

January 25, 2026

City of Madeira Beach
300 Municipal Dr.
Madeira Beach, FL 33708-1916

Dear City Official(s):

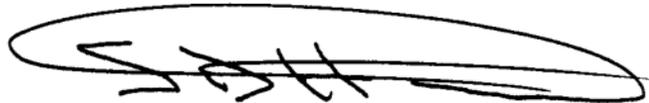
Thank you for the opportunity to apply for Madeira Beach's City Manager position. I am confident that my background and abilities meet the City's expectations for an energetic and enthusiastic individual with a proven track record of excellent leadership and performance-based management; an effective executor of strategic plans and related outcome components; and a developer of fundamentally sound public policy solutions complemented by eloquent verbal presentation and competent business writing skills. Success on the journey to sound community building and achieving priorities depends on a unified, strategic and participatory team whose members cooperate for the attainment of the best for Madeira Beach and its neighbors.

This letter and accompanying resume summarize my years of achievement as a local government manager, the last twenty years of diversified experience in Pine Lake and College Park, Georgia (750 and 15,000 full time populations and home of the busiest airport in the world); Bloomfield, Connecticut (22,000 full time population and as Connecticut does not have functional counties administered municipal, county, and education functional responsibilities); Fort Lauderdale, Florida (183,000 full time population and beach, downtown center, and "Venice of America" arts, culture and events mecca); and Lakeland, Florida (92,000 full time population and world-class destined community and regional provider of electric power production and transmission and water supply and treatment).

Real effectiveness over the course of my career has been achieved through a combination of characteristics including as a progressively experienced local government administrator specialized in strategic planning and financial management; diverse practitioner having worked in different geographical regions; caring, competent, and committed public servant; empathetic and ethical leader; responsive and accountable professional; transparent and forthright purveyor of public information; and team-oriented, appreciative and collaborative colleague. I believe that these traits of public service are invaluable for success as chief administrative officer.

Madeira Beach's shining and historic place presents a great opportunity to join a community building team and share my experiences while learning from the best minds in this community and enjoying the worthwhile amenities of the area as my next career and living adventure. I pledge to model and build great community through strength of character, commitment to performance-based operations, wealth of experience, openness to others' ideas, passion for hard work, appreciation of all constituents, love of community, and a demonstrated record of achievements.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Hawthorne", enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Stanley D. Hawthorne

Education

Master of Arts in Public Administration, University of Virginia
Bachelor of Science, Troy University

Employment Background

2025-Present City of Pine Lake City Manager

Pine Lake is the smallest city in DeKalb County, Georgia positioned about 12 miles east of downtown Atlanta. It is a small “artsy” community with a lake, originally developed as a resort in the 1930’s. As Atlanta sprawled around it, Pine Lake resisted pressure to disappear into the suburbs. It is known for the many artists, musicians, and writers who have flocked to its quiet shores, and the concerts, poetry readings, and art shows held in and around the quirky Pine Lake Beach House.

2023-2024 City of College Park City Manager

College Park, Georgia is an established community with a blend of unique business and educational centers, corporate offices, a variety of housing types, and a genuine and charming downtown. As a result, it is strongly positioned for rapid economic growth as both a hub for travel and tourism and the regional aerotropolis of the southeastern United States. College Park is an attractive location for raising a family outside of but next door to all of the amenities of Atlanta. The City is home to the busiest airport in the world, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, hosting tens to hundreds of thousands of visitors on any given day, headquarters for companies such as Chick Fil A and neighboring Delta Airlines, as well as home to Woodward Academy, the largest private school in the country. College Park is a vibrant community known for its history, sense of community, and quality of life. The City offers hospitality in its municipal services from operating electric, water and sewer utilities; convention center, arena, and golf enterprises; and renowned parks, recreation, and cultural arts across the region.

2021-2023 Town of Bloomfield Town Manager

The Town of Bloomfield, Connecticut was first settled in 1642 and incorporated in 1835. The Town covers approximately 26 square miles and is north and adjacent to the capital city of Hartford. The Town’s current population is estimated to be 21,535. Bloomfield is administered under the Council-Manager form of government. The nine-member Town Council is elected biennially for a term of two years with minority party representation of at least three council members guaranteed. The Town Manager is appointed by the Council and serves as a full-time chief executive officer. As counties are non-functional in Connecticut, the Town provides a full range of county and municipal services to its residents including police protection and emergency operations; a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public education system; a public library system and golf course; building services and land use development; construction and maintenance of highways, streets, and infrastructure; human services; and parks, recreation, and cultural events.

2019-2021 DoyleSH Corporation President

I served as President of DoyleSH Corporation, an incorporated consulting and retail enterprise formed in March 2019 following my tenure at Fort Lauderdale. The COVID-19 pandemic adversely impacted opportunities and the business operation was shuttered after the onset of the pandemic.

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2011-2019 City of Fort Lauderdale Assistant City Manager

The City of Fort Lauderdale is located in the east-central portion of Broward County encompassing nearly 36 square miles with an estimated population of 182,827. Fort Lauderdale is the largest of Broward County's 31 municipalities and one of the ten largest cities in Florida famous for its beaches, arts, culture, and events. The City employs a workforce of approximately 2,600 full-time employees with five bargaining units. As Assistant City Manager and original member of the last senior executive team, we were committed to strategic planning of improving productivity, streamlining expenses, and developing a stronger, more effective organization supporting the City's embracement of a vision based on fiscal responsibility, accountability, high ethical standards, and quality delivery of services. It is a vision that rewards excellence, not mediocrity, and above all, places the people of Fort Lauderdale first.

