

# 2023 Legislative Priorities



## Pennsylvania Municipal League

The Pennsylvania Municipal League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1900. Today, The League represents participating cities, boroughs, townships, home rule communities and towns that all share The League's municipal policy interests.

The League is dedicated to advocating for and serving the interests of our membership.

With a mission to strengthen, empower and advocate for effective local government, The League supports the following 2023 legislative priorities.

### Public Safety

**Local Use of Radar:** Achieve authorization for municipal police officers to use radar as a modern public safety tool for speed enforcement.

**Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) for First Responders:** Achieve a compromise on legislation granting first responders an expanded PTSI benefit. The League supports language that will result in a benefit that is narrowly tailored, fiscally responsible and insurable.

### Municipal Finance

**Local Taxation Reform:** Educate the General Assembly on the need to modernize the 1965 local taxing structure, commonly referred to as Act 511, so that local revenue can appropriately meet today's expenses and help prevent fiscal distress.

Recommendations include:

- Eliminate or raise tax rate caps on EIT
- Perform regular property assessments
- Allow flat taxes to grow with inflation
- Offer local/regional revenue option to all municipalities – such as a county sales tax, drink tax, payroll tax and non-resident tax

### Community Development and Infrastructure

**Blight Remediation:** Achieve tools to help in the on-going efforts to prevent and remediate blight in our communities.

Specifically, The League supports increasing the 1994 fire escrow amount to reflect today's dollars, providing a simplified process to clear tangled titles and strengthening local code enforcement efforts and funding.

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