

SAVANNAH



Draft 2020 Legislative Agenda

January 16, 2020



1. Confiscated Weapons

Allow local governments to choose whether they'll sell confiscated weapons at auction or have them destroyed.



2. Common-Sense Gun Measures to Reduce Gun Violence

City Council Passed Gun Resolution on September 12, 2019

- Universal background checks
- “Red flag” or “extreme risk protective order”
- Bans on assault weapons, high-capacity magazines, armor-piercing ammunition, and bump stocks;
- legislation granting localities the authority to prohibit or restrict the possession, transportation or carrying of firearms into public buildings, publicly approved events, on other property owned by a locality or within designated festival zones.



3. Private Solid Waste Disposal fees

Amend allowable uses for HOST fees from private solid waste disposal facilities to allow for use of funds on recycling efforts



4. Sovereign Immunity

The City requests
that the State
provide the City with
the same sovereign
immunity as is
provided to the
county or state



5. Savannah Development and Renewal Authority

Lower the required
number of board
members for the
Savannah
Development and
Renewal Authority
from 25 to 17



6. Smoke Alarms in Rental Properties

Increase penalty in State Fire Code for not providing working Smoke Alarms in rental properties after first warning.



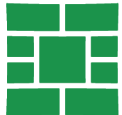
7. Logistics Technology Corridor

Adopt economic incentives to enhance Georgia's logistics technology corridor which includes logistical technology job training, an innovation center, and foundation for the region becoming the global leader of logistics innovation. :



8. Non-Property Tax Revenue Options to Rollback Property Taxes

Explore the different
revenue streams to
help lower property
taxes.



9. Commercial Property Tax Assessments Annual Growth Cap

Explore a mechanism to prevent large swings in the commercial property tax assessments.



10. Staggered Term Limits for Savannah City Council

Explore the implementation of additional term limits and staggered election terms for Savannah City Council Members.



11. Safe House Facilities and Support for Abused and Exploited Victims

Support funding and expand efforts to establish secure facilities, services, and prevention effects to address both the immediate and long term needs of victims of Child Sexual Exploitation and Domestic Abuse.



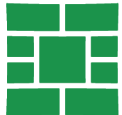
12. Increase Small Business Personal Property Tax Exemption

Increase the tax exemption on small businesses personal property from \$7,500 to \$10,000.



13. Port Container Fee

Explore pathways, impacts, and implementation mechanisms for a port container fee.



HOME RULE ITEMS

Local control of our existing laws and policies

This section outlines current laws and policies we have identified that we need to protect from state involvement or over reach. As a local government, we believe we know what works best for Savannah and request the state allow us to legislate our own solutions.

- Abandoned Shopping Cart Ordinance
- Short-Term Vacation Rentals
- Oppose Any Prohibition of Fees on Property Tax Bills

