

# 2025

# Legislative Priorities

Advocate for funding and legislation that looks to the future of Oak Harbor.

## Emergency Services

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. Add a regional training facility in Island County.



## Invest in Our Community

Secure additional funding to support facility and transportation needs to improve the City's infrastructure for the future. Fund the expansion of utility services. Address Oak Harbor Marina, State Route 20, and Washington State Ferry System for our community.



## Flexible Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)

Reestablish the flexibility for using REET Funds as provided during COVID (2021 and 2023) to help fund facility improvements (i.e. Police station).



## Public Records Management

Address municipal costs for public record requests by funding tools to respond to requests and ease burden on City staff.



## Housing and Childcare Availability

Partner with Island County, State, and Federal agencies to expand workforce housing and childcare options. Pursue funding sources to support local developments and code changes to address growth.



## Ratepayer Impacts

Address ratepayers' impacts by addressing long-term debt terms and managing increased service costs for water, sewer, and solid waste rates.



## Indigent Defense Costs

Advocate for ways to reduce impacts to non-metro communities that have more difficulty finding and funding indigent defense and expense with conflict defense services.



## Naval Air Station Whidbey Island

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



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