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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carie Anne Ergo, Village Administrator
FROM: Jill Hanssen, Deputy Clerk/Executive Assistant
DATE: December 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the Illinois Municipal League 2026 State Legislative Agenda

<p>RECOMMENDED MOTION: Motion to Adopt the Illinois Municipal League 2026 State Legislative Agenda.</p>
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memo is to request that the Itasca Village Board officially adopt the Illinois Municipal League's (IML's) 2026 State Legislative Agenda and authorize the Mayor or his designee(s) to advocate for legislation in the 2026 Legislative Session that is consistent with IML's legislative priorities.

DISCUSSION

The Illinois Municipal League (IML) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to unifying and advocating for the interests of municipalities in Illinois. Serving as a collective voice for local governments, it fosters collaboration and provides resources to address common challenges, promoting effective governance.

Each year, the IML adopts a State Legislative Agenda (SLA) to establish positions on legislative issues that collectively benefit member municipalities. As a longstanding member of the League, the Village has consistently supported IML's platform to uphold and safeguard municipal rights.

This year's SLA supports IML's core values to:

- Promote local decision making
- Promote and preserve home rule authority
- Oppose unfunded mandates
- Preserve the right of municipalities to decide employee wages and benefits
- Protect state-shared revenues

By approving this resolution, the Board affirms its support of IML's SLA agenda and authorizes the Mayor or his designee(s) to advocate for legislation that aligns with it.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the item be forwarded to the Village Board First Reading on December 16, 2025, for consideration and approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A - IML State Legislative Agenda
Resolution

AFTER ACTION STEPS

Send copy of Resolution to IML

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ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

2026

State Legislative Agenda



December 6, 2025



Introducing the 2026 IML State Legislative Agenda

As the statewide representative of the 1,294 cities, villages and towns in Illinois, the Illinois Municipal League (IML) is pleased to provide its 2026 State Legislative Agenda.

Each year, IML conducts meetings of its six policy committees to discuss and consider legislative proposals submitted by municipal officials from throughout the state. These proposals are recommended to the IML Legislative Committee for further consideration and then, ultimately, to the IML Board of Directors for approval.

This agenda, along with the 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda, IML Resolutions and annually-updated IML Legislative Principles and Policies, serves as a foundational document for IML’s advocacy efforts.

This year’s agenda builds on IML’s core values to promote local decision making, promote and preserve home rule authority, oppose unfunded mandates, preserve the right of municipalities to decide employee wages and benefits and protect state shared revenues.

It is critical that municipal and state officials work cooperatively to provide for the health, safety and welfare of their shared constituencies. IML is proud to partner with the General Assembly and all other interested parties in order to better serve cities, villages and towns in Illinois.

Additional information about IML’s advocacy efforts, including position papers, fact sheets, legislative reports and more is available at iml.org/legislative.

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Revenue and Finance

FULLY FUND ALL STATE SHARED REVENUES

IML supports the General Assembly fully funding all state shared revenues.

Background

It is critical that Illinois municipalities receive the revenues necessary to offer essential services that provide for the health, safety and welfare of their communities. This partnership must continue in good faith and recognition that many services that benefit Illinoisans are provided by local governments.

The Solution

The General Assembly should fully fund all state shared revenues, such as: Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT), Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), Transportation Renewal Fund (TRF), State Use Tax (UT) and Cannabis LGDF.

NON-HOME RULE MOTOR FUEL TAX (OUTSIDE OF COOK COUNTY)

HB 1283 (Rep. DeLuca, D-Chicago Heights)

IML supports allowing all non-home rule municipalities to impose a local Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) not to exceed 3 cents per gallon.

Background

Public Act 101-0032, effective January 1, 2020, provided, in part, that non-home rule municipalities within Cook County may impose a tax on motor fuel, by ordinance, not to exceed 3 cents per gallon, in 1-cent increments. With that legislation, only non-home rule municipalities within Cook County or those with more than 100,000 residents are able to impose a local MFT on fuel sold at retail locations within the municipality.

The Solution

The General Assembly should provide flexibility for non-home rule municipalities to utilize additional revenue sources by expanding the authority to impose a local MFT.



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MFT Fact Sheet



State Regulation

BIOMETRIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT

IML supports exempting data centers from liability under Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA).

Background

BIPA was created to give individuals control over their own biometric data when fingerprints, facial scans or other personal identifiers are collected and used for security or timekeeping systems or other uses. Enacted in 2008, BIPA has generated significant civil litigation activity, and the ongoing liability risks to data center operators is inhibiting local municipalities' economic development and attraction efforts.

The Solution

The General Assembly should exempt data centers from liability under BIPA for greater effectiveness in data center recruitment efforts.

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E-BIKE REGULATION

IML supports the implementation of uniform statewide regulatory standards for electric bicycles (e-bikes), aligning their classification, operation and enforcement protocols with those applicable to motorcycles.

Background

The use of e-bikes is greatly increasing across the state, leading to growing concerns about safety and the lack of regulation. The State of Illinois provides units of local government with limited authority to establish and implement local ordinances to regulate e-bikes. Such ordinances do not effectively manage the rising number of e-bikes and their impact on traffic, pedestrian safety and public spaces. As a result, stronger and more uniform regulations are necessary.

The Solution

Illinois should develop comprehensive, up-to-date e-bike regulations that balance safety, accessibility and innovation similar to motorcycle regulations, allowing for increased enforcement and compliance.

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION OF NOTICES

SB 29 (Sen. Castro, D-Elgin)
HB 3069 (Rep. Ford, D-Chicago)

IML supports allowing municipalities to fulfill statutorily-mandated newspaper publication requirements by providing notice on the municipality's website and on a publicly available, searchable online database operated independently from the municipality.

Background

State law imposes a significant number of mandated publication requirements for communicating governmental information to the public. Public notices are an important and beneficial service provided to citizens. These notice requirements also add costs to local governments and their taxpayers, particularly for mandates to place notices in newspapers.

The Solution

Municipalities should be allowed to fulfill public notice mandates electronically, providing greater transparency and access for the public. Publication of notices in newspapers would remain an option for communicating information to the public.

LocalPublicNotices.org

T ransparency

KRATOM REGULATION

IML supports creating statewide regulations for kratom products including 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH).

Background

Kratom is a growing concern in Illinois because it is unregulated and can cause serious health problems. Currently, there are no statewide standards for manufacturing, labeling or selling kratom 7-OH products. Kratom, which can be sold to minors in Illinois, also has documented addictive properties.

The Solution

To address the risks of kratom, the state should adopt common-sense baseline regulations, including setting a minimum purchase age, requiring clear labeling with dosage and health warnings and mandating product testing to ensure purity and safety. Retailers should be licensed and monitored to prevent illegal sales, similar to adult-use cannabis requirements.

STATE PERMITTING REFORM

IML supports the establishment of a specific timeline within which state agencies must complete their review of permit applications.

Background

State agencies often take significant time to process agreements and review municipal permit applications, in many cases longer than one year. This can result in lapsed funding sources, significant increases in project costs and continued degradation of critical infrastructure as time elapses. Municipalities are subject to statutory timelines for the review and issuance of permits in some cases. State agencies should be required to meet similar timelines.

The Solution

Establishing a specific timeline for state agencies to review municipal permit applications will result in reasonable completion times for projects, reduced construction costs and upgraded infrastructure on a more timely basis.

FOIA BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE TRANSPARENCY

IML supports allowing municipalities to fulfill Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for officer-worn body camera footage without redaction.

Background

Municipalities and police departments receive countless FOIA requests for officer-worn body camera footage. This footage must be painstakingly reviewed and redactions made in accordance with existing law. Footage only a few minutes in length often takes several hours to redact. The sheer number of FOIA requests for this type of footage, coupled with the length of time it takes to redact it, results in police departments hiring additional staff simply for this purpose or diverting employees and officers from their existing job duties, impacting the public safety of communities.

The Solution

The General Assembly should remove the requirement of redacting footage and allow the fulfillment of FOIA requests by providing complete body camera footage, which will provide the public with clear and full records and will result in immediate financial savings, while bolstering transparency.

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OFFICER-WORN BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE FOIA REQUEST RELIEF HB 3380 (Rep. Slaughter, D-Chicago)

IML supports allowing municipal personnel to fulfill FOIA requests for officer-worn body camera footage only for persons that are a party to the incident, through a court order or to the media.

Background

Municipalities and police departments receive countless FOIA requests for officer-worn body camera footage. Satisfying these requests is labor-intensive and time-consuming. For officer-worn body camera footage, the frequency of requests combined with the labor required for proper redaction requires police departments to hire additional personnel or reassign other staff and officers, diverting resources from other critical community safety priorities.

The Solution

Limiting the fulfillment of FOIA requests for officer-worn body camera footage to those received from parties to the incident, those that are court-ordered or to the media will minimize time and resources spent on superfluous requests and redactions. The result will be immediate financial savings.

PARITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS HB 3382 (Rep. Slaughter, D-Chicago)

IML supports eliminating burdensome reporting requirements in the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act by aligning them with those of the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act.

Background

Municipal police departments are required to provide an annual report to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board detailing the composition of the department, the number of body-worn cameras used by the department and any technical issues with the equipment and how those issues were remedied, as prescribed in the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act. However, police departments that receive grant funding under the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act are subject to more burdensome reporting requirements including a list of any criminal, traffic, ordinance and civil cases in which in-car video recordings were used. Some municipal police departments forgo applying for this grant funding because they do not have the time or resources to satisfy the conflicting reporting requirements.

The Solution

The General Assembly should bring parity between the reporting requirements of the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act and the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act to simplify compliance efforts.

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CRIME-FREE HOUSING AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT

IML supports the preservation of municipal authority to enact crime-free housing or nuisance abatement ordinances as a means to preserve and promote safety and minimize disruptions in communities while preventing discriminatory policies and practices.

