

A POLICY RESOLUTION

establishing a revised policy for intergovernmental relations;
adopting legislative tracking priorities for the 2018 federal and
state legislative sessions.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City Council to identify and express its views on proposed legislation and budget actions that have a potential impact upon the City; and

WHEREAS, these matters are routinely considered by the Congress of the United States, the Missouri General Assembly and other legislative, regulatory and policy-making bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to communicate its needs and priorities to members of the City's legislative delegations and appropriate state and federal funding agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Policy Resolution 7-14 adopted on January 21, 2014, which established a policy for intergovernmental relations, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, hereby establishes the following intergovernmental relations guidelines.

A. Objective: The objective of the City of Columbia's intergovernmental relations policy is to take timely and effective action to support or oppose proposals affecting the City at state and federal levels.

B. Foundation for City Council actions: The City of Columbia, Missouri Strategic Plan as periodically adopted by City Council; the City budget, adopted annually by the City Council before October 1st; and information on legislative and funding risks and opportunities that flows through City Council members, citizens, boards and commissions, City staff members, the City's contract lobbyist, other public entities, legislators, associations, interest groups and others.

C. Overall guiding principles: Positions on proposed legislation, policies, rules and budgets may be communicated by individual City Council members, by the City Council as a whole or by the City Manager, as generally authorized by the City Council, when those proposals have the potential to:

1. Affect the City's ability to live within its financial means or draw upon local revenue sources;

2. Impose new mandates without new funding;
3. Affect local government discretion, in balance with City values and priorities; or
4. For any other reason the City Council deems appropriate.

D. City Manager's Office: The City Manager's Office coordinates intergovernmental relations activities as generally authorized by the City Council. The City Manager may designate one or more staff members to support this work.

E. City Offices: City offices may be asked to assess legislative, policy and fiscal impact in a timely manner and to identify legislative and funding risks and opportunities.

F. Consultants: The City may contract with consultants in order to address special priorities and maintain continuing relationships with legislators and administrative officials.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri adopts the legislative tracking priorities set out in Appendix A.

SECTION 4. The City Manager is authorized to communicate the expected impact of proposed legislation and budget, regulatory and policy actions to members of the City's legislative delegations and appropriate state and federal funding agencies.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor