



2017 Legislative Action Agenda



Communications Services Tax and Local Business Tax Protection

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that protects general revenues collected from the communications services tax and the local business tax. These revenues are essential to providing municipal services, such as public safety, constructing and maintaining transportation infrastructure and providing for public parks and open spaces. A diversified revenue base is necessary for the fiscal stability of local governments and improves their ability to serve citizens and businesses.

Community Redevelopment Agencies

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to improve municipalities' use of community redevelopment agencies to effectively carry out redevelopment and community revitalization in accordance with home rule.

Drones

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that allows first responders to use drone technology to save lives and protect people and property. In addition, such legislation should allow municipalities to continue to apply generally applicable law to regulate drone technology to ensure public safety and retain quality of life while protecting civil liberty.

Impact Fees

The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that restricts a municipalities' Home Rule authority to set impact fees or transportation concurrency.

Municipal Levy of the Local Option Infrastructure Surtax

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that provides a mechanism for municipalities to levy the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax, if approved by voters.

Public Records

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS public records reform to discourage or eliminate schemes designed to generate violations of public records laws and disrupt agency operations.

Short-Term Rentals

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that restores local zoning authority with respect to short-term rental properties thereby preserving the integrity of Florida's neighborhoods and communities.

Sustainable Florida

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS measures that promote a sustainable Florida, including legislation that:

- Incentivizes the development and expansion of reclaimed water while protecting public ratepayer investments in reclaimed water infrastructure;
- Assists municipal utilities in addressing infrastructure deficits;
- Maintains the authority of municipalities to operate public utilities;
- Protects and improves the quality of water including surface water, drinking water, and aquifers;
- Imposes a statewide ban on hydraulic fracturing;
- Increases the ability of local governments to address water quality impairment attributable to excess nutrients; and
- Increases state and local efforts to mitigate and adapt to increasing tidal and stormwater flooding.

Transportation Funding

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that provides alternative revenue sources and enhanced transit funding for local government.