

RESOLUTION NO. 1073

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, an adopted list of priorities will assist in developing effective communication between the City Council and other elected officials, provide policy guidance to the City Manager, and inform residents of issues of importance to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to formally adopt a list of 2026 City legislative priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Approval of 2026 Legislative Priorities. The City of University Place's 2026 legislative priorities are as follows:

With regard to *policy issues*, the City seeks legislative support in the following areas:

1. Provide local governments with tools to incentivize compliance with local design guidelines – aligning public and developer interests (which, due to recent State law changes, are heavily weighted towards developers).
2. Support AWC's request for increased funding for indigent defense to comply with State Supreme Court mandated reductions in caseloads.
3. Request legislative clarification on the process for cities that contract for police services to qualify for funding provided in HB 2015 to hire and retain police officers, and support AWC's request for additional tools to support public safety.
4. Support AWC's request for direct and meaningful investments in local infrastructure (e.g., streets, sidewalks and utilities), including support for increased preservation, maintenance and operations cost resulting from state mandated zoning regulations that result in urban sprawl.
5. Support South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA³P) efforts to expand housing affordability, supply and sustainability.

With regard to *state capital projects*, the City seeks funding for the following projects:

1. Alameda Drive Lighting Improvements – \$1 million to install street lighting along Alameda Drive.
2. Alameda Avenue Sidewalk Extension – \$2 million to extend sidewalks along Alameda Drive from 40th Street to Cirque Drive.
3. Traffic Signal Upgrade Project – \$750,000 to upgrade all signals with emergency battery backup, flashing left turn arrows, ADA audible pedestrian signals, and new video detection systems.
4. Day Island Spit Road – \$1.5 million to enhance the seawall, raise the south Spit Road, and improve drainage to help address King Tide/flooding issues.
5. Day Island Bridge Design – \$800,000 for the design of a replacement for the Day Island Bridge.
6. Cirque Park Spray Pad and Restroom – \$3 million to install spray pad and new restroom at Cirque Park.
7. Cirque Park Sport Courts – \$2 million to install new, multi-function sport courts at Cirque Park that can accommodate up to nine pickleball courts, three basketball courts, or three tennis courts.
8. City Hall Battery Back-up System – \$1 million to install a battery back-up system to City Hall and the Public Works shop to provide power during emergencies.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 3, 2025.

Javier H. Figueroa, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney