



2020 State Legislative Priorities

Home Rule

The City of North Port seeks to strengthen and protect the fundamental concept of local self-government, and will oppose legislative efforts to impede the constitutional right of Florida citizens to govern themselves under the Municipal Home Rule Act.

Infrastructure

The City of North Port supports:

- Internet access for all
- Providing funding for septic to sewer projects
- Widening the southern portion of River Road for improved disaster evacuation
- Providing funding for the expansion of water and sewer utilities for economic development projects.
- Development of additional interchanges
- Local roads

Environmental

The City of North Port supports:

- Securing direct state funding for aquifer storage and recovery systems and storm water mitigation programs
- 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

Public Safety and Wellness

The City of North Port supports:

- More local control for hospital special districts
- Efforts to increase funding and programs for suicide prevention and mental health programs
- Pursuing options for affordable housing
- Continuing to search for solutions for homelessness
- Resources that help promote child safety
- Continue the fight against substance abuse
- Criminal reform



City of North Port's 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

THE CITY OF NORTH PORT SUPPORTS HOME RULE

North Port Facts:

Largest city in population and landmass in Sarasota County

North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota Metropolitan Statistical Area

104.1-square-miles with a portion of U.S. 41 and Interstate 75

More than 70,000 residents, median age 44, and more than 12,000 children

More than 80 miles of freshwater canals, from which it draws its drinking water during certain parts of the year

Home to the Myakka State Forest; North Port is the only city in the state with an entire state forest within its boundaries

More than 800 miles of local roads

Two high schools, three middle schools, six elementary schools

North Port City Commission

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