



## 2025 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.

### **Affordable housing:**

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

### **Public Safety:**

- Police and Fire Personnel: Additional funding tools and resources to support 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. Funding tools to assist small municipalities recruit and retain.
- 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.~~
- Opioid Settlement Disbursements and underlying drug issues and resources to support communities.
- Traffic Safety. Additional grant funding for school safety and traffic calming measures along Hwy 202.

### **I-90 and Hwy 18 interchange:**

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 the start of these projects (interchange and highway widening);
- We desire to have communities most impacted by construction involved in an advisory committee, fostering greater public dialogue and support.

**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 through regional commercial trucks. In order to align usage with revenue source most 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.

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