

City of College Place, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 18-044

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING 2018
STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

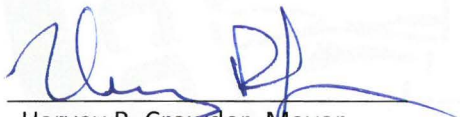
WHEREAS, the City of College Place is a non-charter code city under Title 35A RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of College Place (City) wishes to state its 2018 legislative priorities for the State and Federal government.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE
PLACE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City of College Place hereby adopts the legislative priorities for the 2019 state legislative session outlined in Exhibit 2 of this agenda bill.
2. The City of College Place hereby adopts the legislative priorities for the 2019 federal legislative session outlined in Exhibit 3 of this agenda bill
3. The City of College Place supports the legislative priorities identified by the Association of Washington Cities.
4. The City of College Place submits that strong cities result in a strong state and country.

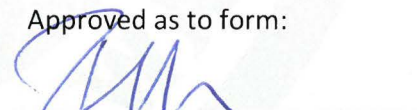
ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of College Place, Washington held on the 27th day of November, 2018


Harvey R. Crowder, Mayor

Attest:


Lisa R. Neissl, City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Rea Culwell, City Attorney

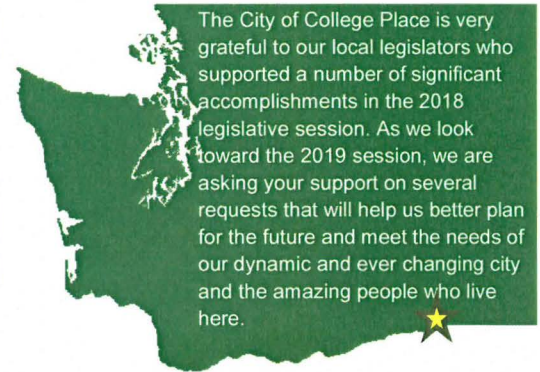


2019 State Legislative Agenda

Quick Facts

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- Median Housing Value: \$173,100 (2012-2016 ACS)
- Parks: 3 totaling 15 Acres
- Roads: 35 Miles of City Maintained Roads
- Home of Walla Walla University

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Priorities

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement



The City must invest over **\$26 million** dollars over the next six years renovating the Wastewater Treatment Plant to satisfy new conditions of a state wastewater permit.

Street Improvements – C Street Corridor



The City needs to reconstruct C Street and all underlying utilities between Larch and College Avenue. This project costs around **\$2 million**.

South College Place



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Lions Park



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Key Issues

Economic Development/Infrastructure

- **SUPPORT** – Sustainable funding for the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), Recreation Conservation Office, and Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) programs.
- **SUPPORT** – Reinvigoration of economic development programs such as the Local Revitalization Fund (LRF) and Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT).
- **SUPPORT** – Tools to deal with the affordable housing crisis.
- **SUPPORT** – Broaden RCW 84.14 – Multifamily Property Tax Exemption so all cities can participate in the program. Right now only mandated fully-planning cities can use this.
- **SUPPORT** – Funding US 12 Phase 8 which completes the Walla Walla/Tri-Cities segment and improves safety and efficiency on this critical travel corridor.
- **SUPPORT** – Update bidding laws to allow greater flexibility in selecting companies for public projects. The law restricts the consideration of factors such as past experience (RCW 39.26)
- **SUPPORT** – Alternate compliance paths for wastewater systems regarding PCB's.

General Government

- **SUPPORT** – A structural modification in property tax statutes to the annual growth to an inflationary index rather than to the one percent limit.
- **SUPPORT** – Fully funding the Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC).
- **SUPPORT** – Defend Local Control. The City believes the best governmental decisions are those that are made closest to the people represented.
- **SUPPORT** – Solutions to challenges brought upon local recycling programs by the Chinese National Sword policy.
- **AGAINST** – Unfunded mandates. The City urges you to remember local government when you are passing Legislation and to avoid passing unfunded mandates on to us.

Public Safety/Human Services

- **SUPPORT** – Increase in funding for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA).
- **SUPPORT** – Appropriately funding mental health services to support individuals with varying levels of mental illness.
- **SUPPORT** – Provision of resources to deal with the Opioid epidemic.

The City supports the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Agenda.

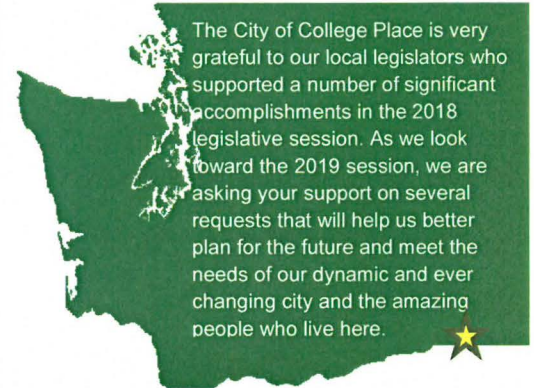


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- **SUPPORT** - Funding for improvements of street, storm, wastewater, water, park, public facility, and fiber infrastructure.
- **SUPPORT** – Calling on the Federal Communications Commission and Congress to preserve local government authority to manage their right-of-ways and determine where wireless infrastructure is sited.
- **SUPPORT** – Alternate compliance paths regarding PCB's for municipal wastewater systems.
- **SUPPORT** – Passage of legislation to address mental health to support local communities to improve mental health and especially to lend critical support to families and youth.
- **SUPPORT** – Provision of funding to respond to the national opioid epidemic and expand access to treatment.
- **SUPPORT** - Protection and enhancement of HUD Community Development Block Grant programs. The Federal government should amend the definition of entitlement governments back to the county level.
- **SUPPORT** - Simplifying the process for pursuing Federal grants and loans such as USDA-Rural Development grant dollars.
- **SUPPORT** - Funding for the US Forest Service to improve wildland fire fighting capacity and fire prevention through fuel reduction in the Walla Walla Watershed.
- **SUPPORT** - Funding US 12 Phase 8, which completes the Walla Walla/Tri-Cities segment and improves safety and efficiency on this critical travel corridor.
- **SUPPORT** - The City of Walla Walla State Route 125 & Myra Rd intersection project.
- **SUPPORT** – Solutions to challenges brought upon local recycling programs by the Chinese National Sword policy.
- **OPPOSE** – Unfunded mandates.

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