Background

Crime-free housing and nuisance abatement ordinances aim to increase public safety by establishing penalties for criminal activity occurring on rental properties. Some legislators have sought to minimize, if not fully remove, municipal authority to implement these policies. Municipal housing policies should be implemented at the local level and prioritize public safety, accessibility and community needs.

The Solution

Municipalities should maintain the authority to enact crime-free housing and nuisance abatement ordinances that improve safety in communities and adhere to strict guidelines to prevent discrimination in application and protect the rights of both tenants and landlords.

HOUSING PROGRAMS — PRESERVE EXISTING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

IML supports the preservation of existing municipal authority to implement housing programs, ordinances and affordable housing measures that uphold and adhere to local zoning policies.

Background

The State of Illinois provides units of local government with limited authority to establish and implement responsible housing programs that benefit their residents and comply with municipal zoning regulations. Municipal governments must maintain the authority to enact and enforce policies that are carefully considered through the lens of the needs and priorities of each individual community. Removing this authority disregards the voices of local residents and elected officials and runs the risk of putting undue strain on community infrastructure and services.

The Solution

Existing municipal authority to implement housing programs should be preserved to provide adequate housing options, promote the welfare of residents and support local development goals and zoning practices and policies.

HOW DOES IML TAKE BILL POSITIONS?

IML reviews all legislative items filed by the Illinois General Assembly and takes positions on those that may impact municipal governments. When IML supports or opposes a bill, we often file a witness slip when the bill is posted to a Senate or House of Representatives committee hearing. However, that only represents a small portion of the bills IML takes a position on or tracks. IML has six defined bill positions that may be assigned to tracked legislation, which are then posted on our website at iml.org/billtracking. IML's positions and their meanings are as follows:

Support

The bill or amendment may benefit municipal governments.

Oppose

The bill or amendment may harm municipal governments.

Neutral

The bill or amendment may have an impact on municipalities, but affects municipalities differently based on demographics, geographic location or other differential issues. In these cases, municipalities might elect to convey their individual positions to legislators. The final bill may also be the result of negotiations involving IML or other organizations, which resulted in objections being resolved toward municipal interests, so neither a "support" nor "oppose" position is necessary.

No Position

No Position may indicate a belief by IML that the bill or amendment doesn't impose a harm or benefit or there is no need to take a position at this time.

Bill of Interest

These are bills that IML may take a position on at a later point during the legislative session and is actively monitoring but without a position determination.

Under Review

These are bills or amendments for which IML staff is seeking additional information before developing a formal position. Updates are provided when IML takes a formal position on bills or amendments previously designated as Under Review. The updates will indicate the bill or amendment position and that the legislation had previously been Under Review.



About the Illinois Municipal League

For more than a century, IML has served municipalities as the nonprofit, nonpolitical association for all 1,294 cities, villages and towns in Illinois.

IML is the statewide, community-focused advocacy and educational organization giving municipalities a powerful presence and voice in our state and national capitals.

For more information about IML or its programs and services, please visit iml.org or contact any member of our legislative and legal advocacy teams at (217) 525-1220.

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CORE VALUES

- Promote Local Decision Making
- Promote and Preserve Home Rule Authority
- Expand Non-Home Rule Authority
- Oppose Unfunded Mandates and Preemption
- Preserve the Rights of Municipalities to Decide Employee Wages and Benefits
- Protect State Shared and Other Local Revenues



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RESOLUTION 1679-26

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Village of Itasca is a member of the Illinois Municipal League (IML); and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal League develops its annual State Legislative Agenda (SLA) with the goal of establishing a comprehensive platform on legislative issues in order to protect and benefit the interests of its member municipalities, residents and businesses in these municipalities, and the region generally; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal League Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt its 2026 SLA, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Itasca, will individually benefit by formally establishing positions on legislative issues affecting municipalities, thereby giving clear direction to officials and employees of the Village of Itasca regarding legislative positions that may be represented in official capacity or on behalf of the municipality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Itasca, DuPage County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Village of Itasca hereby adopts the Illinois Municipal League's 2026 SLA, which is attached and supports IML's core values to:

- Promote local decision-making; and
- Promote and preserve home rule authority; and
- Oppose unfunded mandates; and
- Preserve the right of municipalities to decide employee wages and benefits; and
- Protect state-shared revenues.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor or his designee(s) may represent the Village of Itasca's position on state or federal legislation that is consistent with the approved IML 2026 State Legislative Agenda.

SECTION THREE: A copy of this Resolution should be forwarded to the Illinois Municipal League, to all state legislators representing the Village of Itasca, and to the Office of the Governor.

SECTION FOUR: SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or

unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION FIVE: REPEAL OF PRIOR RESOLUTIONS. All prior Resolutions and Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby expressly repealed only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION SIX: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in effect immediately from and after its passage and approval.

	Trustee Aiani	Trustee Christensen	Trustee Daly	Trustee Gavanes	Trustee Leahy	Trustee Powers	Mayor Pruyn
Aye	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>						

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Itasca this 6th day of January, 2026.

APPROVED:

Village President Jeffery J. Pruyn

ATTEST:

Village Clerk Jody Conidi