



Memorandum

Meeting Details: December 10, 2025

Prepared For: Mayor & Board of Commissioners

From: Megan Wepfer, Public Works Director

Subject: Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for Disaster Debris and Monitoring Services

Background

This agreement is between Pinellas County and any municipality that chooses to participate, including the City of Madeira Beach. The purpose is to ensure that, after a hurricane or other major disaster, each city has quick access to debris removal and monitoring services.

Pinellas County has already hired (procured) contractors through a competitive, FEMA-approved process to provide these services. This agreement allows municipalities to use those same contractors without having to run their own procurement.

Why This Agreement Is Needed

- After a major disaster, the city may not have enough staff or equipment to clear debris quickly.
- By signing this agreement, the city can use the County's pre-selected debris removal and debris monitoring contractors.
- These contractors can work on City roads and properties, but the City pays for the services it uses—the County does not pay any municipal costs.
- This setup helps ensure the City can respond faster after an emergency and maintain FEMA reimbursement eligibility.

What Pinellas County Agrees To

- The County has competitively selected contractors for debris removal and debris monitoring following all state and federal (FEMA) rules.
- The County will give municipalities access to the contracts and any future amendments.
- If the City needs documentation to submit for FEMA reimbursement, the County will provide it.

- The County will only seek FEMA reimbursement for work the County pays for.

What the City (Municipality) Agrees To

- The city must decide whether to use the County's contractors and, if so, must sign a participation agreement directly with the contractor.
- The City is responsible for managing its own contract with the contractor, including oversight and payments.
- The city is responsible for applying for FEMA reimbursement for its own debris work.
- The City is responsible for debris cleanup on City roads, City-owned property, and other assigned areas unless a separate written agreement changes those responsibilities.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact unless a disaster occurs.

Recommendation(s)

Staff recommend the Board of Commissioners approve the Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for Disaster Debris and Monitoring Services

Attachments

- ILA Agreement