

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS
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CATEGORY	PROPOSAL	DEPARTMENT	
Community Health	Increase funding to test beach water quality and update DNR standards on closure of beaches to better fit unique circumstances that may arise.	Health Department	B
	Increase per capita funding for public health agencies in Wisconsin to be on par with states with similar size.	Health Department	B
	Increase funding for faculty and research at the UW-Milwaukee School of Public Health.	Health Department	B
	Provide funding for the Wisconsin Center for Health Equity.	Health Department	B
	Increase funding for preventing the spread of Tuberculosis.	Health Department	B
	Increase funding for programs to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.	Health Department	B
	Support efforts to ensure access to affordable health insurance for Milwaukee residents.	DOA-IRD	B
	Support the statewide smoking ban.	DOA-IRD	
Crime and Public Safety	*Amend Wis. Stat. §349.13 by replacing traffic officer with parking enforcer to clarify that parking checkers are able to enforce parking violations.	City Attorney	
	*Create §891.47 to establish a presumption in municipal court that a parking ticket is presumptive evidence of the facts therein.	City Attorney	
	*Amend the Juvenile Justice Code, Wis. Stat. §938.396 (2g) to allow law enforcement agencies and officers access to and copies of court records of juveniles for law enforcement purposes.	City Attorney	
	*Amend the Controlled Substances Act, Wis. Stat. §961.571, to better define drug paraphernalia.	Common Council	
	Prohibit the possession, use, or sale of synthetic marijuana statewide.	Common Council	
	*Create Wis. Stat. §349.175 to permit the impoundment of vehicles operated in violation of cruising related and other traffic ordinances. Require payment of forfeitures as a condition of release of the impounded vehicle.	Common Council	
	*Amend Wis. Stat. §167.10 to prohibit possession and use of fireworks statewide, strengthen state law for permitting of fireworks granted by state or any local jurisdiction, establish penalty for fireworks violation and establish enforcement jurisdiction where violation occurs.	Common Council	
	*Amend Wis. Stat. §346.74 to increase the fine for a hit and run accident.	Common Council	

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Crime and Public Safety	*Authorize the use of photographic traffic enforcement systems to detect red light running violations.	Common Council	
	*Amend Wis. Stat. 125.68 (3) Prohibit Class A and B licenses within 300 feet of a day care center.	Common Council	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §943.017 to change the graffiti penalty to felony.	Common Council	
	Expand municipal authority under Wis. Stat. §134.71 to approve, issue, deny, refuse renewal, suspend and revoke precious metal and gem dealer licenses.	Common Council	
	Extend the Police and Fire Protection Fee (911 Surcharge) created in Wis. Stat. §196.025 and distribute it to municipalities outside of the Shared Revenue program to support the cost of first responders.	DOA – Budget	B
	*Modify the format of vehicle registration stickers to reduce sticker theft.	Police	B
	<p>*Enact a Firearms Package that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Makes straw purchasing a felony (2009 AB 373). – Prohibits felons from being within 1,000 feet of a store that sells firearms, a gun show or a firing range. – Requires that private gun sales be brokered at a location that holds an FFL. Include reasonable exceptions (e.g., familial sales). – Requires the timely reporting of a lost or stolen firearm and criminalizes false filing (2009 AB 518). – Memorializes the federal prohibition of felons possessing ammunition (18 U.S.C. 922(g)). 	Police	
	*Amend Wis. Stat. §345 to establish a time frame (180 days) to pay and/or adjudicate a parking citation. Failure to do so will result in a plea of no contest, finding of guilt and a judgment entered.	DPW – Parking	
	*Create Wis. Stat. §349.132 to authorize cities to tow and/or boot any vehicle with multiple unpaid parking citations.	DPW – Parking	
	*Amend Wis. Stat. §346.56 (1m) to change the penalties for parking violations by removing the differentiation between the first and second offense.	DPW – Parking	
	Support initiatives to address the fraudulent use of handicapped parking cards.	DPW – Parking	

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Economic Well-Being	*Expand eligibility to the Homestead Property Tax Credit.	Common Council	B
	*Raise the income threshold for the Wisconsin Property Tax Deferral Loan Program to \$30,000.	Common Council	B
	*Amend Wis. Stat. §66.0309 so the SEWRPC board composition reflects the population proportion of member counties.	Common Council	
	Modify state formula for allocating Workforce Investment Act funding to MAWIB.	Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board	B
	Expand eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit.	DOA/IRD	B
Education	*Restore funding source for Public Education and Government (PEG) channels.	Common Council	
	*Increase funding for Library System Aid to 13% of statewide library expenditures, as required in the Department of Public Instruction's requested budget.	Library	B
	*Seek an exception to DOT's policy on freeway signage to allow signs to be posted for exits to the Historic Central Library.	Library	B
	*Officially recognize and provide funding for the Central Library as the State Resource Library to provide support for the Great Lakes Marine History Collection.	Library	B
	Seek to facilitate the transfer of surplus MPS buildings.	Common Council	
Environmental Sustainability	*Offset any increased recycling tipping fees with increased recycling grants.	DOA – Budget	B
	Seek incentives for utilities to expand energy efficiency initiatives by allowing them to earn a rate of return on such initiatives or expanding a portfolio requirement; and direct the PSC to allow and incentivize an on-bill fee for energy efficiency loans.	Environmental Sustainability	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §70.111 (18); Wis. Stat. §77.54 (30); Wis. Stat. §77.54 (56); Wis. Stat. §196.378 (1) (ar) to expand State tax incentives for solar installations.	Environmental Sustainability	B
	Include language in Department of Natural Resources Administrative Rule 216 (NR 216) to codify the agreement to include sediment reduction attributable to combined sewers toward municipalities' developed urban area performance standard outlined in NR 151.	Environmental Sustainability	
	*Provide funding to communities impacted by Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive pests for risk management and reforestation.	DPW – Operations	B

