

The City of Baltic
Resolution #17-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BALTIC'S PROVISIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS, the Baltic, SD Code of Ordinances states that the City Council is governing body of the City of Baltic;

WHEREAS, elected county and municipal representatives within Lincoln and Minnehaha counties have identified these priorities for the 2018 Legislative Session and will seek approval from their respective governing bodies and statewide associations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BALTIC:

1. The Baltic City Council supports a reliable statewide emergency radio system that allows users across the state to communicate within and outside of their agencies. In order to sustain this capability and enhance operations locally, statewide, amongst other states, and with federal agencies, the City Council supports state funding initiatives to upgrade the statewide system to the national standard for public safety communications utilized by both federal and state governments known as Project 25 (P25).
2. The Baltic City Council supports repealing the sunset on the 911 surcharge and supports efforts to hold telecom wireless companies accountable for all surcharge remittance on wireless services provided. We all support legislation allowing inflationary increase in the surcharge to keep pace with continued growing costs and inflation.
3. The Baltic City Council supports legislation allowing alternative publication options for local government.
4. The Baltic City Council supports legislation that expands workforce housing opportunities in South Dakota.
5. The Baltic City Council supports legislation to allow a local option, a gross receipts tax on alcoholic beverages, to fund county services.
6. The Baltic City Council urges the state to leave in place maximum local control of tax increment financing (TIF) districts, an economic development tool that has led to millions of dollars in increased property value, benefitting both the state as a whole and the local entities sponsoring the districts, while at the same time maintaining the integrity of the process.
7. The Baltic City Council supports legislation providing local governments flexibility when it comes to compensating those who serve on appointed citizen boards, committees, and commissions.

8. The Baltic City Council supports legislation that provides funding for drug and alcohol education, intervention, and treatment programs.
9. The Baltic City Council supports cooperative activities between county and municipal governments, the protection of existing joint activities, and elimination of barriers that hinder the creation of such arrangements.
10. The Baltic City Council supports legislation requiring a property owner who appeals their property assessment to the Office of Hearing Examiners, but fails to appear at the hearing, be assessed by the county \$250 per appeal unless the property owner provides at least 48 hours' notice of their absence.

Adopted this 14th day of November 14, 2016.

Mike Wendland, Mayor

ATTEST: Julia Hoefert, Finance Officer