

CITY OF BEAVERTON 2023 LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The 2023 Legislative Framework is based on the Beaverton City Council annual goals and priorities that are developed through a lens of community vision, equity, fiscal sustainability, and climate action, and looks for opportunities to advance Beaverton's Climate Action Plan and Diversity Equity and Inclusion Plan implementation.

City Finance and Operations

Framework: Protect the city's ability to **manage city operations effectively and efficiently, reduce liabilities and costs** and **fund needed local improvements equitably**. Taxpayers deserve the highest quality and cost-effective use of their dollars. **Oppose increased contracting requirements for cities** without flexibility or funding. **Protect revenue sharing and local revenue sources** from reduction or limitation.

Support:

- o \$2 million capital construction funding to complete the South Cooper Mountain Non-potable Water Project (aka purple pipe)
- o State funding for infrastructure that reduces costs and impacts on community members
- o Streamlining collaboration with partners on infrastructure (in-conduit hydro generation)
- o Replacing lost State revenue and allowing local determination of local cannabis tax rate

Oppose:

- o Reductions in local funding streams or restrictions on funding tools without State replacement funding

Land Use, Sustainability and Housing

Framework: Protect the city's ability to provide **efficient and equitable services through smart planning** for urban areas in and adjacent to Beaverton that are intended to come into city jurisdictions. Support investments in **more housing options at all levels of affordability**, both rental and ownership, while maintaining local control and home rule authority. Urge state funding for local implementation of new land use regulations.

Support:

- o Operational and capital funding to address urgent unhoused community needs.
- o Equitable access to housing opportunities; support housing stability and long-term housing safety while removing structural barriers that have historically disadvantaged certain groups.

- Options for increased energy efficiency and GHG reduction in buildings
- Funding to implement State Climate Friendly and Equitable Community rules

Public Health and Safety

Framework: Support **effective public safety structures and processes** that serve the community across all constituencies, while acknowledging and correcting systemic racism. **Ensure appropriate community response, including use of force, especially when engaging with vulnerable populations and those impacted by systemic racism.** Consider community-focused approaches to addressing mental health and addiction treatment equitably.

Support:

- Community safety and active transportation with more local control of traffic speed and calming options
- Funding for innovative behavior health services while removing structural barriers that have historically disadvantaged certain groups.
- Funding for community response teams while removing structural barriers that have historically disadvantaged certain groups.

Infrastructure and Economic Development

Framework: Support legislation that ensures effective and efficient deployment of resources to **expand and/or improve physical and human infrastructure**. Facilitate options and funding for considering **local control of transportation facilities within the City**. Maintain City-control over ROW infrastructure and franchise fees. Protect economic development tools that facilitate job and housing production.

Support:

- Expanding workforce development training and funding tools while removing structural barriers that have historically disadvantaged certain groups so that everyone has access to the opportunities and tools they need to thrive.
- State funding to upgrade State-owned Highways within Beaverton to City-quality facilities and attain local control of those upgraded facilities.

Oppose:

- Reductions in tax exemption programs that undermine the effectiveness of job creation and housing production in Beaverton.