

# STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** February 4, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** City Commission

**TITLE:**

Resolution No. 08-2025 - urging members of the Florida Legislature to support the 2025 Florida League of Cities Legislative Platform brought forward by Vice Mayor Malega

**SUMMARY:**

The Florida League of Cities adopts a legislative platform each year and is requesting that Florida municipalities send a resolution of support to the Florida Legislature.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The 2025 Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Platform, which includes its priorities and policy positions, was adopted by its membership at the 2024 FLC Legislative Conference on December 6, 2024. The Florida Legislature will convene the 2025 Legislative Session on March 4, 2025, and the FLC requested that the Florida municipalities adopt the legislative platform and policies by resolution, sending the resolution to its local delegates and the FLC.

The FLC's platform includes:

- Supporting 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.
- Supporting 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.
- Supporting the preservation of 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.
- Supporting 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.
- Supporting the preservation of reasonable sovereign immunity liability caps for municipal governments to protect taxpayer funds and ensure the delivery of public services.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 08-2025 urging members of the Florida Legislature to support the 2025 Florida League of Cities Legislative Platform.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Resolution 08-2025  
FLC 2025 Legislative Platform