

City of Wichita 2016 Legislative Agenda

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The 2016 Session

Election Year

- 125 House seats up for election
- 40 Senate seats up
- 4 Congressional seats and 1 US Senate seat

Statehouse Issues in 2016

- Very Short Session
- Education Decision Still Looming
- Left Budget Cuts to Governor
- No Tax Policy Changes



*It has been estimated that **½ of all bills** filed impact Local Governments*

Issues Gaining Passage During 2016

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development programs
STAR Bonds
Fee For Programs

WATC/NCAT
Funding Not Cut in 2016

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Body Camera Records

Issues Not Gaining Passage

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Cultural Arts District

Entertainment District

Export Promotion

WATC/NCAT

WATC/WSU Merger

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Driving While Suspended Lookback

Issues Gaining Passage During 2016

FINANCE/TAX

Property Tax Lid

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Blight-PASSED, then VETOED

“Fast Pass” (Security Passes for City Hall)

Insurance Proceeds

Issues Not Gaining Passage

FINANCE/TAX

Sales Tax Exemptions

Sales Tax Distribution

Property Taxation Payment Plan/Deferrals

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Local Control/Home Rule

Annexation

Blight

Elections

Public Lobbying

Election Signage

Issues Gaining Passage During 2016

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Wireless Tower Siting

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Funding—Concerns Over Cuts and Project Delays

Issues Not Gaining Passage

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Wichita Water Planning

Water Regulatory Remedies

Groundwater Water Rights

TRANSPORTATION

Passenger Rail

Speed Limit Increase

The 2017 Session?

Not an Election Year

- More changes in local delegation and other officeholders?
- Changes in targeted issues?

Predictions for 2017

- Education Funding, Budget still key
- Transportation Funding
- 2012 Tax Cuts



Conclusion/Questions



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