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Environmental Sustainability	Establish a product stewardship law administered by the Department of Natural Resources under which multiple product classes can be considered for designation under producer-funded stewardship programs.	DPW – Operations	
Infrastructure	*Expand funding for the Clean Water Program to further support sewer infrastructure replacement.	DOA – Budget	B
	*Increase funding for local road repair and replacement.	DOA – Budget	B
	*Include cargo handling equipment as eligible for Harbor Assistance Program grant funds.	Port	B
	Amend Wis. Stat. §145.06 to allow municipal utility employees to repair water and sewer service piping.	DPW – Water	
Neighborhoods and Housing	*Amend Wis. Stat. §458 to require mandatory licensure for all real estate appraisers.	Assessor	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §66.0903 (2) to exempt the following from prevailing wage requirements: construction, renovation, and demolition of residential properties containing 4 or fewer units, unless the property will house a government function.	Common Council	B
	Create Wis. Stat. §846.011 to include in the definition of owner an entity that causes a property to become abandoned through filing a foreclosure action.	DNS	
	Allow for a fee payable to the city to be charged at the time of filing a foreclosure action to cover the estimated cost of city services to ensure the property is not a blighting influence on the neighborhood while in the foreclosure process.	DNS	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §846.102 to shorten the redemption period for properties involved in a foreclosure action that meet the definition of being abandoned.	DNS	
	*Create a statewide employer-assisted housing program.	DOA – IRD	B
	Improve the mowing standard for highways and State or County owned properties in urban areas.	DPW – Operations	B
Administration and Finance	*Amend Wis. Stat. §70.03 to clarify the taxability of triple-net leased properties and contract rights.	Assessor	
	Discourage frivolous appeals by requiring a fee for appeals to the Board of Review.	Assessor	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §70.07 to require income and expense information to be submitted to BOA in 1 st class cities, similar to what is required in all other cities under §70.47 (af).	Assessor	B

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Administration and Finance	Amend Wisconsin Public Records Law, Wis. Stat. §19.31-39 to create a section on fees to be charged for electronic records.	City Attorney	
	Amend Wisconsin Public Records Law, Wis. Stat. §19.31-39 to create a "deliberative process" or "frank communication" exception.	City Attorney	
	Amend Wisconsin Public Records Law, Wis. Stat. §19.35 (3), to create a provision for charging requesters for a record custodian's actual and direct costs of redacting, or separating, portions of records that are not subject to public disclosure from portions that are subject to disclosure.	City Attorney	
	*Amend Wis. Stat. §341.35 to allow municipalities to charge the motor vehicle registration fee to vehicles greater than 8000 pounds.	Common Council	B
	*Seek an exception to Wis. Stat. §66.0628 to authorize the City to auction taxicab permits for payments exceeding the costs related to licensing.	Common Council	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §19.84 so that the electronic posting of meeting notices is sufficient to meet posting requirements.	Common Council	
	*Seek legislation that would grant cities of the first class the option of enacting a system where the chiefs of the fire and police departments are appointed by the Mayor.	Common Council	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §66.1105 (5) (b) to direct Department of Revenue to calculate the tax incremental base for TID 72 as though the requirements for a 2009 creation were met.	DCD	
	*Amend Wis. Stat. §66.1105 (6) (c) to allow for tax increments to be deposited into a separate fund for a tax incremental district, <u>or</u> into a consolidated fund for all tax increments received by a municipality.	DCD	
	*Amend Wis. Stat. §66.1105 (5) (bm) to keep property owned by the City and being marketed for redevelopment purposes out of the TID base.	DCD	
	*Allow the City of Milwaukee to enroll in the State's "municipal" health insurance plan.	DER	B
	Amend Wis. Stat. §63.39 (2m) to provide that veterans with the same test score are treated equally.	DER	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §111.70 (4) (cm) 7 to change the factors associated with collective bargaining to disallow inaccurate employer comparisons and more closely reflect the city's cost-of-living.	DER	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §814.65 (1) to increase the maximum allowable Municipal Court Fees.	DOA – Budget	
	Address inequity in municipal video franchise fee by including satellite providers.	DOA – Budget	B
	Change the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement for public libraries.	DOA – Budget	B

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Administration and Finance	*Amend Wis. Stat. §7.30 (2) to allow municipalities to draw poll workers from the county rather than just their respective municipality.	Election Commission	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §7.20 (2) so the City Board of Election Commissioners be non-partisan, similar to the State Government Accountability Board.	Election Commission	
	*Allow for additional satellite in-person absentee ballot sites.	Election Commission	
	Ensure accessibility in the electoral process.	DOA-IRD	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §43.30 (1m) to make it explicitly permissible to share public library records with collection agencies.	Library	
	Amend Wis. Stat. §323.42 (1) to reduce the amount of city liability that the City is responsible for before the State will indemnify for volunteer liability.	Emergency Management & Homeland Security	B

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