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Welcome to The OML Advocate



2020 Legislative Session Convenes Monday

The Second Regular Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature will convene at noon on Monday, February 3, 2020. Two weeks ago, lawmakers filed more than 2,300 new bills and joint resolutions which will begin making their way through the legislative process that day. These join hundreds of additional carryover bills from the 2019 legislative session.

As always, our legislative team will provide weekly updates on relevant legislation impacting all facets of municipal government during session in *The Advocate*. Please also check your emails often for *Action Alerts* on specific legislation that requires calls and emails to your legislators that day.

On Your Radar

There are numerous bills with positive municipal impact this session. Several of these bills were requested by the Oklahoma Municipal League. While the list of bills OML supports will grow, the following pages detail a few to put on your radar prior to the start of session.

Priority Bills

Public Safety Districts: Continue support of HB 1992 that allows a municipality the option to vote on the creation of Public Safety Districts.

- **House Author:** Rep. Jadine Nolan (R – Sand Springs)
- **Bill #:** [HB 1992](#)

Sales for Resale Permits: Support amending Title 68 Section 1364 establishing an annual “sales for resale” permit to aid in compliance of the sales for resale tax exemptions.

- **Senate Author:** Sen. Greg Treat (R – Oklahoma City)
- **Bill #:** [SB 1595](#)

Taxing Jurisdictions: Support amending Title 68 Section 1354.32 to require precedence is used in determining tax rates by the Oklahoma Tax Commission database, then a nine-digit zip code, then a five-digit zip code.

- **House Author:** Rep. Jeff Boatman (R – Tulsa)
- **Senate Author:** Sen. Chuck Hall (R – Perry)
- **Bill #:** [SB 1581](#); [HB 3553](#)

Emergency Orders of Detention: Support reforms to current policies within the Department of Mental Health regarding patient transports by law enforcement agencies.

- **Senate Author:** Sen. David Bullard (R – Durant)
- **Bill #:** [SB 1606](#)

Municipal Emergency Medical Services: Support amending Title 68 O.S. Section 205.2 to add municipal EMS as a qualifying entity for the Warrant Intercept Program.

- **Senate Author:** Sen. Chuck Hall (R – Perry)
- **Bill #:** [SB 1572](#)

Competitive Bidding Act: Support amending Title 61 Section 103 to increase the competitive bidding threshold.

- **House Author:** Rep. Brad Boles (R – Marlow)
- **Senate Author:** Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R – Tuttle)
- **Bill #:** [HB 3275](#); [SB 1638](#)

Investigative Audit Revolving Fund: Support the creation of a revolving fund to cover expenses related to investigative audits.

- **Senate Author:** Sen. Roger Thompson (R – Okemah)
- **Bill #:** [SB 1554](#)

Nuisance Properties: Support amending Title 11 Section 22-110.1 to allow municipalities the ability to address issues concerning nuisance properties.

- **Senate Author:** Sen. John Michael Montgomery (R – Lawton)
- **Bill #:** [SB 1310](#)

Gross Production Tax to Municipal Governments: Support modifying the tax code to allocate gross production tax to municipalities for municipal roads.

- **House Author:** Rep. Mark Lepak (R – Claremore)
 - **Senate Author:** Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R – Tuttle)
 - **Bill #:** [HB 1289](#) (Lepak); [SB 1446](#) (Paxton)
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Medical Marijuana:

Support amending the Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Act to include volunteer services or labor as safety sensitive positions.

- **Senate Author:** Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R – Tuttle)
- **Bill #:** [SB 1687](#)

Support amending the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act to include medical marijuana.

- **Senate Author:** Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R – Tuttle)
- **Bill #:** [SB 1296](#)

We encourage you to speak with your legislators when they are home in the district and ask them to support these important municipal bills.

Thank you in advance for working with our legislative team to carry out this bold legislative agenda for the benefit of Oklahoma municipal governments.