



DRAFT 2024 Legislative Priorities

Community center expansion: Requesting \$5M in state funding to help expand Snoqualmie's community center and add a swimming pool. This will address over-capacity issues at our community center, provide an opportunity for all children in our city the chance to learn to swim, so they will be safe when recreating in our rivers, and provide health and wellness, senior, youth, and aquatics programs.

Increase revenue options:

Property tax cap: Revise the property tax cap to tie it to inflation, up to 3%, and population growth factors, so that local elected officials can adjust the local property tax rate to better serve their communities. The current 1% cap has created a structural deficit in the city revenue and expenditure model, resulting in a reliance on regressive revenues and artificially restricting the use of property taxes to fund community needs.

Increase local government shared revenues such as sales tax, liquor tax, property tax.

Affordable housing: Expand REET authority for state and locals (HB 1628) to fund affordable housing.

Ensure preservation of prior legislative appropriations funding for the Phase 2 of SR 18 expansion.

Public Safety:

Officer recruitment and retention: Additional funding tools and resources to support officer recruitment and retention, including but not limited to updating the Public Safety Sales Tax to allow an option to implement by councilmanic authority and providing greater flexibility on use of the funds.

Juvenile Access Law: Fix ESHB 1140: Positive intervention by addressing the juvenile access law. Need to provide more thought about when youth require lawyers to be present, otherwise it becomes mandatory to put them in the system.

Police pursuit: Further expand crimes eligible for pursuit to include auto theft and some property crimes.