



2019 State Legislative Agenda

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Jamie Justice, Town Manager
Date: November 6, 2018
Re: 2019 State Legislative Agenda

1. OVERVIEW

The North Carolina General Assembly convenes January 9th for the biennial (long) session. The town of Davidson has historically created a state legislative agenda to further the town's goals and advocate for what's in the best interest of Davidson. The long session provides for local bills to be introduced with the help of our legislators that could potentially address issues specific to Davidson. As a part of the state legislative agenda, the town also has historically endorsed the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) municipal advocacy goals that address statewide issues that help all towns in North Carolina.

Attached is a draft 2019 legislative agenda for the board to review. At the November 6th board meeting, the board will be asked to provide feedback/changes on the legislative agenda.

Attached is the 2018 state legislative agenda for reference. 2018 was the short session for the General Assembly which has limitations on legislation that can be introduced and business conducted.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

List core value(s):

Citizens entrust town government with the stewardship of public funds, so government will provide high quality services at a reasonable cost.

Davidson exists in proximity to and is interdependent with other jurisdictions, so we strive for local, regional, state and federal cooperation.

List which constituents are served:

All citizens of Davidson.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

Option 1: Create and approve a 2019 State legislative agenda.

Pros:

Creating a state legislative agenda for the town communicates the priorities to our citizens and our state legislators.

Creating a state legislative agenda provides the priorities for the mayor and commissioners to advocate for with the legislature.

Cons:

None.

Option 2: Do not create a 2019 State legislative agenda.

Pros:

None.

Cons:

Not creating a state legislative agenda for the town that communicates the priorities to our state legislators leaves the town's voice unheard.

Not creating a state legislative agenda that the Mayor and Board of commissioners are unified on could result in mixed messages and communication issues with our legislators.

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

For discussion purposes.

5. NEXT STEPS

Based on the direction from the board, the 2019 State Legislative agenda would be on the December 11th meeting agenda for board approval.