2005-2011 City of Lakeland Assistant City Manager

Lakeland, with a population of approximately 92,000 residents in an area of 72 square miles, lies between the two major urban areas of Tampa Bay and Orlando and is experiencing the tremendous growth of the central Florida region. Services provided by the Lakeland government range from traditional police, fire, public works, and an extensive parks and recreation system to electric power production and transmission, water supply, wastewater treatment, solid waste collection, as well as services offered through its municipal parking facilities, regional airport, 27-hole golf course, and arena, performing arts and convention center. Responsibilities included assisting the City Manager in the full breadth of municipal services and direct oversight administering the City's Strategic Plan and Goals for Lakeland to be a vibrant, culturally inclusive, world-class community; human resources network and services for more than 2200 full-time employees; purchasing store of fuel, commodities and services valuing at more than \$300 million annually; and information technology, risk management, and internal audit functions.

2002-2004 Sun 'n Lake Improvement District General Manager

As General Manager for the Sun 'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District, I had a rare opportunity to return home and share the benefit of my career education and experience in the fastest growth area of the County. Sun 'n Lake originally comprised of a 25 square mile area for development has grown from an unpopulated wilderness to approaching 7500 residents today and evolved from a retirement community into a diverse melting pot of age, racial and ethnic components. In its unique charter created by the State and County, the District is wholly independent of the County and a full municipal service provider. The General Manager reports to a 5-member elected Board of Supervisors and is responsible for hiring and supervision of district employees and day-to-day operations. During my tenure, we adopted and applied energetic and innovative approaches to steer the Improvement District through the new century for reaching its growth potential.

1998-2002 City of Lauderdale Lakes City Manager

I served as the first City Manager of Lauderdale Lakes, a culturally diverse and economically challenged community of 32,000 residents. During strategic planning gatherings of the community and governing body, we determined a vision "to be the best city of its size through its commitment to safety, quality of life, government and efficient use of resources." At a staff level, we took the vision statement and applied it as a team to our daily working activities. We significantly expanded service delivery but maintained low property tax rates supplemented by grant opportunities and expanded user fees. A sampling of accomplishments included a new community center, new programs for youth and seniors, expedited building services for residents and developers, new street construction, a partnered new park and educational facility with the school board, significant technological advances including a web site (www.lauderdalelakes.org), beautiful entryway signage, a new passive park artfully landscaped by city staff, a wide variety of neighborhood improvements, improved bus transportation, crime reduction, and a community redevelopment area (CRA) designation promising significant redevelopment throughout the city.

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1994-1998 City of Tamarac Assistant City Manager/Finance Director.

As Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance for the City of Tamarac, a community then of 56,000 residents with significant development opportunity abutting the Florida Everglades, I assisted the City Manager in the administration of daily city operations and special projects and in his absence, acted on his behalf managing the activities of the government. I represented the city in intergovernmental relations with federal, state and other local governments, and non-profit and private enterprises, as well as other groups and organizations. I also administered the city's \$55 million program/performance-based budget, management analysis, finance and accounting services, purchasing and contracts management and utilities' customer services.

1992-1994 City of Hollywood Director of Management and Budget

The City of Hollywood with a residential population of 140,000 is located between Miami and Fort Lauderdale and is one of Florida's largest cities. During my tenure there, I served as Director of Management and Budget as well as Interim Director of the Departments of Finance and Information Services. The challenges of this mature, ocean coastal community with its golden sand beaches included strategic planning efforts for improvement to the city's aging residential sections and commercial centers, rebuilding the utilities infrastructure, and meeting the challenge of business opportunity at Port Everglades, one of the major ports on the eastern seaboard.

1985-1992 City of Saginaw Assistant to the City Manager

Saginaw is a central city in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. It is an industrial town dominated by the General Motors automotive industry; a mature city with an economically challenged urban core and diverse population mixture. Its population dwindled from a high of near 100,000 in the 1970's to 69,000 in the 1990's. As an administrator there for seven years, the management team and I grappled with the management of limited public resources while managing growing urban problems and diversifying a one industry economic base. We met the challenges head on even with a severely restricted property tax base.

Professional and Civic Affiliations

Past President, Camp Fire USA Sunshine Council
Past President, Broward City/County Management Association
Member, International and Florida City/County Management Association
Member, National Forum for Black Public Administrators
Member, Government Finance Officers Association

Awards, Publications, Certifications

Senior Executive Institute Alumnus
-University of Virginia
Certified Government Financial Manager
Leadership Hollywood Alumnus
Leadership Lakeland Alumnus
Executive Leadership Institute
-Harvard University, Syracuse University,
University of Texas, Wharton School
Fifty Leaders of the Future
-Ebony Magazine
Municipal Annexation,
-thesis written during my enrollment at the University of Virginia

Public Records Exemptions

Enclosed please find a copy of the response documents for your public records request. The following information is provided to explain the process employed to review and produce the response documents.

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