



2027-2028 Legislative Policy Process

Important Dates & Updates!

FLOOR POLICIES DUE: August 4 ♦ **POLICY CONFERENCE: September 11**

The NHMA legislative policy process is moving forward! The proposed 2027-2028 Legislative Policy and Principles, as recommended by NHMA's three member-run policy committees, can be viewed [here](#).

Next Steps:

- All governing bodies should review proposed 2027-2028 Legislative Policies and Principles.
- All governing bodies should vote whether to support the policies and principles, and choose a voting delegate.
- Submit a floor proposal, if desired, by August 4.
- Look for delegate registration email in August.
- Legislative Policy Conference is on Friday, September 11, at NHMA.

Read on for more information!

NHMA members will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed policies and principles at the Legislative Policy Conference in September. ***We urge each municipality's governing body, prior to the Legislative Policy Conference, to vote a position on the recommended policies and principles and on any floor proposals that may be received (see below) to provide direction to your voting delegate at the conference.*** Otherwise, your delegate is free to cast your municipality's vote as he or she chooses.

NOTE: Please do not send your governing body's vote results or positions to NHMA. Your governing body's discussions and votes are only for the direction of your voting delegate. The ***only way*** a municipality may vote on the recommended policies and principles is to send a voting delegate to the policy conference on September 11.

In addition, any municipality interested in proposing an additional policy may do so through the floor policy process, described below.

Floor Proposals

The deadline for submitting floor proposals is **Friday, August 4**. A floor proposal will be accepted only if: (a) it is ***approved by a majority vote of the governing body*** (select board, aldermen, or council) of the town or city submitting the proposal; (b) is submitted in writing; and (c) is ***received no later than August 4***. **NHMA will send any floor proposals received to all municipalities** in August so they will have an opportunity to take a position on the floor proposal(s) before the Legislative Policy Conference. Floor proposals should be submitted using the [Floor Policy Proposal form](#).

To submit a floor proposal, please email it to advocacy@nhmunicipal.org.

Legislative Policy Conference

The 2027-2028 NHMA Legislative Policy Conference will be held on **Friday, September 11**, at 9:00 a.m. at our offices at 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH 03301. This is an in-person event. ***Each member municipality will be asked to appoint a voting delegate to cast its vote at this conference.*** Each member municipality, regardless of size, has ***one vote*** on all policy matters. **About six weeks before the conference, municipal officials will be able to register a voting delegate online. We will send out another email when the registration portal is live.**

We strongly suggest that the governing body determine who will serve as your city or town's voting delegate. If the select board, aldermen, or council does not designate anyone, NHMA will recognize one official as a municipality's voting delegate in the following order of priority:

Mayor/Chair of Board of Selectmen/Council Chair

OR

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice or Assistant Mayor/Council Vice Chair

OR

Selectman/Alderman/Councilor

OR

City or Town Manager/Town Administrator/Administrative Assistant

NHMA's bylaws require a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members present and voting for approval of any changes to an NHMA legislative policy or principle.

Please contact the Advocacy Team at advocacy@nhmunicipal.org or 603. 230.3376 if you have any questions.