

# Work Session

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	5
<b>Meeting Date</b>	July 1, 2013
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<b>Approved By</b>	Brian T. Kenner City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Discussion of Legislative Action Requests
<b>Background</b>	<p>Each year, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) adopts several legislative priorities for the next Legislative Session. Each municipality may propose up to three legislative priorities for consideration. The MML Legislative Committee reviews the proposals and makes recommendations to the MML members for adoption at the MML Fall Conference.</p> <p>Proposals are more likely to be adopted by MML if they are appropriate for municipalities across the State, have a significant financial benefit for municipalities and if they have a good chance of passage.</p> <p>Ensuring that an adequate formula for future Highway User Revenue is established should be a high priority for the League. Given the recent action by the Task Force on Municipal Tax Duplication, the City may wish to urge support of the Task Force's proposal to ensure that property owners are not taxed for County services provided only by the municipality. Other topics the City may wish to consider include elimination of the exemption of banks and similar institutions from paying personal property tax and a position on ensuring that telecommunication fees continue to be paid to local governments.</p> <p>Councilmembers may have other proposals to be considered.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	The City Council pursues legislation in the best interest of the City of Takoma Park.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Attachments</b>	Legislative Action Request Form
<b>Recommendation</b>	Provide direction to staff on Legislative Action Requests to be submitted. A resolution endorsing the submission will be considered on July 8.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	Legislative Action Requests are due by July 12.

# 2014 MML LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

Name of Municipality, Chapter or Department submitting request: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form in its entirety. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as well as documents related to your request. **LAR FORM MUST BE RETURNED VIA MAIL OR E-MAIL NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2013.**

## INTRODUCTION

1. Describe the problem or situation the request is intended to address:

2. Describe the requested legislation:

3. Describe how the requested legislation would remedy the problem:

4. The proposed legislation would address: \_\_\_\_\_ Only your municipality  
\_\_\_\_\_ Only municipalities in your county \_\_\_\_\_ Municipalities in the entire state  
\_\_\_\_\_ All counties and municipalities in the entire state

5. Would the proposed remedy have a significant fiscal impact on your municipality?

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. Could the problem be resolved by something other than a new law, i.e., action by another level of government or changes in administrative procedures?
2. If administrative remedies have already been pursued, what were they and what was the outcome?
3. What other state and/or local agencies, if any, would be affected by this proposal?
4. Have any state agencies been contacted about the proposal? If yes, what was their reaction?

### **HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

1. Has the League considered this proposal in a previous year? If yes, describe any significant changes in circumstances that might improve its chances of success in 2014:
2. Has this request been considered by the General Assembly in prior sessions? If yes, please provide the bill number, year, and outcome of legislation, if known:
3. Has this proposed legislation been implemented by any other city, county or state? If yes, please describe where it has been implemented and cite any existing law or model code upon which the proposal is based:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized municipal, chapter  
or departmental official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return LAR form to:

MML Legislative Committee  
1212 West Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
ATTN: Trish Westervelt

E-mail: [trishw@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:trishw@mdmunicipal.org)

Indicate the date of the meeting where the governing body of the municipality, chapter or department endorsed the request:\_\_\_\_\_.

**FORM MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN Friday, July 12, 2013.**