and maintain the Town's water and sewer infrastructure, including water supply, treatment facilities, and distribution and collection systems.
- **Economic Development:** Support business development and expansion that strengthens the tax base and provides gainful employment.
- **Smart Growth:** Support development that improves community vitality.
- **Vibrant Downtown:** Keep the Town an attractive, historic, and convenient center for commerce, culture, and services as the County seat.
- **Government Performance:** Improve organizational efficiency and service delivery through sound policies, procedures, and best practices.
- **Financial Management:** Provide fiscally responsible, sustainable, and resilient financial management for current and future needs.

The Council is grateful for the coordinated, collaborative partnership we share with you. We seek your support for these initiatives and for any other legislative matters affecting the Town during the 2027 session. Thank you for your service to our Town and the Commonwealth. We look forward to working with you in the session ahead.

Resolution [26-__]

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN, VIRGINIA, ADOPTING THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

WHEREAS, the Town of Bowling Green is affected by actions of the United States Congress, the Virginia General Assembly, and other governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to adopt a legislative agenda setting out legislative priorities, positions, requested sponsors, and actions for each item; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the agenda gives direction to Town staff and legislative advocates and communicates the Town's requests for action and support to its legislative representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes the adopted agenda to be submitted to each of the Town's legislative representatives and advocates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Bowling Green, Virginia, that the 2027 Legislative Agenda is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council directs Mrs. India Adams-Jacobs to take all necessary actions to advance the Town's legislative priorities, positions, sponsor requests, and action items, and to provide a copy of the agenda to each of the Town's legislative representatives and advocates.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Bowling Green, Virginia, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

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Tina Gambill, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Anzivino, Interim Town Manager/Clerk of Council

2027 Legislative Requests

#	Item	Level	Goal Area	Position
1	Sewer system rehabilitation	State & Federal	Utilities	Request budget amendment patron; request Community Project Funding
2	Water system improvements	State	Utilities	Request budget amendment patron; request Community Project Funding
3	Support Bank Franchise Tax legislation closing data center loopholes	State	Financial Management, Government Performance	Support
4	Town's 360th anniversary (2027)	State	Vibrant Downtown; Economic Development	Request commending resolution and tourism support
5	Virginia Municipal League 2027 Legislative Program	State	All	Support

Request Details

1. Sewer System Rehabilitation

Request: State and federal funding for ongoing sewer main rehabilitation and replacement.

The Town has repaired aging sewer collection lines since 2016. Continued investment reduces inflow and infiltration, prevents failures, and protects downtown and residential service. Our request prioritizes high-priority areas affecting both the Town of Bowling Green and Caroline County critical public service areas, including the downtown core in the areas of the Town of Bowling Green Town Hall, Town of Bowling Green Police Department, Caroline County Courthouse, Caroline County Sheriff's Office, Caroline County Administration Building, and the Historic Caroline County Courthouse recently designated as part of the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

2. Water System Improvements

Request: Continued support and coordination on state budget funding for the town's water quality improvement project, including earmarking funding through 2029.

The Town operates under a Virginia Department of Health Consent Order to bring its water treatment into compliance for the naturally occurring gross alpha radionuclide. In 2025, the Town was awarded grant funding for the treatment facility, wells, and water lines, funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

3. Bank Franchise Tax Legislation

Support: During the last general assembly session, Senator Roem and Delegate Maldonado patroned a bill aimed at banks that use data centers. As proposed, the bill would subject bank equipment in data centers to local personal property tax and close potential loopholes for data centers.

4. Bowling Green's 360th Anniversary

Request: A General Assembly commending resolution recognizing the Town's 360th anniversary in 2027, and Virginia Tourism Corporation support for anniversary events and marketing. State recognition would raise the Town's profile as a visitor destination.

5. Virginia Municipal League 2027 Legislative Program

Support: Support the Virginia Municipal League's 2027 Legislative Program (enclosed as attachment).

6–9. Policy Positions

- **Unfunded mandates:** Oppose new state mandates on towns without matching funding.
- **Local authority:** Oppose legislation that limits local land-use decisions or local revenue sources.
- **Small-town utility funding:** Support more grant funding, not only loans, for water and wastewater projects in small towns.