

2017-18

State Legislative Package

DOA - Intergovernmental Relations Division

Key Policy Areas

- Stabilize the City's Fiscal Capacity and Enhance Operational Efficiency
- Promote Racial, Social and Economic Equity for City residents
- Strengthen our Environment, our Mobility and our Infrastructure
- Invest in and Support Public Safety and Public Health
- Enhance our Neighborhoods and Economic Well Being
- Maintain Local Control and Flexibility

Highlights – Lead Remediation

- #32 - create a non-refundable state income tax credit of up to \$200 annually for up to 10 years for private homeowner costs related to a municipally mandated replacement of their lead service line.
- #33 - allow water utility rate revenue to pay for the replacement of the privately owned portion of lead service lines, water filters and other public health measures.
- #34 - secure continued assistance for lead service line replacement using the Safe Drinking Water Loan Fund and distribute in a manner that reflects a community's proportion of statewide need and provide additional State funding for the same purpose.
- #35 - provide a dedicated state funding source to be distributed to municipalities for the removal of lead water service lines.
- #36 - allow a municipality to create a municipal fee for lead abatement and exempt the proceeds of that fee from expenditure restraint and levy limits.
- #37 - ensure daycare regulation and licensing adequately protects children from lead poisoning.

Highlights–Strong Neighborhoods

- #10 - restore authority to charge reinspection fees in a manner that reflects actual costs
- #49 - continue funding for rehab/demolition of vacant property
- #109 - require internet bidding option for Sheriff Sales and prohibit purchase by parties with tax delinquencies and unpaid building code judgments
- #110 – permit the Court to vacate judgments and dismiss the foreclosure action in no-bid situations
- #111 – create a statewide mortgage foreclosure registry
- #112 - expand powers regarding nuisance rental property
- #115 – 121 - update Housing Authority statutes to support Rental Assistance Demonstration program conversion
- #123 – align the definition of commercial property for BID assessments with the DOR’s property assessment manual

Highlights – Public Safety

- #1 - secure additional Shared Revenue or another new revenue source sufficient to accommodate future growth in public safety costs
- #44 – secure a State Medicaid Plan Amendment to supplement the reimbursement for public, Medicaid-eligible ground emergency transports
- #45 - create a new regional secure detention alternative to Lincoln Hills for violent offenders
- #90 – address the health and safety of individuals suffering from overdose/misuse of opioids
- #103 –amend the prohibited possessor statute to encompass habitual offenders, straw purchasers and “human holsters”
- #107 – expedite juvenile justice timelines

Highlights - Other

- #9 – exclude local expenditure increases related to a successful referendum from budget calculations used to determine expenditure restraint payments
- #15 – allow newly constructed tax-exempt property to be included in the net new construction calculation for the purpose of determining levy limits
- #64 – allow municipalities to obtain workplace and other data that would help facilitate debt collection and allow for the use of wage attachments
- #76 – eliminate the requirement that witnesses to absentee ballots must include their address or the ballot is rejected
- #127 – restore local control over MPS real estate sales