



Congressional Resolution 2401

A Resolution containing issues described by the Mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Municipal Finance.

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Municipal Finance is a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is the only state in the Union that does not allow municipalities the ability to diversify their tax base outside of sales tax for daily operations and capital obligations; and


WHEREAS, restructuring of the Oklahoma Tax System would enhance the health and vitality of Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Municipal Finance:


1. Oppose sales tax exemptions on certain services and products already collecting sales tax through sales tax permits; and opposing any new sales tax exemption. Review all sales tax exemptions to prove economic justification every two years; and,
2. Oppose elimination of all portions of the grocery sales tax; and,
3. Oppose legislation restricting or limiting TIF districts; work to allow municipalities to work cooperatively on joint TIF districts; and,
4. Support efforts to modernize Oklahoma Tax Commission policies by establishing an annual "sale for resale" permit to aid in compliance of the sale for resale tax exemptions; and,
5. For any tax-exemption Legislation filed, the State shall conduct a comprehensive fiscal impact statement for all political subdivisions prior to any floor vote; and,
6. Oppose efforts to allow Oklahoma counties to establish county economic development that organizations for the purposes of collecting sales tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS DURING THE 13TH SESSION OF THE OKLAHOMA CONGRESS OF MAYORS:

THAT the issues contained in this resolution have been ratified by the Oklahoma Mayors Congress and will be forwarded to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the members of the Oklahoma Legislature.



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Congressional Resolution 2402

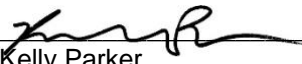
A Resolution containing issues described by the Mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Transportation and Infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Transportation and Infrastructure are critical issues facing Oklahoma municipalities:

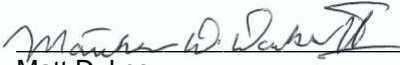
1. Prioritize municipal road improvements by developing more equitable apportionment of all tax sources to the responsible government entities based on need using all available data and resources to determine actual need; and,
2. Support approval of state funding to municipalities for the purpose of expanding broadband access across the state; and,
3. Support faster, more efficient disbursement of federal infrastructure funding that is administered by the state for municipal projects with no fees charged by the state to municipalities; and,
4. Require that all contracts issued by the Oklahoma Broadband Office contain language that municipalities and rights of way owners be notified before any installation occurs; and,
5. Require reimbursement for the municipal portion of the updates needed to systems due to the changes from the 2021 Revised Lead and Copper Rule.

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A Resolution containing issues described by the Mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Municipal Operations.

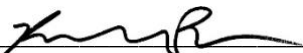
WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma have determined that the fiscal sustainability of Municipal Operations is a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities and that democratic principles should allow municipalities to respond to local citizen demands; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Municipal Operations:

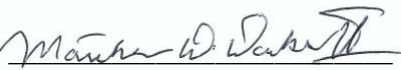
1. Support a statutory requirement of 10 hours of continuing education for municipal elected governing officials or individuals appointed to an elected position, appointed positions to planning commissions to include online education, in-person, or specific Oklahoma Municipal League conference attendance on an annual basis; and
2. Support changes to the Open Meetings Act to allow a public body to hold meetings by electronic means; and only as declared by local mayor or his/her designee according to ordinance and charter during declared emergencies as defined.
3. Support legislation to enable municipalities to utilize instant run-off (AKA Ranked Choice) voting, if so desired by the local electorate; and,
4. Support legislation that provides municipalities the option to charge fees for annual inspection and implement a compliance inspection program to ensure medical marijuana businesses that store, sell, grow, and manufacture are complying with the certificate of compliance issued by the municipality; and,
5. Support legislation that will develop a criteria for sanitary sewer systems that will limit the liability of a municipality.
6. Support legislation to keep municipal election scheduled as they currently are.
7. Support legislation to require election boards to verify candidates' place of residency with the county assessor under penalty of law.

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Congressional Resolution 2404

A Resolution containing issues described by the Mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Community and Economic Development.

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Community and Economic Development are critical issues facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most critical issues in the subject of Community and Economic Development:

1. Support the continuation of the REAP program with funding to increase to at least \$44,000,000; and,
2. Maintaining the processes in place regarding the formulation and approval of tax incremental finance (TIF) districts and opposing any efforts to discourage the use, promotion and implementation of TIF districts; and,
3. Support increasing the cap on the Filmed in Oklahoma Rebate Program.
4. Allow municipalities to collect tax on storage unit rentals.
5. Support the creation of a statewide municipal grant application support program in conjunction with our public colleges and universities
6. Oppose the elimination of the state grocery sales tax as proposed. Such elimination will likely lead to the eventual elimination of local grocery sales tax too.

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Congressional Resolution 2405

A Resolution containing issues described by the mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Public Safety.

WHEREAS, the mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Public Safety is a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Public Safety:

1. Support language that clarifies how firearms should be safely carried as proposed by HB 2590 which states: If the firearm is not held in the hand, but rather is carried on the person in a holster or sling in a general vertical position where the barrel of the firearm is safely pointed with muzzle up unchambered or down direction, or in a case designed for carrying firearms. The provisions do not apply while lawfully using a firearm; and
2. Support language to allow municipalities the authority to grant certain employees and public officials while conducting city business the ability to carry firearms with proper training as ordained by the governing body; and,
3. Support language that will allow for municipalities the installation of cameras or other public safety equipment on State Highways within their incorporated limits; and
4. Support language that will provide for penalties for assault and battery on code enforcement officers. [Amend Title 21 Section 649 Subparagraph C]

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