



## 2019 State Legislative Agenda

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners  
From: Jamie Justice, Town Manager  
Date: November 27, 2018  
Re: 2019 State Legislative Agenda

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### 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 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.

The board reviewed the draft at the November 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The board asked staff to add two sections (d and e) that are highlighted that address preservation of trees and teardowns/exempt subdivisions.

### 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

Recommend approval of the 2019 State Legislative Agenda.

### 5. NEXT STEPS

If the board approves the 2019 State Legislative Agenda, the Mayor will send it to the state legislators representing Davidson and to the NC League of Municipalities. Board members can use this agenda with legislators for discussion and advocacy purposes during the long session.