

RESOLUTION NO. 26-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly convened its 114th legislative session on January 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, legislation considered during the General Assembly may have significant impacts on the fiscal stability, infrastructure capacity, governance authority, and operational flexibility of municipalities across the State of Tennessee, including the City of Spring Hill; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the City of Spring Hill to formally establish legislative priorities in order to provide guidance and direction to City officials and staff as they monitor, communicate, and advocate on matters before the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen desires to adopt a legislative agenda identifying priority issues for the 2026 legislative session, recognizing that some items may advance during this session while others may serve as matters for continued monitoring or future legislative consideration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislative agenda includes the following priority positions:

1. Support restoring the historical state-shared sales tax distribution with municipalities, allowing the historic 4.6% municipal share to apply to the full state sales tax base rate; and
2. Support removing or relaxing the single-article local option sales tax cap, including expanding the taxable dollar range, increasing applicable rates, or otherwise aligning local authority more closely with state tax structures; and
3. Support sharing real estate transfer tax receipts with counties and cities for road and transportation improvements; and
4. Support authorizing municipalities to utilize design-build project delivery methods, similar to those currently available to state agencies and industrial development boards, for qualifying projects; and
5. Oppose legislation requiring cities to reimburse counties for ambulance services, which are currently a county responsibility under state law; and
6. Oppose efforts to mandate partisan local elections, particularly where such changes could diminish local control or create complications for multi-county municipalities; and
7. Oppose efforts to force local utilities to accept developer-engineered and constructed wastewater systems that are not in harmony with the locality and are uniquely decided on a local basis currently; and

WHEREAS, the Board further desires that City staff monitor and evaluate additional issues of potential legislative interest, including utility regionalization proposals that do not recognize

proportional asset investment or representation, and potential state-level regulation of e-bikes; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this legislative agenda does not obligate the City to support or oppose any specific bill unless authorized by the Board, nor does it create any financial commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE, THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen hereby adopts the foregoing legislative agenda as the City of Spring Hill's legislative priorities for the 2026 legislative session of the Tennessee General Assembly.

Section 2. City staff are directed to monitor, communicate, and advocate on matters consistent with this legislative agenda, and to keep the Board informed of significant legislative developments affecting the City.

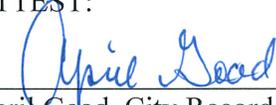
Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, on this 17th day of February, 2026.

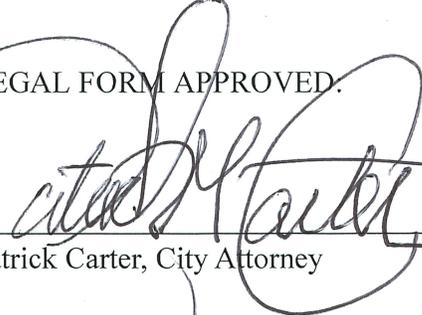


Matt Fitterer, Mayor

ATTEST:



April Goad, City Recorder

LEGAL FORM APPROVED.


Patrick Carter, City Attorney

STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
FROM: Carter Napier, City Administrator
DATE: 01/30/2026
SUBJECT: Legislative Update

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Board to adopt the proposed legislative agenda for the 2026 legislative season.

BACKGROUND:

The legislative season has begun with the advent of the 114th session of the Tennessee General Assembly, which began on January 13th. It is helpful for staff to have formal support and to understand the Board's direction concerning the legislative priorities as the Legislature deliberates a number of topics important to the City of Spring Hill.

While several perennial topics regarding local funding are included for the Board's consideration, other topics may also be of significant interest as well given the circumstances the city is facing at this moment in time. As the Board is probably aware, some topics have already risen to the level of being considered as a part of a draft bill while some topics may not get any traction thereby lending itself to potential future conversations at the State level. With this in mind, Staff proposes the following as items to be included as priority considerations for Staff to follow up on throughout the legislative session:

- Restore the historical State-shared sales tax split with cities.
 - During a State budget crisis in 2002, the General Assembly voted to raise the base sales tax rate from 6% to 7% without allowing cities to share in the historic rate of 4.6% for the added increment. Legislation of this nature would allow the 4.6% to be applied to the full 7% base rate instead of just the historic base rate of 6%.
- Remove or relax the single article tax cap
 - State Statute allows for single article personal property purchases to only be taxed for the first \$1600 of the purchase as it pertains to the local option tax rate of 2.25%. Legislation of this nature would either remove the cap entirely or broaden the range of dollars the local tax rate could be applied to or raise the tax rate and the range of dollars the new rate could be applied to in a manner similar to what the State single article tax rate and cap is set at.
- Share transfer tax receipts with counties and cities for roads.
 - \$.37 per \$100 of value is collected with the transfer of all real property transfers for the State's use. 48% of the 5% commission is kept by the County Register for collecting and reporting. 52% of that commission goes to the state general fund. Bills of this nature would require the State to share these receipts with the County and/or cities for road work.



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- Allow cities to utilize design build means and methods of project construction delivery in a similar way that State and IDB agencies currently do.
 - The design build alternative for project delivery would be made available directly to certain cities and towns for projects of a certain threshold if a bill could be adopted by the General Assembly. This would be the second alternative delivery method granted to cities and towns along with the Construction Manager at Risk delivery method (CMAR) now being used.
- Oppose requirements for cities to reimburse counties for ambulance services.
 - Counties have the responsibility to provide the cost for ambulance services in cities throughout TN. Bills of this nature would require cities to cost share these services.
- Oppose efforts to require local elections to become partisan.
 - Local control would be more clouded particularly for communities that are divided between two counties.

As for a couple items that are items to keep a look out for but may not surface as topics for legislative deliberation in this session:

- Utility regionalization efforts that do not recognize asset investment and proportionate representation
- E-bike regulation at the State level

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact on adopting this proposal as the 2026 legislative agenda.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None



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