



Congressional Resolution 2201

A Resolution containing issues described by the mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Municipal Finance.

WHEREAS, the mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Municipal Finance is a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is the only state in the Union that does not allow municipalities the ability to diversify their tax base outside of sales tax for daily operations and capital obligations; and

WHEREAS, restructuring of the Oklahoma Tax System would enhance the health and vitality of Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Municipal Finance:

1. Oppose sales tax exemptions on certain services and products already collecting sales tax through sales tax permits; and opposing any new sales tax exemption. Review all sales exemptions to prove economic justification every two years.
2. Amend current statutes or create a new law to allow citizens of municipalities to vote on ad valorem to support municipal operations
3. For any tax-exemption Legislation filed, the State shall conduct a comprehensive fiscal impact statement for all political subdivisions, and
4. Support efforts to modernize the Oklahoma Tax Commission policies by establishing an annual "sales for resale" permit to aid in compliance of the sales for resale tax exemptions.
5. Oppose elimination of or any restriction or alteration to the municipal portion of the grocery sales tax.
6. Oppose legislation restricting or limiting TIF districts.
7. Require state businesses to use zip plus (4) "four" for addresses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS DURING THE 11TH SESSION OF THE OKLAHOMA CONGRESS OF MAYORS:

THAT the issues contained in this resolution have been ratified by the Oklahoma Mayors Congress and will be forwarded to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the members of the Oklahoma Legislature.

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Congressional Resolution 2202

A Resolution containing issues described by the mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Transportation and Infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Transportation and Infrastructure are critical issues facing Oklahoma municipalities:

1. Prioritize municipal road improvements utilizing gross production tax within municipalities that have dedicated fees or taxes for road improvements for counties under 150,000 in population; and
2. Support state funding to municipalities for the purpose of expanding broadband across the state, and approval; and
3. Oppose any legislation that would prevent municipalities from participating in providing broadband service to their citizens, and
4. Support increased funding from the federal government with unrestricted access to municipalities for all forms of infrastructure that support economic development; and
5. Support the creation of State funded ARPA infrastructure grant program towards municipal governments.

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Congressional Resolution 2203

A Resolution containing issues described by the mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Municipal Operations.

WHEREAS, the mayors of Oklahoma have determined that the fiscal sustainability of Municipal Operations is a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities and that democratic principles should allow municipalities to respond to local citizen demands; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Municipal Operations:

1. Support a statutory requirement of continuing education for municipal elected or appointed governing officials to be performed by the Oklahoma Municipal League on an annual basis, and
2. Support changes to the Open Meetings Act to allow a public body to hold meetings by electronic means, and
3. Support amending the Open Records Act to allow public bodies that provide utility services to the public to keep personal account information confidential, and
4. Support modifying election procedures to allow any registered voter to challenge a candidate's eligibility, and
5. Amend the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act to include "municipal political committee to include municipal questions" and require candidates, committees, individual donations to Political Action Committees (PAC's) and independent expenditures (commonly known as "dark money,") not otherwise covered by this Act but which receives (\$1,000) or more in donations or in-kind expenditures to file a report; and
6. Encourage cooperation by all governing entities to ensure ARPA funds are spent to reinvigorate local economies, recover from the pandemic, or build new infrastructure.
7. Amend the Municipal Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act to allow expenditures of campaign funds on dependent care expenses for municipal candidates.
8. Require criminal history check are performed by the Ethics Commission or Election Board for all candidates appearing on the ballot to be paid for by the candidate.

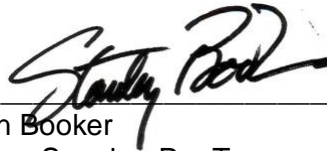
9. Encourage the Supreme Court to extend the exemption for Continuing Legal Education requirements to municipal elected officials that maintain a licenses to practice law through the Oklahoma Bar.

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Congressional Resolution 2204

A Resolution containing issues described by the mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Community and Economic Development.

WHEREAS, the mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Community and Economic Development are critical issues facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most critical issues in the subject of Community and Economic Development:

1. Support the continuation of the REAP program with funding to be restored to the historic levels of at least 20 million; and
2. Retain and expand programs and incentives that encourage investment in Oklahoma and create and maintain jobs including opposing any changes that restrict municipalities use of the Quality Jobs Program.
3. Retain the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Districts.

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Congressional Resolution 2205

A Resolution containing issues described by the mayors of Oklahoma as important to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of their respective communities in the subject matter of Public Safety.

WHEREAS, the mayors of Oklahoma have determined that Public Safety is a critical issue facing Oklahoma municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the following points have been identified as the most crucial in the subject of Public Safety:

1. Support reforms that allow the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) to deny an application or suspend or revoke a medical marijuana business license due to any applicable violation of state or municipal law or other state or municipal regulations, and
2. Support reforms to current policies within the Department of Mental Health regarding patient transports to lessen burden on existing municipal reserves and appropriately handle a mental health situation, and
3. Support strengthening the statutes governing medicinal marijuana laws to protect municipality's ability to enforce basic law enforcement, zoning laws, and notification process from Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) and
4. Support language that clarifies how firearms should be safely carried; and
5. Support language to allow municipalities the authority to grant certain employees and public officials the ability to carry firearms as long as provided by CLEET or law enforcement.

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Congressional Resolution 2206

A Resolution expressing support for the sovereign nation of Ukraine; condemning the Russian invasion; and asking for prayers for Ukraine.

WHEREAS, members of the Mayors Conference of Oklahoma and the Congress of Mayors are concerned with the recent foreign invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma are in agreement that the Russian Federation's unprovoked attack on Ukraine is both reprehensible and inhumane; and


WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma call for the immediate end to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and to remove all Russian troops; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors of Oklahoma call for the Federal Government to end all trade with Russia and ask the citizens of our towns and cities to refrain from purchasing imported Russian goods.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS DURING THE 11TH SESSION OF THE OKLAHOMA CONGRESS OF MAYORS:

THAT the Mayors of Oklahoma are unified in their support for the people of Ukraine and condemn the actions of Vladimir Putin and the Russian Federation; and,

THAT the issues contained in this resolution have been ratified by the Oklahoma Congress of Mayors and will be forwarded to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the members of the Oklahoma Legislature.



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