

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE OGDEN CITY MAYOR AND THE OGDEN CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING OGDEN CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2014 UTAH GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON POSTING AND FINAL PASSAGE.**

WHEREAS the City Council and Mayor are looking forward to the general session of the Utah State Legislature that begins on January 27, 2014, and

WHEREAS the City Council and Mayor remain very interested in the policy challenges facing our Nation, our State, our City, and other local governments, and

WHEREAS the City appreciates the partnership that has been developed over the years with our Weber County legislative delegation, other members of the State Legislature and the Executive Branch, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, and with the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS the City Council and the Mayor have determined that it is desirable to jointly adopt the City's Utah State Legislative Priorities to ensure that a consistent position is communicated to Legislators, the Governor, Lobbyists and our Citizens, and

WHEREAS the City desires to support, when possible, the legislative positions officially adopted by the Utah League of Cities and Towns through their legislative policy committee and the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce through their legislative committee.

**The Ogden City Council and Mayor hereby resolve:**

**Section 1: 2014 Legislative Position Statements.** The following position statements are jointly adopted:

- 1. Transportation Funding.** Ogden City supports the Statewide Unified Transportation Plan which identifies state and local road capacity and transit capacity that will be needed, along with active transportation options. This plan also identifies the need to maintain and operate Utah's transportation system. Funding sources for transit and active transportation should also be identified and secured including additional opportunities for transit to be funded using traditional sources. We support the following transportation projects in the Ogden area: expansion of express/HOV lanes on I-15 from 31<sup>st</sup> Street in Ogden to Beck Street in Salt Lake City, development of the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange, and the Ogden Transit System project.

2. **Preservation of Local Government Fee Authority.** Ogden City supports the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) position that authority over local fees should be maintained with local government, that state mandates should be financed by state funds and not by utilizing the local government fee structure or authority, and opposition of the use of local government fee structures or local government revenues to cover the cost of unfunded federal or state mandates.
3. **Payday Lending.** Ogden City supports the ULCT position that laws need to be enacted that require legal actions by lenders against borrowers with payday loans be taken only at the appropriate court nearest to the borrowers' legal addresses and to require the lenders to report to the State of Utah all information necessary to determine for each individual borrower the dates and amounts of loans taken and payments received, and that the State of Utah establish and maintain a confidential data base containing that information.
4. **Economic Development and Sales Tax.** Ogden City supports the ULCT petition to formulate a strategy to create long-term sustainability in local government financial tools and memorialize what may be a multi-year effort.
5. **Electronic Cigarettes.** Ogden City supports amendments to the state code to ensure that electronic cigarettes and the liquid produced for and used in electronic cigarettes are treated and regulated in the same manner as tobacco products. The Weber-Morgan Health Department reports that Weber and Morgan Counties are experiencing e-cigarette experimentation and usage among youth at a higher rate than any other area in the state and which are the highest currently reported in the nation. The Weber-Morgan Health Department also has expressed a belief that the current definition and regulation of e-cigarettes leaves potential gaps in the law that make it difficult for both law enforcement and the health department to take action to prevent the introduction of nicotine to the area's youth from the liquid used in e-cigarettes.
6. **Air Quality.** Ogden City supports efforts to improve our air quality. Our poor air quality is impacting the health of our citizens and the desirability of our state for tourism and business opportunities. Improving the air quality in the airshed along the Wasatch Front will require both public and private actions. We are encouraged by the formation of Governor Herbert's Clear Air Action Team, the Utah Clear Air Partnership, and the Legislature's Economic Development Task Force all of whom are addressing the air quality issue. We look forward to hearing the recommendations from these groups. As a City we intend to do our part. In conjunction with our "community wellness" initiative and the Weber-Morgan Health Department's "Be Air Aware" campaign we will evaluate the options and take appropriate actions.
7. **Public Education and Higher Education.** Ogden City supports developing strategies for educational outcome improvement and funding needs, and supporting Prosperity 2020. We support additional funding as it relates to an increase in the WPU (weighted pupil unit.) We support best practices in educational leadership and the principles toward a more student centric environment.

8. **Healthcare.** Ogden City supports maintaining Utah's healthcare standards for quality, accessibility and cost effectiveness while integrating federal healthcare policies. We support and encourage funding for the implementation of wellness and preventative care programs that encourage healthy lifestyles.
9. **State Capital Facilities Funding.** Ogden City supports State capital facilities funding for the Weber State University Science building, the Ogden-Weber Applied Technology College renovation at the Business Depot Ogden campus, and the Ogden-Weber Youth Detention Center.
10. **Utah Procurement Team.** Ogden City supports State funding for the Utah Procurement Team to support Utah businesses and create jobs.
11. **Tourism Marketing and Development.** Ogden City supports ongoing State funding for tourism marketing and development.
12. **Water Development Project.** Ogden City supports proactive legislation to protect our water supply for future growth.
13. **Restaurant Tax.** Ogden City supports keeping the restaurant tax to fund statewide community facilities.

**Section 2: Effective Date.** This joint resolution shall become effective immediately after posting and final passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Ogden City Council and Mayor Caldwell this 21st day of January, 2014.



Richard Hyer  
Council Chair



Michael P. Caldwell  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Tracy Hansen  
Tracy Hansen, City Recorder

POSTING DATE: 1-24-2014

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1-24-2014

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Jpw 1/24/14  
LEGAL DATE