



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

01/26/2026 26-091

Council Meeting Date: 01/26/2026
Item No: 26-091
Responsible Dept: City Manager
Requested Action: Order



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Title, Order

Establishing the City Council's Priorities for 2026

Summary

During City Council's annual priority-setting session and subsequent workshop, City Council established the following 2026 priorities:

(1) Establish a comprehensive plan to address homelessness. Council will spearhead the creation of a comprehensive strategy that leverages both outside regional and nationwide experts alongside local stakeholders to craft a comprehensive plan for how the City supports organizations addressing homelessness in the City and considers the effectiveness of past strategies and recommends new strategies to decrease the incidence and impact of homelessness in Bangor.

(2) Continue to address housing needs. Several housing projects are in various stages of completion around the City including the completed Theresa's Place project, and in progress projects such as Sunrise Senior Living, a recently approved tiny home project, and a supportive housing project led by Bangor Housing. Council intends to continue to focus on housing gaps and unmet needs. Ideas considered include a standing committee focused on housing and/or housing bonds.

(3) Advocate for a fairer share of regional costs and regional participation in the resolution of regional challenges. As a service center, Bangor proudly hosts a number of businesses, non-profits, educational organizations, and medical service providers that are of broad regional importance. However, there are attendant costs associated with being a service center that are born by Bangor alone. At the same time, many of these institutions are exempt from property tax and Bangor shoulders a disproportionate impact from those property tax exemptions. City Council will explore creative and innovative ways to encourage broader regional participation and cost sharing.

City Council believes that prioritizing these three items in the following year is a strong investment in the continued vitality of the City of Bangor and the wellbeing of the City's residents.

Committee Action

Committee: Meeting Date: 12/10/2025
Action: Recommend for passage For: Against:

Staff Comments & Approvals

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Introduced for: New Business





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Assigned to Councilor: Carson

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WHEREAS, the City Council met on December 10, 2025 to establish its priorities for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, after a robust brainstorming session, City Council coalesced around three top priorities; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that prioritizing these three items in the following year is a strong investment in the continued vitality of the City of Bangor and the wellbeing of the City's residents;

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the City of Council's 2026 priorities are (1) establishing a comprehensive plan to address homelessness; (2) continuing to address housing needs; and (3) advocating for a fairer share of regional costs and regional participation in the resolution of regional challenges.