



City of West Allis - Legislative Priorities for the 2017-18 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session

The following legislative proposals are requested for consideration and enactment by the State of Wisconsin during its 2017-2018 Biennial Session.

1. **Community Sustainability and Success**

- Limit the expansion of property tax exemptions that shift the burden of paying for municipal services to residential property owners (i.e., dark store legislation).
- Maintain the funding levels and/or provide for sustainability of the personal property tax program (i.e., if current legislation is adopted, ensure the sustained full funding of the state aid which will replace such payments or citizens will be directly affected through increase taxes or loss/reduction of city services).
- Enact legislation which revises the levy limit calculation to adjust with CPI changes.
- Preserve Beat Patrol and Traffic Grant programs which provide the ability to sustain foot patrol and traffic enforcement (OWI, speed and seatbelt violations) programs and have a positive impact on the reduction of crime.

2. **Government Reform and Accountability**

- Enact legislation which provides for the increase of beer license fees from \$100 to \$500 and liquor license fees from \$500 to \$2,500; fees have not been increased since 1930's and these limits do not provide the ability to recoup the increased administrative costs.
- Prohibit final offers submitted in collective bargaining from exceeding a municipality's allowable spending and levy limits.
- Enact legislation which eliminates overtime in calculations for retirement benefits with ETF.