

PROPOSED 2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Public Safety

Support efforts to provide state funding for or enact provisions to:

Tier I

- Additional state funding for mental health support
- State support for law enforcement recruitment/retention
- Additional state funding to increase staffing levels for the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and Courts
- Support state and regional efforts to open a Juvenile Detention Center in Mecklenburg County
- Support 2025 House Bill 258 (K. Hall) to strengthen the criminal penalty for assaults on public transit operators
- Support efforts to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on roadways including strategic infrastructure improvements and leveraging technology

Tier II

- Strengthen North Carolina's sentencing guidelines for chronic, repeat offenders
- Strengthen required (statutory) qualifications – and pay – for magistrates
- Advocate for certain quality-of-life violations to be prohibited by state statute

Planning & Land Use

Zoning

Support 2025 Senate Bill 587 (Lazzara) to clarify the restrictions on local government initiated down-zonings

Storm Water

Support 2025 House Bill 369 (Loftis) that modifies local government authority to implement additional stormwater control measures for preexisting development and redevelopment

Housing

Housing Production

Support House budget provision appropriating funding for the Workforce Housing Loan Program

Aging in Place

Support 2025 Senate Bill 349 (Overcash) increasing homestead thresholds to support adults aging-in-place

Infrastructure

Mobility

Continue working with the General Assembly and Administration to advance improvements to the surface transportation network for all users and boost the region's economic competitiveness, including through data-driven programs that distribute transportation funding for street maintenance and the state's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Economic Development

Aviation

Support House and Senate budget provisions appropriating full funding of the NC Airport Improvement Program