

RESOLUTION 2018 - 106
2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, each year the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) requests legislative priorities from Counties for inclusion in their publication; and

WHEREAS, Flagler County has requested legislative priorities from the City of Palm Coast for transmittal to NEFRC; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palm Coast each year evaluates and develops a list of legislative priorities for transmittal to Flagler County, NEFRC, our state legislative delegation, and the City's State lobbyist.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES. The City Council of the City of Palm Coast, hereby, approves the 2019 State Legislative Priorities as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, sentence, phrase, word, or portion of this Resolution is determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section, sentence phrase, word, or portion of this Resolution not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to implement the action taken in this Resolution.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Palm Coast, Florida, on this 7th day of August 2018.

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA

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MILISSA HOLLAND, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Virginia Smith

VIRGINIA SMITH, CITY CLERK

Attachment: Exhibit "A" – 2019 State Legislative Priorities

Approved as to form and legality

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CITY OF PALM COAST LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

PROTECT HOME RULE

Background: In 1968, Florida voters amended the state constitution to confer broad “home rule” powers on municipal government. This change was an unequivocal expression of support for local self-government by the people of the State of Florida and the right of the people to access government to address local needs and problems. Unfortunately, each session bills are proposed that contradict the will of the people and usurp local control, where the elected local elected officials are more accountable and responsive to their concerns.

Request Action: Oppose legislation and initiatives that eliminate municipal home rule powers.

Effect: Allow local government to operate without interference from state government and provide its citizens with better access and response from local elected officials.

ENHANCE WATER AND WASTEWATER FUNDING

Background: The City of Palm Coast doubled in population from 2000 to 2010. By 2035, our population is expected to once again double. In addition, the amount of regulatory requirements from both the State and Federal government has increased in order to provide safe drinking water and properly treat wastewater. In the last few years, the City has and will continue to spend millions of dollars on projects directly related to State and Federal regulatory requirements (e.g. Zero Liquid Discharge \$11.4 million, wellfield expansion projects \$2.75 million).

Request Action: Enhance and provide additional funding for water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

Effect: Ensure safe drinking water and proper treatment of wastewater in a cost-effective manner.

PROVIDE BEACH RENOURISHMENT FUNDING

Background: Tourism and its economic impact helps diversify the economy on Palm Coast. Tourists visit Palm Coast not only for our outdoor activities, sporting events, and cultural activities, but also to enjoy the wonderful beaches in Flagler Beach and Flagler County.

Request Action: Promote and provide funding of beach renourishment programs through partnerships with state agencies and local governments.

Effect: Ensure that the City’s economy is vibrant and diverse through continued visitor spending.