

City of Alexandria, Virginia

Proposed 2020 Legislative Package

Legislative Principles and Legislative Priorities for the City of Alexandria
for the 2020 Virginia General Assembly Session



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- Statement of Legislative Principles
- Legislative Priorities

Priorities for 2020 General Assembly Session



- State Investment in Infrastructure
- Protection and Expansion of Local Authority and Funding for Localities
- Access, Equity and Equality

State Investment in Infrastructure



- CSO
- Transit/Transportation
- Affordable Housing
- School Construction/Renovation

Protection and Expansion of Local Authority and Funding for Localities



- Modernize local tax structure
- Modernize Communications Sales and Use Tax
- Local authority to regulate firearms in government buildings/property
- 40-year lease limit
- Increased funding for “shared employees”
- Increased funding for K-12

Access, Equity and Equality



- Law library/access to justice
- Minimum wage
- Equal Rights Amendment
- Access to voting
- Redistricting

Statement of Legislative Principles



- Issues are of interest and concern to the City
- Align with the City's mission, vision and values
- An integral part of our work that supports our mission, reflects our values and helps make our vision of Alexandria a reality in our community

Alexandria's Vision: In 2022, Alexandria is a historic, inclusive city of kindness with distinct, vibrant and safe neighborhoods, a well-managed, government, flourishing arts, culture and recreation, a strong economy, thriving children and youth, active and secure older adults, environmental sustainability, healthy residents of all ages, and multimodal transportation.

Legislative Principles



As we work to ***be an inclusive city of kindness***...the City supports legislation to ensure Alexandria is a livable community for all, with affordable housing, a living wage, and workforce protections available to all Alexandrians...

- Minimum wage increase
- Wage theft
- Natural hair discrimination



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As we work to ***provide a well-managed government*** for our residents, businesses and visitors...the City supports the preservation of existing state aid to localities, requests the full funding of all state funding commitments to localities, and opposes efforts to shift the costs of shared services to localities.

- HB 599 funding for local police departments
- Local road maintenance funding
- CSBs – Medicaid expansion
- Jail per diems – costs rising especially because of new health & mental health requirements from the state

Legislative Principles



As we work to ***create an environmentally sustainable city***... City supports legislation that will allow us to increase recycling rates in our community...

- “Bottle Bill”
- Product stewardship
- Tire recycling fee

Expectations for the 2020 General Assembly Session



- Priorities outlined by the Governor
 - ✓ Common sense gun safety legislation
 - ✓ Minimum wage increase
 - ✓ Equal Rights amendment
 - ✓ No excuse absentee voting
 - ✓ Job training/workforce development
 - ✓ Decriminalizing marijuana
 - ✓ Access to/investment in early childhood education
- Priorities of the delegation/majority
 - ✓ Environment/climate change
 - ✓ Labor issues
 - ✓ Teacher pay
 - ✓ Higher education funding
 - ✓ "Equity in the budget vs. equality"
- Governing



Legislative Package Dates of Note

- Public Hearing – November 16, 2019
- Prefiling Begins – November 18, 2019
- Work Session with the Delegation – November 26, 2019
- Prefiling Ends – December 5, 2019
- Final Adoption of the Package – December 12, 2019
- Governor Presents FY 2020-2022 Budget – December 17, 2019
- First Council Legislative Subcommittee Meeting – December 18, 2019
- Session Begins – January 8, 2019
- Sine Die – March 7, 2019