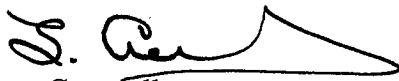



**COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL**

**TO:**   
Lyn Creswell,  
Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** November 27, 2007

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**SUBJECT:** Salt Lake City Legislative Priorities

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**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** This list is an outline of current State Legislative issues that may be of interest to Salt Lake City during the upcoming 2008 State Legislative session.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Provide feedback and direction to the City's legislative advocacy team.

Cc: Craig Peterson

## **Salt Lake City Legislative Affairs Coordination**

Chief Administrative Officer Lyn Creswell

30 November 2007

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- Joint responsibility of City Council and City Administration
- City Administration will take lead in communication/coordination function
- Goal: to speak effectively with “one, consistent voice” on legislative matters
- City effectiveness contingent on “thorough impact analysis” developed for each legislative proposal/action
- City Council members and Mayor should actively participate in legislative process – through the City’s legislative affairs coordination function
- City Administration will provide means for all involved to effectively coordinate their participation
- The City Council Legislative Subcommittee will respond to urgent legislative matters – at the request of the City Administration
- During the legislative session, the Mayor and Council Legislative Subcommittee will meet at least weekly
- City Council will receive weekly updates during the legislative session
- City Attorney and contract lobbyist will represent the City in State legislative processes – including directing the City’s participation with the League

- Role of City's legislative affairs coordinator

- manage the flow of communications among all persons involved in developing legislative proposals, reacting to legislative proposals, and representing the City with legislative bodies;
- relate the City's legislative affairs and analysis to the City's strategic goals and objectives, and to the City's core operational and mission components;
- coordinate the creation, approval, and amendment of a City legislative action plan (largely a list of active City legislative interest issues);
- assist elected officials and department heads to develop legislative proposals or positions;
- oversee the monitoring and review of legislative activities that influence or affect City business;
- proactively direct City resources to address legislative activity that may affect City business;
- provide budget recommendations to achieve the City's legislative objectives;
- train key City officials and executives in legislative processes and effective legislative communication;
- research and write policy papers relating to City legislative issues; and
- participate, with City Attorney and others, in representing the City with legislators and with legislative bodies (and related groups, such as the League and Council of Governments).

**SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION  
2008 LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS**

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2. Municipal Water Forfeiture
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17. Ability of City to audit telecommunication providers
18. Changes to mobile home regulations

# SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

## 2008 Legislative Session

### Departmental Issues

1. Salt Palace parking facility parking surcharge (2007 SB 119)
2. Justice Court judges as State employees
3. Set limit on number of jury trials available to defendants in Justice Court
4. Becoming courts of record for cities of the First Class
5. Decriminalization of traffic tickets
6. Collection fee for debts collected by outside agency
7. Airport Lounge Liquor Licenses (Utah Code 32A-4-201)
8. Airport Zoning Consistency Requirements Title 72, Chapter 10, Part 4 (Airport Zoning Act)
9. Airport Construction Materials Sales Tax Exemption – (Utah Code 59-12-104)
10. Municipal Water Forfeiture
11. Non-Profit Corporation Act Amendments
12. Surcharge on water bills to fund State Div. of Drinking Water – or any State water system
13. Amending Constitutional restriction against cities selling water rights
14. Local Option Vote by Mail
15. Clarification of costs in general/special/municipal elections
16. Law prohibiting municipalities from controlling the disposition of commercial waste generated within their boundaries.

### **Other Issues to Watch For**

17. Modify organization / management of UTA
18. Funding for Airport light rail line
19. Convey ownership of State highways to City for maintenance and operation
20. Energy efficiency, climate change, carbon trading or taxes
21. Renewable Energy Standards / Portfolios
22. Permits, Inspections and Certificates of Occupancy on Charter Schools
23. Issues related to licensing of contractors and enforcement of same (handyman vs. contractor)
24. Alcohol regulations – any changes to the law
25. Building Permit and Plan Review fees (regulation or limits)
26. Public noticing requirements

### **Additional Current Legislative Issues**

27. Changes to property tax structure
28. Landfill legislation
29. Changes to Blue Stakes law (Rep. Clark)
30. Airport light rail line
31. Funding for improvements to North Temple (particularly the viaduct)
32. Downtown Broadway theatre/performing art complex
33. Removal of sales tax on food
34. Forms of municipal government
35. School district funding of capitol costs
36. Streamlined sales tax (one rate Statewide)

37. Privatization of government services (Sen. Stephenson)
38. Changes to transportation funding (B&C road fund) formula
39. Changes to State land use laws
40. Transfer of State roads to SLC (North Temple, 1300 East, etc.)
41. GRAMA changes
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