



2025/2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Community Center Expansion: Requesting state and county 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.

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

Snoqualmie Parkway Jurisdiction Transfer: Ensure alignment of utilization of infrastructure with taxing jurisdiction. The parkway is a transportation system connector between Highway 18 and State Route 202. The majority of its utilization is though reginal commercial trucks. In order to align usage with revenue source most of the parkway should be transferred to state control and maintenance.

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.

Increased Funding for Crisis Intervention Training: Every agency in the state is required to have 25% of their staff trained in Crisis Intervention Training. This training protects residents and our law enforcement officers and leads to better, safer, outcomes. Accordingly, we request that funding not only be maintained but increased such that this critical program can be included in every Basic Law Enforcement class at the academy. This will ensure that new officers are equipped with these skills and tools directly out of the gate from CJTC. This will keep our communities safer for everyone.

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.

Expansion of Highway 18: Ensure preservation of prior legislative appropriations funding for the Snoqualmie Parkway and SR 18.

- Concern that if the state or federal gas tax is suspended or reduced, it may delay highway widening.
- We desire to have communities most impacted by construction involved in an advisory committee, fostering greater public dialogue and support.