

CITY OF DUPONT
WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 24-025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DUPONT, PIERCE COUNTY,
WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2025 LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

WHEREAS, the Deputy Mayor convened a Council Ad Hoc Committee (“Committee”) for the purpose of establishing the City’s 2025 legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Committee consisted of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Winkler, Councilmembers Ballard and Elliott, and the City Administrator, with staff members advising as necessary; and

WHEREAS, in developing these legislative priorities, the Committee considered the input of its members and their understanding of concerns and priorities of citizens and businesses within the City as well as the concerns and priorities of our regional and state-wide partners; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislative priorities are in keeping with the mission and policies of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUPONT, WASHINGTON DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council adopts the attached 2025 Legislative Priorities, as presented to the Council, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Mayor, Councilmembers and City Administrator, or their designees are authorized to present to and lobby for the attached 2025 Legislative Priorities to the Washington State Legislature on behalf of the City of Dupont.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of DuPont Washington and approved by the Mayor on this 12th day of November 2024.



Ronald J. Frederick, Mayor

Attest:



Karri Muir, CMC
Community Relations Director / City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Gordon P. Karg, City Attorney

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City of DuPont 2025 Legislative Priorities and Agenda

The City's 2025 legislative agenda focuses on developing new revenue sources to keep up with inflation and costs that impede providing municipal services, combatting the degradation of public safety by increasing police training and recruitment, expanding the City's community facilities and continuing to find innovative ways to address the significant lack of affordable housing.

Legislative Priorities

- **Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention:** Washington state continues to rank the lowest in the nation for law enforcement officers per capita. The City requests the Legislature address challenges with police officer recruitment and retention by continuing to fund 100% of BLEA training for new recruits and expanding satellite academies. The City also requests the Legislature increase existing municipal taxing authority or create new taxing authority to fund public safety. The City supports and adopts both the AWC and Washington Association of Sherriffs and Police Chiefs ("WASPC") position in this matter.
- **Funding for "Portland Loo" or Similar In Chief Leschi Park:** The City requests that the Legislature provides funds to the City as we update Chief Leschi Park, one of the City's largest parks in the heart of our Hoffman Hill neighborhood. These funds will allow for the installation of a "Portland Loo" or similar modular public restroom in the park. Local funds are currently being used to replace broken or outdated equipment and add amenities to enhance inclusivity, accessibility and recreation opportunities. Like many cities, DuPont parks and public spaces need greater availability of accessible public restrooms. The City is seeking to remedy this issue by installing a Portland Loo, or similarly designed, modular public toilet unit, specifically engineered to be cost effective, easy to maintain, energy efficient, with features intended to discourage vandalism.
- **Public Records Act:** The City urges the legislature to amend the Public Records Act (PRA) to have PRA penalties issued against municipalities or agencies paid into a state fund that can be used for a variety of public uses thus incentivizing transparency and obedience to the law, but disincentivizing frivolous and predatory for-profit litigation. The City supports and adopts the WASPC position in this matter.
- **Juvenile Crime:** The City requests the Legislature review RCW 13.40.740 and amend the law to clarify: 1) whether the law applies only to juvenile criminal suspects, or applies to all juveniles including crime victims; 2) if a parent or legal guardian may waive the requirement to "provide a juvenile with access to an attorney" prior to consenting to a custodial interview; 3) if the requirement is fulfilled if the juvenile and/or their parents or guardian refuse to consult with counsel when opportunity for "access" has been provided; and 4) define "access" for the purposes of the law. The City supports and adopts the WASPC position in this matter.



- ***Criminalization of Fentanyl Exposure to Dependents:*** Under RCW 9A.42.100, a person commits a felony when they expose a dependent child (or dependent adult) to a certain list of various controlled substances and its derivatives. Notably missing is fentanyl. Fentanyl related deaths in Washington State have continued to dramatically increase in the state since 2019. Fentanyl fatalities and near fatalities of young children are increasing at an alarming rate. The City and its partners request this dangerous and illegal narcotic, that is having real and sustained deadly impact on the children in our state, be placed in this same category. The City supports and adopts the WASPC position in this matter.
- ***AWC and SHAAAP Legislative Work:*** The City supports the legislative work of both SSHAP and AWC. Their work addresses issues affecting cities across the State from funding, housing, behavioral health, and infrastructure investment.
- ***Nisqually River Delta and I-5 Mounts Rd to Tumwater :*** The City requests the Legislature fund the re-development of this section of I-5 to accommodate increased flow into the Nisqually delta. This project is a key regional legislative priority for the South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (SSMCP). It is a transportation issue, environmental and climate issue, and cultural issue as it relates to the Nisqually Tribe.