



MINNESOTA SHOPPING
CENTER ASSOCIATION

The 2021 legislative session begins on January 5th. The Minnesota Constitutional deadline for adjournment is May 17th.

The following are points MSCA members can use when talking to legislators at the Capitol.

- Each year, Minnesota Shopping Centers generate almost half of the state's sales tax revenue. Employment at shopping centers creates Minnesota jobs at every level: entry, managerial, sales, distribution, and executive positions.

Business Property Taxes

- MSCA urges lawmakers to maintain the State General Levy Property tax reductions that were passed in 2017 and 2019.
- Property taxes are typically passed down to our tenants, many of which are small businesses. This ultimately raises their operating cost.

Transportation Funding

- An efficient transportation system is important for the success of shopping centers and all commercial real estate businesses. The legislature needs to pass additional transportation funding without unduly burdening business taxpayers.

Local Municipal Fees

- MSCA supports transparency in the evaluating and use of municipal fees. Holding our local municipalities accountable for reporting collected building fees, which is required by law, is a priority.
- In a 2019 report, by the Housing Affordability Institute, it was estimated that nearly 200 Minnesota cities failed to report how much they were collecting in building permit fees. Additionally, the municipalities that filed reports collected \$78 million more than they spent on related services over the last five years.