

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS
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| CATEGORY | PROPOSAL | DEPARTMENT |
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| Crime and Public Safety | Propose statute to provide that properly signed and issued parking citations constitute <i>prima facie</i> evidence of facts therein. | City Attorney |
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| | Propose amending the phrase "traffic officer" to "parking enforcer" as a person who enforces restrictions against unauthorized parking. | City Attorney |
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| | Create statute to allow only emergency vehicles to use amplified sound devices for purposes of emergency response situations. | City Attorney |
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| | Implement or support legislation related to development of the <i>State of Wisconsin Urban Search and Rescue Task Force</i> initiative. | Fire Department |
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| | Monitor Judges' re-write of Chapters 755 and 800 pertaining to Municipal Court operations. | Municipal Court |
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| | Amend Section 940.20 so that any person who intentionally causes bodily harm to a person employed enforcing state, county or city rules, laws or ordinances is guilty of a class D felony. | Dept. of Neighborhood Services |
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| | Penalty enhancer for crimes committed by 3 or more persons. | Police Dept. |
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| | Amend state law to allow for access by law enforcement agencies to juvenile records, including criminal, municipal and school attendance records. | Police Dept. |
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| | Allow Milwaukee Police Department to identify convicted felons during routine stops. | Police Dept. |
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| | Expansion of criminal background checks on all firearms purchased or transferred. | Police Dept. |
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| Crime and Public Safety | Prohibit secondary sales of handguns to individuals under the age of 21. | Police Dept. |
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| | Require ballistics fingerprinting for all guns sold in Wisconsin | Police Dept. |
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| | Create statutory prohibition to possess or purchase a firearm, if one has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime involving use of a firearm. | Police Dept. |
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| | Authorizing the City to establish a time frame (180 days) to pay and/or adjudicate a parking citation. (Debt Task Force) | DPW |
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| | Requiring City to reserve a specified number of on-street metered parking spaces for handicapped parking and to charge the authorized hourly rate; thereby rescinding provisions of Wis. Stat. 346. | DPW |
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| | Seek legislation permitting the use of red light running equipment. | Common Council |
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| | Support legislation that reduces proliferation of illegal handguns and increase penalties for their use. | |
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| Community Health | Strengthen immunization reporting requirements by schools and child care centers to local health departments. | Health Dept. |
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| | Seek and support legislation that will assist the Milwaukee Health Department achieve its 2010 goal of eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning. | Health Dept. |
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| Neighborhoods and Housing | Require County Condemnation Commission to explain how it determines 'just compensation.' (Amend Chapter 32) | City Attorney |
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| | Amend SS Chapter 236.02(12)(b), subdivision regulations to allow industrial properties to use the Certified Survey Map process instead of the subdivision plat process if more than 5 parcels are created in a 5-yr period. | DCD and City Attorney |
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| Infrastructure | Amend §84.06(1) to include stand-alone traffic control and lighting projects in the classification of an "improvement" or "highway improvement" so that they are eligible for Federal Highway Improvement and Safety Funds. | DPW |
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| | Oppose any changes to the governance structure of General Mitchell Airport that diminishes local control. | |
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| Environment | Amend Wis. Stats. §66.1333, 66.0119 & 75.377 to give first class cities, redevelopment authorities and counties the ability, in their discretion, to remove underground storage tanks (USTs) that are encountered as a result of inspections undertaken after obtaining special inspection warrants, so long as they pay the removal cost. | City Attorney |
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| | Create a state "e-waste" policy mandating manufacturer responsibility for recycling and/or disposal of electronics/computers/televisions. | DPW |
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| | Support Great Lakes Compact. | |
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| | Oppose any changes to the MMSD governance structure that does not ensure fair representation based on population and ability to pay. | |
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| Economic Well-Being | Amend §66.1333 so that RACM has special inspection rights to enter a spot-blighted parcel "to make inspection, surveys, appraisals, soundings or test borings, and obtain a court order for this purpose if entry is denied or resisted." | City Attorney |
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| | Repeal 2005 AB 657, Wis. Act 233, which created Wis. Stat. §32.03(6) which prohibits condemnation of property that is not blighted if the condemnor intends to convey or lease the property to a private entity. | City Attorney |
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| | Allow first class cities to pre-qualify bidders as other municipalities are allowed. | City Attorney |
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| | Remove the restriction that a "Class C" Wine License can only be granted if the license is for a restaurant in which the sale of alcohol beverages accounts for less than 50% of the gross receipts. | Common Council |

