

## 2021-2022 Advocacy Initiatives

In partnership with South Carolina's 271 cities and towns, the Municipal Association of SC's board of directors develops and adopts advocacy initiatives that will be pursued during each session of the South Carolina General Assembly.

Each of the advocacy initiatives is intended to create additional tools for cities and towns to govern more effectively and efficiently

The Municipal Association's 2021-2022 advocacy initiatives include:

- Amending the newly adopted broadband expansion law to allow cities and towns to not only lay fiber, but also light the fiber or partner with a third party to light it.
- Allowing cities and towns to close doughnut holes, or enclaves, in their municipal limits through a local annexation process.
- Supporting reform measures to aspects of law enforcement training and duties.
- Requiring code enforcement liens be billed and collected similar to property taxes.
- Extending the current abandoned buildings tax credit until 2022 to allow for additional local economic development incentives.
- Supporting the Local Government Fund to be funded in accordance with current law.
- Supporting money to be included in the state budget to fund the Firefighter Healthcare Benefit Plan.
- Supporting money to be included in the state budget to fund the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder programs for first responders.
- Allowing cities and towns with no property tax millage to impose a millage with certain limitations.
- Creating a Municipal Capital Projects penny tax for municipal residents to approve for capital projects within the city limits.
- Expanding the availability of Narcan, the nasal mist used to revive individuals suffering from drug overdoses, to fire and emergency medical services first responders.
- Amending the Textiles Communities Revitalization Act to include as one site those parts of abandoned mill properties that are separated by way of an intervening connector such as a railroad or waterway.

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