



PRIORITIES:

Affordable Housing

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that allows for a collaborative approach that balances the pressing needs for affordable and workforce housing while respecting the ability of local governments to effectively manage growth to ensure developments align with the character, capabilities and resources of each community.

Electric Vehicles

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that ensures all vehicles, regardless of fuel type, contribute fairly to the funding of Florida's transportation infrastructure, which will allow cities to maintain safe and reliable roads for all residents.

Enterprise Fund Transfers and Extraterritorial Surcharges

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS preserving municipal authority over utility revenues and the ability to realize a reasonable rate of return on utility assets. Legislation should honor current practices, existing contracts, utility operation and maintenance costs, service territory obligations and revenues obligated for debt service and planned projects.

Property Taxes

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS the levy of property taxes by municipalities to provide critical services such as infrastructure, police, fire and emergency services. Further changes or exemptions to the property tax system and tangible personal property taxes would create inequities and unfairly shift the tax burden onto families, homeowners, renters, businesses and our most vulnerable population.

Sovereign Immunity

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS preserving reasonable sovereign immunity liability caps for municipal governments to protect taxpayer funds and ensure delivery of public services.

POLICY POSITIONS:

Annexation

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that facilitates the municipal annexation of unincorporated areas in a manner that respects municipal boundaries, protects private property rights and encourages cooperation between municipal and county governments.

Impact Fees

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS protecting municipal authority to set impact fees that safeguard existing taxpayers from incurring additional infrastructure costs.



Local Business Taxes

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS preserving municipal ability to collect local business taxes in order to foster economic growth, ensure public safety, deliver emergency services and drive community development.

One Water

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS the state legislature’s endorsement of One Water policies that seek to enhance integration between different water systems while maintaining local flexibility.

Public Safety Recruitment and Retention

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation and funding to enhance recruitment and retention of municipal public safety personnel, which will help communities maintain effective emergency response and public safety services.