

OUTCOME OF THE OML 2009 STATE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

1. TRANSPORTATION FUNDING – HB 1749 BY REP. SCOTT MARTIN/SEN. CLIFF BRANAN

SUPPORT legislation to redistribute funds collected under the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act to increase the amount of funds allocated to cities and incorporated towns for transportation needs.

-The bill was introduced, but did not receive a hearing.

2. FIRE CHIEF HIRING

INITIATE and SUPPORT legislation to remove the requirement that candidate for Fire Chief be enrolled in the Oklahoma State Firefighter Pension System, as a condition for hiring.

-After asking several legislators to carry this bill, it was never introduced.

3. MUNICIPAL FINANCE

REACTIVATE the Municipal Finance Study group to make legislative recommendations for enhancing municipal revenue.

4. MUNICIPAL COURT FINES & FEES – HB 1800 BY REP. MARIAN COOKSEY/SEN. CLIFF ALDRIDGE

INITIATE and SUPPORT legislation to increase the Court costs plus fees in Courts Not of Record to \$30.

SUPPORT legislation to provide for an income tax intercept for municipal courts to collect delinquent fines for traffic and court.

-The bill was signed by Governor Henry on May 22, 2009. The bill went into effect on May 22nd.

5. TAG FEES

SUPPORT legislation to add a tag fee for utility trailers, boats and RV's, where municipalities would receive a percentage of the fees collected, earmarked for infrastructure improvements.

-A bill on this subject was not introduced.

6. SMOKING

SUPPORT legislation to ban smoking in all public transportation vehicles, whether or not passengers are on board.

-A bill on this subject was not introduced.

SUPPORT legislation to prevent children from being exposed to smoke in designated smoking rooms in restaurants or while confined to an automobile.

-HB 1311 by Rep. Luttrell was introduced, but failed in the House Public Health and Social Services Committee.

8. CHANGE ORDERS – HB 1753 BY REP. SCOTT MARTIN/SEN. DON BARRINGTON

INITIATE and **SUPPORT** legislation for approval for change orders that maybe delegated to the City Manager with reporting requirements to council up to 10% or 40,000, whichever is less, for any contract.

-The bill was signed by Governor Henry on May 22, 2009. Effective date is November 1, 2009.

9. LICENSE TAX ON OCCUPATIONS – HB 1058 BY REP. BILL NATIONS

INITIATE and **SUPPORT** legislation to update the law on license tax on occupations.

-The bill was introduced, but did not receive a hearing.