



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 16 for 2026 – Adopting the City of Sweet Home’s 2027-2028 State Legislative Priorities for the League of Oregon Cities

Preferred Agenda: August 25, 2026

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Type of Action: Motion ☐ Resolution ☒ Reading ☐

Relevant Code/Policy: N/A

Towards Council Goal: Effective Government

Attachments: Resolution No. 16 for 2026
LOC 2026 Member Voter Guide

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this Request for Council Action is to consider approval of Resolution No. 16 for 2026, adopting the City’s top five legislative priorities for the 2027-2028 Oregon legislative cycle to be shared with the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) as it considers its legislative agenda.

Background/Context:

The City of Sweet Home is a member of LOC, which serves as a lobbying entity on its behalf to develop policy and legislation in collaboration with other members.

In 2026, LOC convened seven policy committees across the following policy areas:

- Broadband, Cybersecurity, AI, and Telecommunications
- General Government
- Housing, Land Use, and Community Development
- Energy and Environment
- Finance, Taxation, and Economic Development
- Transportation
- Water and Wastewater

These committees identified 27 potential priorities, which were shared with LOC members for their consideration and vote.

Staff created an anonymous survey for City Councilors to respond to with their individual top five priorities with the intent that those survey results would guide the discussion at a Council Work

Session. Three responses were received prior to the Work Session, which was held on August 11th.

With four members in attendance, there was consensus on the following five priorities:

- Water and wastewater infrastructure funding
- Investment in community resilience and disaster planning
- Land availability and land use streamlining
- Strengthening economic and workforce development
- Supporting municipal cybersecurity proficiency

These five priorities are captured in Resolution No. 16 for 2026.

The Challenge/Problem:

LOC members must respond to a survey by September 25th indicating their priorities if they want them to be considered as LOC's adopted legislative agenda. Without formal Council consensus, the City of Sweet Home will not have the opportunity to have its priorities considered as part of this process.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

There are no identified issues or financial impacts.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A clear direction for staff to support the City's legislative priorities by the indicated deadline.

Options:

1. Move to deny Resolution No. 16 as proposed: The City will not adopt a formal list of LOC priorities. Council should indicate if the City Manager should make selections on the City's behalf or if no action should be taken.
2. Move to approve Resolution No. 16 for 2026 as proposed: The City Manager will respond to the LOC survey by the deadline with the priorities as proposed.
3. Move to approve Resolution No. 16 for 2026 with amendments: City Council may select different priorities from the list of 27 options.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option #2: Move to approve Resolution No. 12 for 2026 as proposed.