



Priorities:

Enterprise Fund Transfers

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS the preservation of municipal authority to manage municipal revenue sources and realize a reasonable rate of return on their proprietary assets, investments and services.

Mobility Plans

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that defines and clarifies mobility plans in order to provide a clear and concise regulatory framework for Florida cities to acquire, construct and implement both traditional and alternative modes of transportation.

Short-Term Rentals

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that restores authority to local governments for the regulation of short-term rental properties as necessary for quality of life, public safety and the creation of fair lodging standards. The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation clarifying that existing, grandfathered municipal short-term rental ordinances can be amended without penalty. The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that preempts municipal authority as it relates to the regulation of short-term rental properties.

Accessible Housing

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that requires all money from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used for Florida's affordable housing programs that are targeted to meet the needs of workforce housing, including home ownership and rental availability.

Water Resources Planning and Comprehensive Watershed Management

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation establishing a statewide coordinated planning and prioritization approach for water resource investments that funds Florida's current and projected water needs in an equitable manner and authorizing Comprehensive Watershed Management projects to qualify for funding under the state Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.



Policy Positions:

Property Tax Protection

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that maintains an equitable property tax system while preserving a municipality's ability to fund public infrastructure, police, fire, emergency services and other essential services. Any further erosions and/or exemptions on the current property tax structure will unfairly shift the tax burden to the business community, renters and others.

Residential Zoning

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that maintains, advances and encourages the fundamental ability for cities to tailor unique land development solutions through local decision-making, preserving the ability for cities to decide how they look and grow. Cities are strong supporters of affordable housing efforts and are best positioned to identify appropriate areas that can support high-density infill redevelopment.

Transportation Funding

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation directing the Florida Department of Transportation to provide financial assistance and incentives to develop and implement multimodal transportation plans that optimize different modes of combined transport and are tailored to municipal transportation demands. The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS identifying additional transportation revenue to fund innovative infrastructure (e.g., electric vehicles) and transit projects to meet the surging transportation demands driven by growth in population throughout Florida.

Water and Wastewater Plant Operator Licensure

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to address workforce shortages in municipal water and wastewater facilities by: one, defining facility operators as critical and essential workers; two, providing reciprocity with other states for licensure of facility operators; and three, allowing credit toward licensure for military experience and time served performing similar functions and providing flexibility for facilities to use retired or out-of-state operators in emergencies.