



Congressional Resolution 2301

A Resolution containing issues described by the Mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Municipal Finance.

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Municipal Finance is a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is the only state in the Union that does not allow municipalities the ability to diversify their tax base outside of sales tax for daily operations and capital obligations; and

WHEREAS, restructuring of the Oklahoma Tax System would enhance the health and vitality of Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Municipal Finance:

1. Oppose sales tax exemptions on certain services and products already collecting sales tax through sales tax permits; and opposing any new sales tax exemption. Review all sales tax exemptions to prove economic justification every two years; and,
2. Amend current statutes or create a separate new law to allow citizens of municipalities to vote on a separate ad valorem taxes to support municipal operations; and,
3. Oppose elimination, restriction, or alteration to the municipal portion of the grocery sales tax; and,
4. Oppose legislation restricting or limiting TIF districts; and,
5. Require business entities that collect and remit sales/use tax to use zip plus (4) "four" for addresses; and,
6. All cards, forms, and written materials declaring an entity tax exempt shall bear the entities name, address, reason for exemption, an expiration date and be uniform; and,
7. Support efforts to modernize Oklahoma Tax Commission policies by establishing an annual "sale for resale" permit to aid in compliance of the sale for resale tax exemptions; and,
8. For any tax-exemption Legislation filed, the State shall conduct a comprehensive fiscal impact statement for all political subdivisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS DURING THE 12TH SESSION OF THE OKLAHOMA CONGRESS OF MAYORS:

THAT the issues contained in this resolution have been ratified by the Oklahoma Mayors Congress and will be forwarded to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the members of the Oklahoma Legislature.



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Congressional Resolution 2302

A Resolution containing issues described by the Mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Transportation and Infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Transportation and Infrastructure are critical issues facing Oklahoma municipalities:

1. Prioritize municipal road improvements by developing more equitable apportionment of all tax sources among the responsible government entities based off need; and,
2. Support state funding to municipalities for the purpose of expanding broadband across the state, and approval; and
3. For municipalities that own their own utility poles, oppose T-coms wanting to attach hardware to poles without paying a pole attachment fee; and,
4. Oppose any legislation that would prevent municipalities from participating in providing broadband service to their citizens; and,
5. Support faster, more efficient disbursement of federal infrastructure funding that is administered by the state for municipal projects with fees charged to municipalities not to exceed actual costs incurred by the state; and,
6. Encourage the state legislature to make ODOT's 8-year plan a priority in the budget process; and,
7. Support funding for community and homeowner costs of infrastructure improvements that are mandated by federal or state governments; and,
8. Work with municipal utilities to ensure the impact of environmental regulations does not create an undue burden on municipal systems.

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Congressional Resolution 2303

A Resolution containing issues described by the Mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Municipal Operations.

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma have determined that the fiscal sustainability of Municipal Operations is a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities and that democratic principles should allow municipalities to respond to local citizen demands; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Municipal Operations:

1. Support a statutory requirement of 10 hours of continuing education for municipal elected governing officials, or individuals appointed to an elected position, to be performed by the Oklahoma Municipal League on an annual basis; and,
2. Support changes to the Open Meetings Act to allow a public body to hold meetings by electronic means; and only as declared by local municipal ordinance & charter; and,
3. Support modifying election procedures to challenge a candidate's eligibility within 5 business days and that the candidate has to provide a criminal history to be verified by the election board clerk when filing for office; and,
4. Support modifications to the competitive bidding act to hold municipalities harmless when efforts to publish are made in good faith, or, doing away with requiring publications in newspapers and allow digital publication on municipal or trade website; and,
5. Support legislation to enable municipalities and other political subdivisions to utilize instant run-off (AKA Ranked Choice) voting, if so desired by the local electorate.

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Congressional Resolution 2304

A Resolution containing issues described by the Mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Community and Economic Development.

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Community and Economic Development are critical issues facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most critical issues in the subject of Community and Economic Development:

1. Support the continuation of the REAP program with funding to continue at the current level of at least \$30,000,000; and,
2. Retain and expand programs and incentives that encourage investment in Oklahoma and create and maintain jobs including opposing any changes that restrict municipalities use of the Quality Jobs Program; and,
3. Maintaining the processes in place regarding the formulation and approval of tax incremental finance (TIF) districts and opposing any efforts to discourage the use, promotion and implementation of TIF districts.

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Congressional Resolution 2305

A Resolution containing issues described by the mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Public Safety.

WHEREAS, the mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Public Safety is a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Public Safety:

1. Support language that clarifies how firearms should be safely carried as proposed by HB 2590 which states: If the firearm is not held in the hand, but rather is carried on the person in a holster or sling in a general vertical position where the barrel of the firearm is safely pointed in an up or down direction, or in a case designed for carrying firearms. The provisions do not apply while lawfully at a gun range, while lawfully hunting, lawfully using a firearm or during an act of self-defense; and,
2. Support language to allow municipalities the authority to grant certain employees and public officials while conducting city business the ability to carry firearms with proper training as ordained by the governing body; and,
3. Allowing in limited circumstances common Class D drivers license to be used by municipal employees driving municipal vehicles in the course of their work with proper training; and,
4. Reinstating municipal authority in the area of enforcement of tobacco use for minors within the city boundaries

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Congressional Resolution 2306

A Resolution containing issues described by the mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Municipal Government Accountability.

WHEREAS, the mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Municipal Government Accountability are a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Municipal Government Accountability:

1. Require petitions for audit to be authorized by State Auditor and Inspector prior to seeking the required number of signatures. Petitions to be filed in original or conformed copy with the related clerk or clerks to the public trust in question. No modifications shall be made to the petition after submission to the State Auditor and Inspector.

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