



City of Coconut Creek Florida 2015 State Legislative Agenda

Home Rule

Support the preservation of Home Rule and **oppose** any legislation that seeks to diminish powers granted to local government (FLC, 2015).

Unfunded Mandates

Oppose unfunded mandates from any level of government.

Required Public Notice Advertising in Newspapers

Support legislation authorizing local governments the option of using their publicly accessible websites for legally required public notices and advertisements in lieu of newspapers (BLC, 2015).

State Of Florida Gaming Compact with the Seminole Nation

Support renewal of the current Gaming Compact for another five year period with no less than the same percentage of revenue sharing as is in the current agreement.

Allowing Price in the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act

Support legislation that would permit price to be considered in the selection of these services (FGFOA, 2015).

Public Records - Contracts

Support legislation that would repeal the requirement that the contract state that records must be transferred to the public agency upon termination of the contract (FGFOA, 2015).

Uniform Chart of Accounts

Oppose implementation of the currently proposed UCOA.

Support alternative legislation which would accomplish the Legislature's goal of increasing transparency in reporting without imposing a significant financial burden on local governments (FGFOA, 2015).

Municipal Revenues

Oppose any reduction to local government allocations or tax base reduction due to ad valorem exemptions which would result in a loss of municipal revenue that would directly affect the level of services the City is able to provide its residents and the City's ability to properly plan for the future.

Communications Services Tax

Support municipal authority to receive compensation for the use of its rights-of-way and reimbursement of costs associated with permit review.

Oppose legislation that restricts, reduces or eliminates municipal revenues generated under the Communications Services Tax (FLC, 2015; BLC, 2015).

Local Business Tax

Oppose legislation that restricts, reduces or eliminates municipal revenues generated under the Local Business Tax (FLC, 2015; BLC, 2015).

Housing

Support full funding of the SHIP (State Housing Initiatives Partnership) program.
Support the distribution of documentary stamp tax revenue in a way in which maximizes funding for SHIP and the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund. (FLC, 2015; BLC, 2015).

Environmental Regulations

Oppose any legislation that lessens environmental protection at the local level, including preemption of local authority such as through statewide or uniform rules, and statewide standards on issues related to environmental regulations and enforcement.

Oppose any efforts that would negatively impact the County's ability to regulate air and water quality and the wetlands resources of Broward County, including through its delegated authority to implement the State's Environmental Resource Permit (FLC, 2015).

Water Quality

Support legislation which recognizes that diminished water quality and quantity affect existing business, future economic development, local and state government budgets, and public health and safety.

Support legislation that establishes reasonable environmental, technical and scientific criteria for the protection and recovery of water resources and also assists municipalities' economic development efforts (FLC, 2015).

Hydraulic Fracturing ("Fracking")

Oppose legislation permitting fracking in Florida.

Growth Management and Transportation

Support legislation that addresses the following:

- Preservation of local government's responsibility to manage public resources;
- Utilization of land use policies that strongly encourage the development of mass transit and establishment of a funding allocation, directly to local governments, for transit operations, mass transit, transit infrastructure, and transit policy implementation;
- Any legislative effort that provides an equitable, dedicated, and recurring revenue source to support mass transit, operations, infrastructure, and transit policy implementation for Southeast Florida. This includes funding the construction of a high speed rail connecting, at a minimum, Miami to Orlando;
- Legislation granting local governments flexibility in planning and funding for viable transportation systems and infrastructure but opposes legislation that pre-empts local government authority to regulate the impact of current and future Florida Department of Transportation projects (FLC, 2015; BLC, 2015);
- Restore funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program to promote regional planning and project development (BMPO, 2015);
- Establish a revolving fund to be utilized by Metropolitan Planning Organizations to advance the use of Federal Funds prior to reimbursement from the United States Department of Transportation (BMPO, 2015).

Public Right of Way and Utilities Easements Management

Support legislation that would require providers of telecommunications, telephone, telegraph, cable television, broadband, internet, and other communications services to *timely* transfer their facilities onto strengthened utility poles or underground conduits whenever such facilities are available.

Recovery Residences / Sober Homes

Support legislation that defines and establishes statewide minimum regulatory standards for “recovery residences” and / or “sober homes” (FLC, 2015).

Economic Development

Support legislation that dedicates to small businesses state economic development resources emphasizing technical assistance, access to capital, public infrastructure, and urban infill. (FLC, 2015)

Firearms

Support legislation that addresses the following:

- Repeals the 2011 amendment that eliminated local governments’ ability to regulate firearms;
- Legislation that requires the purchase and ownership of a gun be registered and licensed;
- Legislation that would ban assault weapons, automatic weapons, and large external magazine weapons and ammunition;
- Legislation that would prohibit any person, other than law enforcement officers, to carry a weapon or firearm into any government facility or park.

Text Messaging / Cell Phone Use While Driving

Support the strengthening of legislation that prohibits text-messaging while driving from a secondary offense to a primary offense or otherwise restricts the use of non-handsfree wireless communications devices while operating a motor vehicle.

Smoking in Municipal Playground Areas and Ballfields

Support revising Section 386.209, F.S, authorizing a municipality or county to restrict smoking in playground areas and ballfields that are owned by the municipality or county if the area where smoking is restricted is clearly delineated by “No Smoking” signs.

Electronic Smoking Devices

Support legislation permitting local regulation regarding the smoking of electronic smoking devices.

Advance Notification to Municipalities of Charter School Sitings

Support revisions to Section 1002.33, F.S., to require that charter schools identify the proposed location of their facility in their charter school application, and present evidence from the municipality or county with land use and zoning jurisdiction that the proposed facility meets all applicable local comprehensive plans and land development regulations.

Support clarification that charter schools are subject to local land development regulations and are not covered by the partial exemption from such regulation for school board operated public schools in Section 1013.33(10)-(15), F.S.

Graduation Rates

Support state funding for initiatives and other innovative programs that increase graduation rates.