

SUBMITTED BY: **Councilor Clinton P. Woods, Chairperson**
 Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL'S 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham has long been a steward of the public's safety, health and welfare within the corporate limits, police, and planning jurisdictions of its communities; and

WHEREAS, the Birmingham City Council, by statutory authority, is the legislative branch of government that uses a legislative agenda as a tool to support the goals, strategies and priorities of the City of Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, the development of the City's legislative agenda enables the legislative branch of government to plan and respond to most legislative matters as they arise and evidence can be provided to state and federal elected officials so that they are aware of items that are important to the City of Birmingham.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Birmingham City Council hereby approves and supports the 2023 legislative agenda that includes, but not limited to: automated photographic traffic enforcement system, exhibition driving bill, bill to cap employee liability, amending the AL Competitive Bid law to add computers, programs, software applications, and automobile parts, the enhancement of fines for littering and dumping, amending the AL Land Bank Act to allow municipalities to acquire tax delinquent properties in certain instances, administrative warrants to support code enforcement, foreclosure authority for municipal liens, and the addition of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the City of Birmingham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Birmingham City Council, with Mayor Randall L. Woodfin concurring, will advocate for the stated legislative agenda items until each item has been enacted, amended, and/or presented to voters as a constitutional amendment.

ADOPTED this Twenty Eighth Day of February Two Thousand Twenty Three.

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City of Birmingham
State Legislative Agenda 2023- Priority List

1.	<u>Exhibition Driving Bill:</u> Seek legislative support to fine or jail exhibition drivers or impound the cars of exhibition drivers. Exhibition driving is identified as driving a vehicle in a manner which disturbs the peace by creating or causing unnecessary engine noise, tire squeal, skid, or slide upon acceleration or braking--- or, driving and executing or attempting one or a series of unnecessarily abrupt turns.	Sponsor(s): Rep. Allen Treadaway; Sen. Roger Smitherman
2.	<u>Bill to Cap Employee Liability:</u> This bill would exempt agents, officers, and employees of a Class 1 Municipality from personal liability for damages for injury done or wrong suffered while the agent, officer, or employee was acting in the line and scope of his or her duty, unless the actions were either intentional, willful, or wanton. Any grant of immunity from personal liability provided by this section shall not affect the municipality's liability for official actions of its agents, officers, or employees, nor the municipal liability limits set forth in Section 11-47-190, Code of Alabama 1975	Sponsor(s):
3.	<u>Alabama Land Bank Act Amendment:</u> Amends provisions of the existing Alabama Land Bank Act; Allows local land bank authorities to acquire tax delinquent properties; Adds possibility of the temporary creation of a local land bank authority by the Governor upon declaration of a natural disaster.	Sponsor(s): Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison; Rep. Neil Rafferty
4.	<u>Automated Photographic Traffic Enforcement System:</u> Allow Law Enforcement to have another tool to enforce traffic laws.	Sponsor(s):
5.	<u>Alabama Competitive Bid Law be amended to add computer programs, software applications and automotive parts to exceptions for the competitive bidding requirements:</u> This authority would expedite the lengthy bureaucratic process procurement of necessary items that have already been legally bid by the State of Alabama.	Sponsor(s):
6.	<u>Enabling legislation to enhance fines for littering and dumping and weed abatement:</u> The City is committed to creating a clean and safe environment for its citizens and needs the ability to strengthen fines and penalties to increase compliance and enforcement	Sponsor(s):
7.	<u>Tie vehicle-related fines to supporting mechanism:</u> The City is currently seeking additional authority in collecting parking fines to ensure compliance and enforcement	Sponsor(s):
8.	<u>Administrative warrants to support code enforcement:</u> This bill would authorize an administrative official of a governmental entity involved in the administration of a public welfare law to seek and obtain from a judicial officer an administrative warrant in order to enter upon premises and conduct an inspection authorized by the law.	Sponsor(s):

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9.	<u>Foreclosure Authority for Municipal Liens:</u> This bill would establish a procedure for a Class 1 municipality to conduct a judicial in rem foreclosure of non-owner-occupied property that does not comply with local building codes.	Sponsor(s):
10.	<u>Foreclosure Authority on Demolition and other liens:</u> This bill would grant authority to action towards properties with liens, that are foreclosed, or are a nuisance.	Sponsor(s):
11.	<u>Birmingham Housing Trust Fund:</u> The City of Birmingham's Housing Trust Fund should be structured as closely to the State Housing Trust Fund as possible.	Sponsor(s):
12.	<u>Alabama Vacant Property Registration Bill:</u> Relating to Class 1 municipalities; to grant a Class 1 municipality the authority to enact by ordinance provisions for vacant property registration, to require a registration fee for the registration of vacant properties and to enact and enforce maintenance standards for vacant properties.	Sponsor(s):

**** Legislation we will advocate for, at the state agency level:**

13.	<u>State Low Income Housing Tax Credit:</u> Currently, there is one allocation of credits for the entire state to developers for affordable/ multi-family developments. This legislation seeks expansion of allocations.	Sponsor(s):
14.	<u>Affordable Housing Trust Fund:</u> Alabama has an Alabama Housing Trust Fund, but the Fund has never been provided an appropriation. This should be an annual ask that is a part of the City's state legislative agenda should this Fund be developed.	