

## City Council

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Bill Number	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 2006</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Support	1
Relating to housing; declaring an emergency. Defines "emergency shelter." Requires local governments to allow siting of qualifying emergency shelters by qualifying entities notwithstanding land use laws and regulations. 3/5/2021 - HB 2006 would pre-empt local land use for the purposes of placing an emergency shelter, defined as a building or cluster of buildings that provides shelter on a temporary basis for individuals and families who lack permanent housing.  The bill would require local government to approve an application for the development or use of land for an emergency shelter, regardless of land use regulations. While Salem continues to work with partners to reduce hardships that lead to homelessness and chronic homelessness within our communities, and to provide affordable housing in concert with our local development community, non-profits, and other public sector partners, many of our unsheltered neighbors are living out doors with untreated mental illness, addiction, and chronic health conditions worsened by long periods of homelessness. This bill would provide more tools to site shelters and provide more shelter to those in need in our community.  HB 2006 and HB 2004 (relating to mobile crisis response) appear to be moving together.		
<a href="#">HB 2180</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Support	1
Relating to vehicles. Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to amend state building code to require that new construction of certain buildings include provisions for electrical service capacity for specified percentage of parking spaces. 1/28/2021 - HB 2180 would require new multifamily buildings with five or more units, new privately-owned commercial buildings, and new mixed-use buildings to provide the space, electrical service, and conduit to support electric vehicle charging. The requirement would apply to at least 20 percent of vehicle parking spaces. The bill aligns with the City's policy statement to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.		
<a href="#">HB 2645</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Oppose	1
Relating to use of land; declaring an emergency. Exempts dog training facilities from state structural specialty codes. 1/18/2021 - HB 2645 would essentially allow legal lots to remain legal when a property line is moved through a circuit court judgement in a property line dispute. The lots would be legal even if they did not meet the City's minimum lot sizes or did not go through a City approval process. The City also could not deny a permit based solely on the relocated lines. The City does not get involved in property line disputes; however, this bill would preempt the City's local control over land use.		
<a href="#">SB 8 INTRO</a>	Support	1
Relating to land use planning for housing. Limits standards and conditions of approval that local governments may apply to certain affordable housing. 3/1/2021 - SB 8 would require the City to allow affordable housing outright in commercial zones, on publicly-owned properties, and property owned by religious organizations. Currently, multifamily housing is allowed though a conditional use permit in the Commercial Retail and General Commercial zones, and multifamily housing is prohibited in some public zones like the Public Health zone (e.g., State hospital and Dept. of Corrections). The bill would also allow for increased densities and heights for affordable housing in zones where it is already allowed (e.g., residential and mixed-use zones). The density allowed in the Single Family zone, for example, could be 150 to 200 percent of what is currently allowed. The bill preempts local land use authority but would further the City's efforts to increase affordable housing. Its impact would be fairly narrow given the affordability requirements. The bill is somewhat vague as currently written and should be amended to clarify its intent.		
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<a href="#">HB 2008</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Support	2
<p>Relating to affordable housing provided by religious organizations; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Provides tax exemption for property of religious organization held or used solely to provide affordable housing to low income households.</p> <p>2/17/2021 - HB 2008 appears to provide a property tax exemption for land that is used to provide affordable housing (at or below 60 percent of the area median income). It also appears to require cities to allow affordable housing if a property is owned by a religious corporation, is zoned for uses other than industrial uses, and is contiguous to property zoned to allow or used for residential uses. The housing would have to be affordable (60 percent of area median income) for at least 60 years. The City could only apply standards related to health, safety, habitability, and infrastructure. This would preempt local land use authority but support efforts to increase affordable housing in Salem.</p>		
<a href="#">HB 2015</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Support	2
<p>Relating to local marijuana taxes; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Increases maximum percentage of tax that governing body of city or county may impose on sale of marijuana items.</p> <p>3/1/2021 - HB 2015 would allow the City to increase its 3% local marijuana tax for up to a total of 10%.</p>		
<a href="#">HB 2842</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Support	2
<p>Relating to healthy homes; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Establishes Healthy Homes Program within the Oregon Health Authority to provide grants to entities to provide financial assistance to low income households and landlords.</p> <p>2/4/2021 - Grant funding to support the rehabilitation of homes to extend their useful life and improve indoor air. This would provide funding to abatement of hazardous materials. "Healthy Homes" Grant funding through OHA. Targets populations disproportionately impacted as well as low income households.</p>		
<a href="#">HB 2887</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Support	2
<p>Relating to a special bridge district; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Authorizes formation of bridge district in capital city region, consisting of Benton, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties.</p> <p>3/1/2021 - HB 2887 authorizes formation of bridge district in capital city region, consisting of Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties to plan, finance, construct, operate and maintain bridge over Willamette River. The bill authorizes bridge district to levy property taxes for purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and maintaining bridges over Willamette River in capital city region. Provides for organization of district board consisting of five members, one elected from each of four counties in capital city region and one elected from district at large. There may be some compression of property taxes as a result of the formation of the district but, the impact would be negligible due to the size of the area covered.</p>		
<a href="#">HB 3261</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Support	2
<p>Relating to conversion of properties for living spaces; declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Limits local government's restrictions on conversions of certain properties into emergency shelters or affordable housing.</p> <p>2/25/2021 - HB 3261 would require cities to allow hotels or motels to convert to emergency shelters or affordable housing. This would not apply to areas that are designated "specifically for heavy industrial uses." The bill would appear to prohibit the City from requiring a conditional use permit for a shelter serving 6 to 75 people in most commercial and mixed use zones, downtown Salem, and the Industrial Commercial zone, and it would prohibit the City from requiring a conditional use permit for multifamily housing in some commercial zones and the Industrial Commercial zone. This would preempt local land use authority but support the City's efforts to increase shelter space and affordable housing in Salem.</p>		

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<a href="#">SB 330</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Support	2
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Relating to a tax credit for the forgiveness of tenant debt; prescribing an effective date.

Establishes income tax credit for forgiveness by landlord of tenant's nonpayment of rent or other charges.

1/18/2021 - Offers owners of rental property the option to offset any net balance owed by tenants from the emergency period, with a reduction in tax liability (tax credit). It is an alternate option to other rent forgiveness programs. It covers the tenants full balance, while other programs forgive rent only.

<a href="#">SB 410</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Oppose	2
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Relating to homelessness; declaring an emergency.

Requires state agencies to develop and implement policies to ensure humane treatment of homeless individuals.

1/19/2021 - The City of Salem is experiencing a sheltering crisis. Working in collaboration with local nonprofits and social service partners, the City is providing sheltering options and other support services to our unsheltered residents. The City has several initiatives underway that, over time, will reduce the need for sheltering in unsuitable locations. We continue to find there are few good workable solutions.

Here are the technical reasons why this proposed bill is challenging. Bill changes the requirement for storage of unclaimed personal property removed from a campsite on public property such that the property must be kept within the city no further than five miles of the campsite and six blocks of the public transit station. As campsite occur throughout City, bill places a large burden on the City to have multiple storage locations. Also leads to the decentralization of the process for locating the property and returning it to a claimant.