



2021 State and Local (County) Legislative Priorities

State Policy:

1. *Preservation of Home Rule and Opposition of Preemption Efforts:*

- Oppose proposed legislation that would erode or impair Home Rule.
- Oppose proposed legislation that would preempt a municipality's ability to operate as they currently do.
- Oppose proposed legislation that would task the State with deciding the specific placement of public safety communications systems/towers and force a local government to reimburse the State for such costs (such as SB 1472 from the 2020 Legislative Session).
- Preservation of the ability to charge a Local Business Tax and maintenance of the current rate for Communications Services Tax.

2. *Opposition of Cost Shifting and Unfunded Mandates on Local Governments:*

- Oppose proposed legislation that would mandate action on/by municipalities without allocation of State resources to accomplish said action.

3. *Local Regulation of Short-Term Rentals and/or Party Houses:*

- Oppose legislation which further strips municipalities' ability to regulate frequency and length of stay for properties used as short-term rentals.
- Support the return of control of short-term rentals to local governments, namely municipalities, via proactive legislation.
- Utilize and showcase that the allowance (and success) of local government regulation of short-term rentals provided pursuant to the Governor's Declared State of Emergency should apply during non-emergency periods as well.

4. *Anchoring Limitation Areas:*

- Support amending s. 327.4108, Florida Statutes to add North and South Lakes to the list of designated anchoring limitation areas.
- Coordinate with other relevant stakeholders from across the State to achieve an expansion of anchoring limitation areas.

5. *Sovereign Immunity and Claim Bill Reform:*

- With an expected proposed overhaul of Florida's sovereign immunity system as well as the threshold to require a claim bill, advocacy to make sure the City is shielded from great financial exposure.

State Funding:

1. *Protect Previous State Funding:*

- Recurring funding for the Fred Lippman Center.
- Continuously monitor gaming compact negotiations and advocate for preservation of the local mitigation provision in the Seminole Gaming Compact.



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2. *Advocate for Continued/Increased Funding:*

- Funding to assist in planning and implementing the closure of the City's ocean outfall.
- Funding of permitting the sand-by-pass project and beach renourishment.
- Funding opportunities for septic to sewer conversions (likely via the Department of Environmental Protection).
- Full funding of the Sadowski Trust fund used for affordable housing.
- Funding of individual appropriation project requests via the legislative appropriation process.

State Regulatory:

1. *COVID-19 Pandemic:*

- Continue to serve as a liaison between the City and the Executive Office of the Governor with regard to the State declared public health emergency, executive orders, and reopening protocols.

2. *Grants and Other Funding Opportunities:*

- Continue to provide the City with funding opportunities via executive-branch state agencies, with a focus on drawn-down federal funds related to the pandemic (i.e. CARES Act funding).

3. *Coordination with Relevant State Agencies:*

- Continued coordination between the City and executive-branch state agencies on matters which involve city operations (i.e. Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Economic Opportunity, and Division of Emergency Management).

Local Policy and Funding:

1. Funding and permitting of sand-by-pass project and beach renourishment.
2. Use of Tourist Development Taxes and/or Port Everglades revenues to fund the Segment #3 renourishment and ongoing sand by-pass costs.
3. Use of Tourist Development Taxes toward expenses that promote the City of Hollywood as a destination.
4. Implementation of the Transportation Surtax fund construction program.