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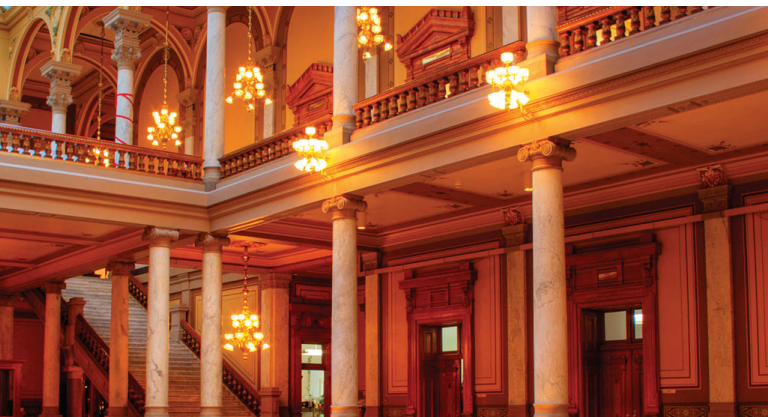
# CORNERSTONE

## **Municipal LOIT authority**

Allow municipal authority to implement the Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) and other fees in order to off-set tax losses. Municipalities should have the authority to adopt the Public Safety LOIT according to their own needs without the requirement to adopt another LOIT first.

## **Statewide local authority to adopt food and beverage taxes**

Level the playing field for the food and beverage tax by allowing all cities and towns statewide to have local authority to adopt the tax which can be used for any municipal purpose.



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## **Rainy Day and EDIT fund transfers**

Allow cash transfers from Rainy Day and EDIT funds to other funds instead of having to appropriate the funds twice for the same purpose. Provide for the cash transfer by resolution (instead of appropriation) of Rainy Day and EDIT funds into traditionally used funds.

## **Higher dollar threshold for the bid process on public works projects**

Raise the dollar threshold for public works projects that are subject to the bid process so that the quote process can be used in more cases.

## **Notice requirements for ordinance enforcement**

Streamline notice requirements for ordinance enforcement. When government must step in to mow high weeds or cure a safety violation on private property there are multiple parties to be notified. This notification process should be simplified for efficiency.

## **Raise dollar amounts for public works projects that can be done with city/town employees**

Revise IC 36-1-12-3 (a) which provides a threshold of \$100,000 for estimated proj-

ect costs that can be done with municipal workforce.

## **Change statute on seasonal worker unemployment benefits**

Amend statute to eliminate having to pay unemployment benefits for seasonal employees who are hired to mow grass. Amend the statute to allow seasonal employee status for employees hired by municipalities during mowing season to mow grass, even if other full-time employees are also mowing grass as part of their responsibilities.

## **Amend the statute on selling real estate to make it simpler**

The provisions in statute for government to sell real estate needs clarification and improvement. The process should remain open to the public, but can be simplified.

## **Street sweeping inflation adjustment**

See that INDOT periodically adjusts for inflation for payments made to cities and towns for sweeping state highways than through municipalities. The current amount INDOT pays has not been adjusted for more than 20 years.



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