



## IACC 2022 DRAFT LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

- IACC supports county government control over rights-of-way, including the ability to generate fees from utilities for the use of local easements. This also includes a county's ability to implement punitive measures for utilities who remain unresponsive to requests to move lines during construction or transportation projects.
- IACC supports reasonable audit procedures and oversight by the State Board of Accounts; however, IACC would like to implement a cost ceiling for SBOA audits.
- IACC supports the development and implementation of mental health and addiction plans by community mental health centers, including the transparent use of funds and collaboration with county officials concerning how those funds are spent within the county.
- IACC supports reforming the property tax assessment appeals process to prevent comparison of newly-built and 1st generation stores to vacant or 2nd generation stores. This would capture the current use value of a purpose-built property rather than establishing value by relying on sales, which rely on a theoretical future use (likely be of lesser value not reflective of the use as of the assessment date).
- IACC supports the defense Home Rule including, but not limited to, retaining the authority at the local level to control the development of land (zoning ordinances), adamantly oppose the pre-emption of local land use controls (i.e. short term rentals, mining, agricultural operations, utility installations, energy generation, and multi-power sources) and monitor for erosion of local license and permitting fees and powers.
- IACC supports a statutory mechanism to remove commissioner-appointed board members (who fail to meet service obligations) mid-appointment. IACC further supports the ability to remove members of the county health board by a unanimous vote of the commissioners.



- IACC supports the continued discussion and evaluation of solutions concerning jail over crowdedness. Furthermore, the IACC further supports the increase of money dedicated to the Level 6 felon reimbursement fund, including an increase to the per diem rate.
- IACC supports the immediate review and assessment of cyber security threats to local government. IACC further supports the creation of a state program (CTAP) to assist with cyber security threats, including ransomware, in the future.
- IACC supports the examination of public participation in government meetings and the possibility of permanent changes to the Open Door Law and the Access to Public Records Act concerning virtual participation by public officials. Also IACC supports the review and use of the internet as a publication tool for meetings, ordinances, and tax information. With the continued advancement of technology and the interconnectedness of communities, a centralized official county or government website, conveying required publication materials, allows the taxpayers to monitor a centralized location for all county information.
- IACC supports the inclusion of a county commissioner representative on the INPRS Board of Trustees.
- IACC supports renewable energy development as long as land use controls remain at the local level. IACC supports the discussion concerning incentive-based approaches to foster development, including state incentive package.
- MVH fund flexibility. This specifically includes flexibility pertaining to the restrictions on Motor Vehicle Highway funds and potentially percentage changes (from 50/50) and review of formula used for MVH distributions.
- IACC supports all efforts to retain great county highway engineers and superintendents, including the expanded stipend for the county highway superintendent.