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| Administration and Finance | Amend 62.50(18) to eliminate the requirement that the City continue pay and benefits to discharged police personnel pending disposition of their appeal to the Fire and Police Commission. | Employee Relations |
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| | Repeal or amend §74.37, which allows property owners to submit a claim for over-assessment directly to circuit court, in addition to a board of review hearing and a certiorari court review. | Assessor/ City Attorney |
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| | Modify §70.11(21) to limit the property tax exemption for waste treatment and pollution abatement. | Assessor/ City Attorney |
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| | Amend 2005 Wis. Act 442 which amended Wis. Stat. §802.06(1), which shortened the "answer" period in litigation from 45 days to 20 days. Under this proposal, local government (cities, villages, towns, counties, school boards, redevelopment authorities) would retain the 45-day answer period like the state and the insurance companies. | City Attorney |
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| | Amend Wis. Stat. §70.11(4) to specify that residential property owned by "benevolent associations" is only tax exempt if it is used to provide housing for persons of low-income or special needs. | City Attorney |
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| | Seek clarification of the statute so that fax machines, copiers and multi-function devices are specifically included in the list of taxable personal property. | City Attorney |
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| | Propose shorter statute of limitation for tax claims. | City Attorney |
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| | Monitor legislation regarding cable television/video programming to protect city interests. | City Clerk |
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| | Allow the City of Milwaukee's City Service Commission to establish by rule the number of tests scores to be used in certifying candidates from eligible lists. | Employee Relations |
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| | Amend 62.50(16) to change the right of automatic adjournment in a police officer's disciplinary appeal to an adjournment for cause. | Employee Relations |

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| Administration and Finance | Amend 62.50(14) to change the 5 to 15 day deadline for police officers disciplinary appeal trials to a pre-trial hearing within 30 days and a trial within 60 days of the pre-trial hearing. | Employee Relations |
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| | Amend 62.50(1) and (17) to expand the authorized membership of the Fire and Police Commission to seven members provided that the quorum to hear and decide disciplinary appeals is a panel of three members. | Employee Relations |
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| | Oppose any changes to the MCFLS governance structure that does not ensure fair representation based on population. Oppose any efforts to mandate a reciprocal borrowing payment between system members. | Library |
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| | Authorizing cities to tow and/or boot legally or illegally parked vehicles for unpaid parking citations. (Debt Task Force) | DPW |
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| | Expand existing statutory language to allow municipalities to use income assignment orders. Income assignment orders are more favorable than conventional wage garnishments to collect both forfeiture and non-forfeiture debts. (Debt Task Force) | |

STATE BUDGET INITIATIVES
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| Crime and Public Safety | Support additional funding for State Crime Lab Forensic Analysis Unit. | Police Dept. |
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| | Create a State Witness Protection fund to ensure safety to cooperating witnesses. | Police Dept. |
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| | Continue \$750,000 appropriation toward targeted police program. | |
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| | Oppose additional state-imposed fees on municipal judgments. | Municipal Court |
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| Education | Increase Library System Aid to 10% of statewide local library expenditures. (DPI request is 13%.) | Library |
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| | Support DPI funding requests for Interlibrary Loan and Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped contracts. | Library |
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| | Support DPI request to fund the federally required conversion of the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped's recorded formal books from cassette to downloadable digital chips. | Library |
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| | Officially recognize and fund the Central Library as the State Resource Library. | Library |
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| | Correct the School Choice funding flaws: increase state share of Choice payment; equalized formula. | |
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| Community Health | State funding for the purchase of larvicide to assist in controlling West Nile Virus infections. | Health Dept. |
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| Community Health | Funding for Human Papillomaviruses (HPV) as part of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. | Health Dept. |
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| | Funding that begins to develop a School of Public Health at UWM. | |
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| Neighborhoods and Housing | Enact Housing Trust Fund initiatives. | |
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| Infrastructure | Restore GTA reimbursement rate to 1988 levels. | |
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| | Restore Connecting Highway Aid to 1988 level. | |
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| | Increase all other local transportation aids, including public transit alternatives. | |
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| | Increase funding for traffic calming devices. | |
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| Environment | Provide grant money for asbestos remediation either by expanding the Brownfield Program or by creating a new asbestos remediation program. | |
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| Economic Well-Being | Provide permanent funding for summer youth employment program in Milwaukee. | DCD |
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| | Increase funding for job training. | |
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| Administration and Finance | Increase shared revenue appropriation. | |
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