



City of Hastings 2025 Legislative Priorities

Clean & Safe Drinking Water - City Council's No. 1 Priority and Community Concern

- State Bonding Request - PFAS and Nitrates Project
 - Request \$16.6 million for Eastern Wastewater Treatment Plant, one phase of \$68.9 million project
 - City Council resolution on 12/2/24 authorized application for State Bonding Request
- Support State fronting money for PFAS cleanup, as it is easier for State to recover money through Superfund
- Encourage the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to include Hastings in the 3M Settlement Agreement
- Support updating the Project Priority List (PPL) and Intended Use Plan (IUP) scoring processes to include additivity of multiple contaminants
- Support federal liability protections for passive receivers (S.1430)

LCCMR Extension

- Support Lake Rebecca Park deadline extension from 6/30/25 to 6/30/26
- Progress delayed due to wet spring/summer in 2024
- Concern for additional delay if wet spring 2025

Local Option Sales and Use Tax

- Reinstate ability for local voters to determine support for sales tax
- Hastings anticipates future Fire Station addition and regional park projects

Local Engagement and Decision-Making

- Oppose state preemption of city zoning and land use authority
- Support local engagement and input on comprehensive planning and development processes
- Need to consider consequences of housing density on existing infrastructure

Narcan Funding

- Tragic impact of opioids on Hastings and Minnesota
- EMS and law enforcement are trained in recognition, response and treatment of drug overdose
- 2023 Standing Naloxone Order and Protocol requires law enforcement to carry naloxone (Narcan)
- Continue funding for purchase of opioid antagonists

Cannabis Regulation

- Support ongoing evaluation of costs associated with legalization of adult-use cannabis
- Oppose any proposals to diminish local control

E-Bikes

- Support requiring same license/permit as "motorized bicycle" as defined in MS 169.011 subd 45
- Support consistency for alcohol offenses
- Support requiring helmets for riders under age 18

Met Council Relationship

- Encourage Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) to decide whether to build new wastewater treatment plant east of Hastings or to pipe Hastings' wastewater to the Empire Township plant
- Delay can impact planning and cost for other projects in the city, including Hwy 61, CSAH 46, CSAH 54, MN Veterans Home and private development.

Questions?

Contact City Administrator Dan Wietecha at dwietecha@hastingsmn.gov or call 651-480-2350.
Thank you for your consideration of these priorities.

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