



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

2019 DRAFT STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND FUNDING REQUESTS

This document reflects the official position of the City of Fort Lauderdale regarding State of Florida issues and pending legislation that would impact the operation of local government. It also provides priorities for the pursuit of funding for various City initiatives.

The City of Fort Lauderdale will ENDORSE and SUPPORT legislation that will:

1. Support the transfer of spending authority for the Tourism Development Tax to cities based on tourism activity
2. Permit municipal government to make changes to local law pension plans
3. Expand mass transit options
4. Promote improved water quality and quantity
5. Provide for local regulation of short-term rental properties and sober homes and remove the State's preemption of local regulations on vacation rentals
6. Preserve and/or enhance municipal home rule
7. Support municipal government initiatives to curb homelessness
8. Enhance municipal participation in state environmental permitting processes
9. Encourage energy development and conservation and the development and implementation of alternative energy sources
10. Change the allocation of Florida Department of Emergency Management and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding to cities to be based on each city's risk profile assessment
11. Enact Complete Street Design Initiatives and legislation that will provide cities with the ability to regulate traffic flow within their city limits (i.e. setting speed limits and use of stop signs for traffic calming)
12. Strengthen and expand environmental education, physical activity, and healthy lifestyles for Fort Lauderdale youth while ensuring that they are as protected as possible while participating in parks and recreation programs
13. Address repeat offenders and other juvenile justice issues
14. Create smoke-free zones on Fort Lauderdale beaches and smoke-free Fort Lauderdale Parks
15. Provide for the uniform regulation of police body cameras throughout the State to include privacy and other protection for law enforcement officers
16. Reverse the changes to the legislation related to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf). The change in evidentiary standard in a forfeiture proceeding and the use of future forfeitures resulted in a \$1 Million impact to the City's operating budget (School Resource Officers)
17. Allow for vehicles (i.e. golf carts) that travel at a speed of 25 miles per hour or more to travel on State infrastructure system roadways (e.g. A1A). The Florida DMV licenses golf carts for roadway use but the Florida Department of Transportation does not permit them on their roadways within a municipal city limit
18. Promote the enactment of policies and funding opportunities that assist in meeting sustainability objectives including energy and water efficiencies, connectivity and mobility improvements, carbon sequestration through natural landscape management and protection
19. Reduce the impact of the Governor's emergency declarations that result in extension on permits (building permits, development permits, etc.), in jurisdictions not impacted by the emergency event

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20. Change the date for the non-ad valorem assessment roll public hearing from September 15th to September 25th to avoid a special meeting of the City Commission regarding the budget
21. Improve the quality of education for Kindergarten through 12th grade students
22. Reduce distracted driving
23. Improve lighting on state roads

The City of Fort Lauderdale will OPPOSE any legislation that will:

1. Restrict Home Rule
2. Create unfunded mandates
3. Restrict or decrease any revenue allocations to local governments
4. Decrease the City's tax base through manipulation of tax exemptions on properties
5. Modify, restrict or eliminate the City's ability to levy, collect or spend franchise fees, communications service taxes or local business taxes
6. Restrict or decrease allocation of red light camera revenues to local governments
7. Restrict or standardize municipal election dates
8. Create a negative impact on the administration of park and recreation services and resource management including the imposition of regulatory requirements that provide no added protections or benefit to recreational consumers

The City of Fort Lauderdale will SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT for the following initiatives:

1. Crime reduction
2. Mass transit development
3. Transportation enhancements specifically focused on greenways, complete street initiatives, pedestrian safety and improving traffic flow
4. Flood prevention and hazard mitigation
5. Riverwalk enhancement and activation
6. Comprehensive homelessness strategy
7. Climate change and sea level rise mitigation
8. Promotion of Fort Lauderdale's marine industry
9. Water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure improvements
10. Fort Lauderdale Beach re-nourishment, revitalization, and enhancement
11. Land acquisition for additional parks as well as the development of recreational programs and facilities, including athletic fields
12. Juvenile justice programs
13. Drug prevention and educational programs for Flakka and opioids consistent with federal guidelines and recommendations of the Surgeon General of the United States
14. Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport capital projects
15. Enhance the disaster resiliency of our water and wastewater utilities
16. Programs that provide access to physical activity, proper nutrition and healthy lifestyle options through the promotion of healthy foods and the maximization of green space