

RESOLUTION NO. R-14-01

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
FOR THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI.**

WHEREAS, the 2014 Session of the Missouri State Legislature convenes on Wednesday, January 8; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature will act upon significant issues of interest to the citizens of Gladstone and that directly affect the governance of the City of Gladstone; and

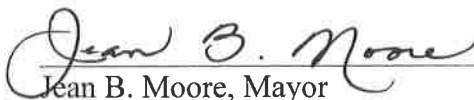
WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the adoption of comprehensive legislative priorities is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Gladstone, Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:


THAT, the attached 2014 Gladstone Legislative Program is hereby approved and adopted; and

FURTHER THAT, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Gladstone hereby direct staff to communicate the 2014 Legislative Program to the members of the Missouri General Assembly.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2013.


Jean B. Moore, Mayor

Attest:


Cathy L. Swenson, City Clerk



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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNSELOR

TO: MAYOR JEAN MOORE
MAYOR PRO TEM BRIAN HILL
COUNCILMEMBER CAROL SUTER
COUNCILMAN BARRY MCCULLOUGH
COUNCILMAN BILL GARNOS
CITY MANAGER KIRK DAVIS

FROM: CITY COUNSELOR RANDALL THOMPSON

RE: LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

DATE: JANUARY 13, 2014

You will recall having identified 4 areas of interest this coming legislative session of particular importance to our community, namely, 9-1-1 funding, adverse effects of the school transfer law, transportation funding, and economic development. As of this writing no bills have been introduced in either chamber having to do with 9-1-1 Funding or transportation funding.

There have been several bills filed concerning student transfer issues and remedies. Of these SB 485, 493, 534, 545, and 595 have been identified by the North Kansas City School District as bills they generally support. Representative Myron Neth of Liberty has filed HJR 42 to authorize a ballot initiative to amend Section 26 (b) of Article VI of the Missouri Constitution to provide for a bonded indebtedness ceiling of 25% of the assessed valuation of a school district.

Local legislators have taken the lead in filing bills to enhance and/or protect economic development in Missouri. Representative TJ Berry sponsored a tax reform bill last year which was vetoed by the Governor. TJ has introduced a new bill, HB 1253, in which he hopes to have addressed the Governor's objections. The bill (no text yet available) would change law regarding taxation by reducing the tax on corporate business income for certain tax entities. He has also offered HB 1254 which would grant amnesty for delinquent taxes and allow a 50% exemption of business income for certain small businesses in determining Missouri adjusted gross income.

Senator Silvey has made headlines with SB 635 which prohibits incentives for businesses relocating from Douglas, Johnson, Miami or Wyandotte counties in Kansas to Cass, Clay, Jackson or Platte counties in Missouri. The law would only take effect if Kansas passes the same

law. The bill prohibits certain existing incentive programs and any new or expanded business facilities programs.

Although not listed as one of our priorities it is important to note that AT&T is still at work in the Capital introducing the same proposals that were passed last year. Senator Brad Lager has filed four bills. SB 649 affects our power to control the right-of-way of political subdivisions. SB 650 limits our power to regulate deployment of wireless infrastructure. SB 652 affects utilities and railroad right-of-ways. SB 653 affects control over use of municipal utility poles.

I will be participating in a conference call with an Op. Ed. Editor for the Star on Friday to discuss SBs 649 and 650. The MML has hired a publicist/media consultant to assist with getting our message out in response to AT&T's control of the legislature.

The MML Legislative Conference will take place on February 11 and 12. We will co-sponsor a legislative dinner with other communities from the Northland and contact our local representatives.