



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**:

- Strengthening the Sober Home legislation that was passed in 2015.
- Ensuring 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, setting impact fees or transportation concurrency
- Legislation that would subject local governments to an unfunded mandate by the state.

Infrastructure

The City of North Port **SUPPORTS**:

- Promoting partnerships that use local funds to leverage state dollars for local infrastructure ~~construction~~ projects. (If you take out construction projects and leave infrastructure, wouldn't that include storm water projects)
- Securing direct state funding for arterial roads and state highways in the Florida Department of Transportation work program.
- Securing financial support for new infrastructure projects to improve the City of North Port's overall quality of life, such as widening Price Boulevard and expanding the Legacy Trail.
- Creating programs that assist local governments with funding or mitigating the cost of public infrastructure projects that require relocation of public or private utility equipment.

The City of North Port **OPPOSES**:

- Any legislation that would mandate additional costs to local governments for the relocation of private utility equipment within public easements or require local government to bear the cost of relocating 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. (storm water is already mentioned above)
- Enhancing the Myakkahatchee Creek area which includes the environmental park and greenway.
- Obtaining financial assistance related to the protection, enhancement, and preservation of Warm Mineral Springs and its historic significance.

General

The City of North Port **SUPPORTS**:

- Eliminating the incentive for 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.
- Repealing the Certificate of Need process to build a hospital in Florida.
- Holding 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.