




Legislative Priorities

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2025-2026



Top City Legislative Priorities

¼ cent sales tax authorization



Move municipal election filing period from
December to July



Establish rotating name structure on ballots for
Hendersonville City Council elections



Adjust municipal candidate reporting deadlines to
be consistent with other elections.

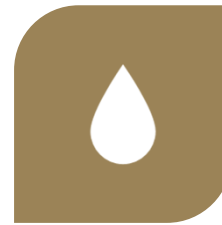
NCLM Priorities – Staff Recommended



CREATE INCENTIVES THAT ENCOURAGE AND ADEQUATELY FUND REGIONALIZED WATER AND SEWER SOLUTIONS.



EXPAND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISASTER RESILIENCY AND RECOVERY EFFORTS.



ESTABLISH LONG-TERM FUNDING STREAMS THAT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS WATER, SEWER, STORMWATER, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS.



EXPAND STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING STREAMS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL AND STATE-OWNED SECONDARY ROADS.

NCLM Priorities – Staff Recommended



**CREATE INCENTIVES TO
ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT
OF DIVERSE HOUSING OPTIONS.**



**PROVIDE RESOURCES TO
REHABILITATE OR PURCHASE
BLIGHTED PROPERTIES.**



**REDUCE REGULATORY CONFLICTS
BETWEEN STATE AGENCIES THAT
DISCOURAGE VOLUNTARY
CONSOLIDATION, MERGER AND
INTERCONNECTION OF MUNICIPAL
UTILITY SYSTEMS.**



**PROVIDE LOCAL REVENUE
OPTIONS BEYOND THE PROPERTY
TAX.**

NCLM Priorities – Staff Recommended



UPDATE THE ANNEXATION PETITION THRESHOLDS TO MAKE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS EASIER TO INITIATE.



PROTECT THE ABILITY OF MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, ACTING ON BEHALF OF LOCAL VOTERS, TO DETERMINE ELECTION FORMATS, DISTRICTS AND OTHER ELECTION MATTERS CURRENTLY UNDER THEIR PURVIEW.

NCLM Priorities – Other Options



INCREASE FUNDS TO REMEDIATE CONTAMINATION
IN LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES



EXPAND INCENTIVES AND FUNDING FOR LOCAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.



CREATE AN ORPHAN ROAD PROGRAM WHEREBY
THE STATE IMPROVES THOSE ROADS TO N.C.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS
BEFORE MUNICIPALITIES ASSUME MAINTENANCE
RESPONSIBILITIES.

NCLM Priorities – Other Options



SUPPORT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES WITH SECURING OR MAINTAINING GRANTS OR OTHER NECESSARY MUNICIPAL RESOURCES.



ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF A CHANGING MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE THROUGH STATE ASSISTANCE THAT SUPPORTS EMPLOYEE RETENTION, INCLUDING TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT.



PRESERVE AUTHORITY FOR EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION TO ENSURE THAT GROWTH IS WELL-PLANNED AND INVESTMENTS BY HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ARE PROTECTED.