

2024

Legislative Priorities

Advocate for funding and legislation that makes Oak Harbor a great community.

Invest in Our Community

Secure additional funding to support the facility and transportation needs to improve the City's infrastructure. Fund the expansion of utility services, including broadband access, Marina, State Route 20, and Washington State Ferry System.



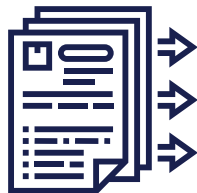
Housing Availability

Partner with the Island County, State, and Federal agencies to expand workforce housing options. Pursue funding sources to support local developments.



Public Records

Address municipal costs for public record requests by increasing the amounts to equal the cost of services and equipment.



Support NASWI

Continue to support Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) through partnerships with the City of Oak Harbor.



Reduce Financial Impacts

Address impacts to rate payers by obtaining lower interest rates on the loan and reducing debt for the Clean Water Facility. Obtain legislative support to oppose any efforts to expand tort law liability and/or remedies under the law to prevent increased fees.



Revise Property Tax Cap

Provide more authority to local elected officials to adjust the local property tax rate by revising the 1% property tax cap that has been in place for more than 20 years.



Recruit and Retain First Responders

Create additional funding tools and resources to improve public safety. Increase behavioral health response teams. Expand access to training and law enforcement academy classes, which increases the number of new officers available to serve our communities.



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