

RESOLUTION 2024-128
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE POLICY
AGENDA

A. State and federal legislation may impact the citizens of Fort Collins, affecting their quality of life.

B. Such state and federal legislation may also influence or impact the operations of municipal governments, including the City.

C. The City has an interest in providing input on proposed legislation.

D. Councilmembers and City staff are asked to state the City's policy position on legislation.

E. In addition, on occasion the City has an interest in providing input on proposed county, state and federal regulations.

F. The 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Agenda has been updated to reflect the current status of issues of interest and:

- Added statements in support of targeted ozone reduction and emission reductions to the "Air Quality" section;
- Added statements in support of strategies setting greenhouse gas reduction targets, and planning for wildfire, extreme heat, flooding and other events related to human-caused climate disruption to the "Climate" section;
- Clarified language in the "Finance" section to support protections for governmental entities' investment options;
- Added a statement in opposition to state mandates on qualifications of inspection staff to the "Integrated Land Use, Transportation Planning, and Development Review" section;
- Renamed the "Oil and Gas" section to "Subsurface Resource Management: Oil and Gas, Deep Geothermal and Carbon Storage," changed the introduction and added statements supporting local authority to regulate subsurface resource management activities, reclamation and ongoing assessment of oil and gas wells, and expansion of the allocation of tax and fee revenue to impacted jurisdictions.
- Added a statement in support of distributing funding awarded, both regionally and locally, from national opioid abatement settlements to support prevention, harm reduction treatment, and criminal diversion programs to the "Public Health" section;
- Added statements in support of granting the City the right to enforce municipal codes on City property that is outside City boundaries and deterring the illegal sale, possession and use of narcotics in public spaces to the "Public Safety" section;

- Changed the introduction and clarified language in the “Recycling and Solid Waste” section to support more effectively planning and managing waste, compost, salvaging and recycling valuable materials and added a statement in opposition to mixed waste processing for municipal solid waste;
- Clarified language in the “Transportation Investment” section regarding reductions to the Highway User Tax Fee and added a statement in support of funding to provide asset management for transportation assets;
- Added a statement in support of providing clarity, stability and predictability to property taxation formulas and policies to the “Urban Renewal and Downtown Development” section;
- Changed the introduction and added statements to the “Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater” section in support of protecting Colorado’s prior appropriation doctrine, regulations that establish and responsibility for generators of emerging contaminants, efforts to improve resiliency from flooding, and efforts that allow restoration of natural systems to achieve water quality objectives;
- Removing statements that have been addressed through legislation.

G. The Council’s Legislative Review Committee reviewed the 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Agenda at its October 15, 2024, meeting and recommended Council approve it, as well as consider amendments to the Legislative Policy Agenda referenced in the Agenda Item Summary.

H. Establishing the City’s policy position assists the members of the Legislative Review Committee in their review of, and response to, these matters, and assists City staff in communicating and advocating the City’s policy position on the same.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. The policy statements contained in the attached 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Agenda, along with amendments approved by the City Council, accurately reflect the City’s policies on these issues.

Section 2. The City Council hereby adopts the 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Agenda, as amended, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference.

Passed and adopted on November 4, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: November 4, 2024
Approving Attorney: Jenny Lopez Filkins