



City of North Port
2017 PROPOSED Legislative Priorities

Below are the priorities of the City of North Port for the 2017 Legislative Session:

Home Rule

The City of North Port **SUPPORTS**:

- Efforts to strengthen the Sober Home legislation that was passed in 2015.
- Efforts to ensure any revisions to the Communications Services Tax (CST) are revenue neutral and allow for growth.

The City of North Port **OPPOSES**:

- Impeding the authority of municipalities to implement the Local Business Tax.
- Restricting municipal authority over zoning and rezoning decisions.
- Unfunded state mandates.
- Legislation that restricts a municipality's Home Rule authority to set impact fees or transportation concurrency.

Infrastructure

The City of North Port **SUPPORTS**:

- Promoting partnerships that use local funds to leverage state dollars for local infrastructure construction projects.
- Securing direct state funding for arterial roads and state highways in the Florida Department of Transportation work program.
- Financial support for local stormwater projects.
- Financial support for new infrastructure projects that improve the City of North Port's overall quality of life, such as widening Price Boulevard and expanding the Legacy Trail.

- The creation of additional funding programs to assist local governments with the cost for public infrastructure projects that require relocation of public or private utility equipment and to mitigate such project costs.

The City of North Port **OPPOSES**:

- Any legislation that mandates local governments bare the cost for the relocation of private utility equipment within public easements and reject any proposed legislation that would shift further costs to local government for relocation of private utility equipment within the public rights of way.

Environmental

The City of North Port **SUPPORTS**:

- Securing direct state funding for aquifer storage and recovery systems and storm water mitigation programs.
- Enhancement of the Myakkahatchee Creek area, including the environmental park and greenway.
- Financial assistance related to the protection, enhancement, and preservation of Warm Mineral Springs and its historic significance.

General

The City of North Port **SUPPORTS**:

- Discouraging or eliminating intentional schemes designed to generate alleged violations of public records laws to create civil liability.
- Prohibiting a person from recreationally discharging a firearm outdoors in a primarily residential area less than 4 acres.
- Legislation that repeals the Certificate of Need process to build a hospital in Florida.
- Legislation that would hold Community Development Districts and other government entities accountable for meeting property standard codes as set forth by municipalities.

Moreover, the City of North Port **SUPPORTS** the following:

- The Florida League of Cities Legislative Program unless specific issues conflict with the City of North Port Commission positions.
- The legislative priorities of the other municipalities within the County unless specific issues conflict with the City of North Port Commission positions.

- The legislative priorities of Sarasota County and Charlotte County unless specific issues conflict with the North Port Commission positions.

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