

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 088

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla passed Municipal Ordinance A-2405 on May 13, 1970 which classified the City of Walla Walla as a nonchartered code city under Title 35A of the Revised Code Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, section 35A.11.020 of the Revised Code of Washington provides in pertinent part that “[t]he legislative body of each code city shall have all powers possible for a city or town to have under the Constitution of this state, and not specifically denied to code cities by law;” and

WHEREAS, it is part of the normal and regular conduct of the City of Walla Walla to identify its legislative priorities to provide input to state legislators; and

WHEREAS, the City Council’s Legislative Committee met on September 23, 2025 to discuss legislative priorities and prepare a recommendation for the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the draft legislative priorities at the regularly scheduled work session on October 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council has considered this matter during a regularly and duly called public meeting of said Council, has given this matter careful review and consideration, finds that good government and the best interests of the City of Walla Walla will be served by identifying its legislative priorities, and members of the legislative body and members of the public have been afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing views.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Walla Walla do resolve as follows:

Section 1: The City of Walla Walla hereby adopts the following legislative priorities for the 2026 state legislative session:

- Support submitting a capital budget request for the Library Renovation Project.
- Support amending RCW 82.46.035 to allow all cities planning under the Growth Management Act to implement REET 2 council manically.
- Support fully funding US 12 corridor improvements (Phase 8, Clinton interchange, and Wilbur Avenue).
- Support funding for the state’s Department of Natural Resources wildland fire fighting capacity and fire prevention in eastern Washington, specifically the Mill Creek watershed, the City of Walla Walla’s primary water source.

- Support dedicated revenue resource(s) to cities for affordable housing and flexibility for cities to address housing insecurity.
- Support flexibility and opportunities for strengthening rural healthcare.
- Support the 2026 Association of Washington Cities city legislative priorities.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Walla Walla, Washington, this 5th day of November, 2025.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney