

RESOLUTION 23-R__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES' LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR 2023; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie is an active and longtime member of the Florida League of Cities and it's Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, serves as President of the Florida League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities' membership includes more than 400 cities, towns, and villages in the Sunshine State, who enjoy educational benefits, receive access to a variety of municipal toolkits, are offered innovative financial solutions, and are represented by the League's advocacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities through ongoing efforts supports legislation that fosters state and regional initiatives for the common good of all residents of the State of Florida, promotes legislation that enhances the ability of municipalities to serve the interest of their residents, and counters recurring legislative assaults against municipal home rule powers; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities has identified, with extensive input and assistance from its membership, Legislative Priorities for 2023 that cover a wide variety of issues.

WHEREAS, the membership of the Florida League of Cities adopted the 2023 FLC Legislative Platform during the FLC Legislative Conference on December 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie supports the 2023 FLC Legislative Platform, which includes:

Enterprise Fund Transfers: Supporting the preservation of municipal authority to manage municipal revenue sources and realize a reasonable rate of return on their proprietary assets, investments, and services.

Mobility Plans: Supporting legislation that defines and clarifies mobility plans in order to provide a clear and concise regulatory framework for Florida cities to acquire, construct and implement both traditional and alternative modes of transportation.

Short-Term Rentals: Supporting legislation that restores authority to local governments for the regulation of short-term rental properties as necessary for quality of life, public safety and the creation of fair lodging standards. Supporting legislation clarifying that existing, grandfathered municipal short-term rental ordinances can be amended without

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penalty. Opposing legislation that preempts municipal authority as it relates to the regulation of short-term rental properties.

Accessible Housing: Supporting legislation that requires all money from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used only for Florida's affordable housing programs that are targeted to meet the needs of workforce housing, including home ownership and rental availability

Water Resources Planning and Comprehensive Watershed Management: Supporting legislation establishing a statewide coordinated planning and prioritization approach for water resource investments that funds Florida's current and projected water needs in an equitable manner and authorizing Comprehensive Watershed Management projects to qualify for funding under the state Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Port St. Lucie also supports the FLC policy positions relating to:

- Property Tax Protection
- Residential Zoning
- Transportation Funding
- Water and Wastewater Plant Operator Licensure

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Ratification of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Conflict. If any resolutions, or parts of resolutions, are in conflict herewith, this Resolution shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are intended to be severable. If any part of this Resolution is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

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Section 4. The City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie will work with our local legislative delegation in support of these and other issues affecting Florida's cities, towns and villages during the upcoming 2023 Legislative Session.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to the Florida Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, members of our local legislative delegation, the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 6. The appropriate City officials are authorized to take any necessary action to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: _____
Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James D. Stokes, City Attorney