



City of Saint Peter Legislative Priorities

The non-prioritized list provided below outlines the areas of importance that the City Council has discussed and hopes to promote this Legislative year. If you have additional questions on any of these items, please feel free to contact us or City Administrator Prafke using the contact information below.

LOCAL ISSUES

- **Gorman Park and TREEmendous playground.** This playground, as you may recall, was built in the aftermath of the tornado over 20 years ago. The playground is at the end of its life cycle and a replacement playground with similar activities is estimated to cost over \$700,000. Full park redesign is estimated at \$2 million.
- **Fire Station.** Construction inflation has increased substantially and while we are within \$430,000 of the overall budget, we could use some financial assistance to close that gap. Many projects that received sales tax approval for a fixed amount that have come in over budget due to unprecedented inflation are now experiencing shortfalls from sales tax proceeds. Is there anything our legislators can do to aid in this issue?
- **Safe Routes to School.** This is another important grant funding program that the City has used very effectively here in Saint Peter. We have been awarded funds multiple times in the past, however, inflation in this recent cycle has impacted the scope of our latest project. It's our hope that additional funding can be provided to cover some of those inflationary costs and to continue to fund this grant program into the future.

STATEWIDE ISSUES

- **Local Government Aid.** Saint Peter continues to depend heavily on Local Government Aid (LGA) and the City Council hopes that with the current substantial surplus, the State could change the funding formula to provide additional dollars that would help cities catch up with the inflationary pressures we face.
- **Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP)** The Council believes in and has utilized this funding in the past. We believe that we have been excellent stewards of those State grant funds and think that additional funding in that grant category would not only help Saint Peter, but would also help our area and other local units of government.
- **Rank Choice Voting.** The Council believes that cities should have the ability to determine whether Rank Choice Voting works for their community. Allowing local autonomy in this area should be provided.
- **THC Regulation.** This is an issue that needs additional State regulation. While it is true the City can place its own rules in this area, the Council believes a mismatched patchwork of rules does not benefit the citizens of our state and more uniformity is needed. The City of Saint Peter currently does not regulate THC.

- **Food Waste Processing.** The Council believes that additional financial assistance and incentives should be given to promote Food Waste Processing. The expansion on these processors would have tremendous impact on the nature of solid waste in our community and bring substantial environmental advantages.
- **Day Care.** This is a great challenge now more than ever and additional financial assistance is needed for both State and County regulated day care businesses.
- **Lawns to Legumes Program through the BWSR.** This has been a value program in our community and has provided great education and opportunity for all residents to impact the environment in a positive way. More funding should be provided.

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