

The League of Oregon Cities

Who we are and what we are working on for your community



The League of Oregon Cities:

A quick background

- Created in 1925 with 25 founding cities
- Governmental agency created through an intergovernmental agreement between all 241 incorporated cities
- Governed by a board of directors of 15 voting members made up of city members (both elected and appointed)

LOC Executive Director

Mike Cully



LOC: Our Mission & Vision

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LOC: Major Functions

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LOC's Advocacy for 2019

LET CITIES WORK

2019 LOC Legislative Priorities

1. Mental Health Investment
2. Revenue Reform and Cost Containment
 - a. Property Tax Reform
 - b. PERS Reform
3. Housing/Homelessness Improvement
4. Infrastructure Finance and Resiliency Investment
5. Right-of-Way Authority/Broadband Investment
6. Third Party Building Inspection Preservation

Housing Issues in 2019

HB 2001: Up-zoning Single Family Zones

- Single Family Zones must allow some form of “missing middle” housing on each lot
- Requires state code to go into effect if locals don’t adopt
- Limits regulations that might prevent development of missing middle

SB 10: Transit Oriented Density Increases

- Requires cities to allow for high densities along transit corridors
- No requirement that high densities be built
- Includes “rapid service” bus lines

Housing Strategies that Work

- Infrastructure Investment
- Direct investment in housing stock
- Technical Assistance
 - HB 2055: Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator
 - HB 2075: Development Readiness
- Investing in local processes
- Flexible, local incentives

Thanks!

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