



**TRANSPORTATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**Friday, October 6, 2023  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT**

**Tallahassee Meeting Room  
Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center  
6000 West Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34746**

**FLC Staff Contact: Jeff Branch**



# Agenda



**Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Policy Committee**  
**Friday, October 6, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center – Meeting Room: Tallahassee**  
**6000 West Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34746**

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**AGENDA**

- I.** Introduction & Opening Remarks ..... **Chair Nancy Sikes-Kline**  
Mayor, City of St. Augustine
- II.** Potential 2024 Priority and Policy Issues ..... **Jeff Branch, FLC Staff**
  - A. Transportation..... **Jared Perdue**  
Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation
  - B. Emerging Approaches in Transportation .....**Jeff Sheffield**  
Executive Director, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization
  - C. Micro-Mobility ..... **Bruno Lopes**  
Senior Manager, Government Partnerships, Bird
- III.** Feedback on the Legislative Issue Survey
- IV.** Other Business..... **Jeff Branch, FLC Staff**
  - A. Building Permits
  - B. Electric Vehicles (SB 28 – Senator Hooper)
- V.** Additional Information..... **Jeff Branch, FLC Staff**
  - A. [FLC Policy Committee Process for 2023-2024](#)
  - B. [Key Legislative Dates](#)
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  - D. Key Contacts – [Click HERE to sign-up](#)
- VI.** Closing Remarks ..... **Chair Nancy Sikes-Kline**  
Mayor, City of St. Augustine
- VII.** Adjournment

\*Breakfast and Lunch provided by the Florida League of Cities\*

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**Access Code:** Policy2023



# Committee Roster



## 2023-2024 Legislative Policy Committee Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Staffed by: Jeff Branch, Senior Legislative Advocate

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### **CHAIR:**

**The Honorable Nancy Sikes-Kline**  
Mayor, City of St. Augustine

### **VICE CHAIR:**

**The Honorable Curtis Johnson**  
Commissioner, City of Fort Pierce

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Assistant to the City Manager, City of  
Sunny Isles Beach

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Vice Mayor, City of Sarasota

**The Honorable Omar Arroyo**  
Vice Mayor, Haines City

**The Honorable Keith Babb**  
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**The Honorable Esther Berry**  
Commissioner, City of South Bay

**The Honorable Anthony Bonna**  
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**The Honorable Keith Britton**  
Council Member, City of Oviedo

**The Honorable Donald Burnette**  
Mayor, City of Port Orange

**Debon Campbell**  
Intergovernmental Affairs Manager,  
City of Miramar

**The Honorable John Carroll**  
Councilmember, City of Vero Beach

**The Honorable Chris Cloudman**  
Mayor, City of DeLand

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Community Development  
Administrator, City of Pinellas Park

**The Honorable Karyn Cunningham**  
Mayor, Village of Palmetto Bay

**The Honorable Nancy Daley**  
Mayor, City of Lake Alfred

**The Honorable Teri D'Amico**  
Councilmember, Town of Bay Harbor  
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**The Honorable Lisa Kane DeVitto**  
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**The Honorable Yvette Drucker**  
Council Member, City of Boca Raton

**The Honorable William Dryburgh**  
Councilman, City of Punta Gorda

**Don Duckworth**  
Sr. Account Executive, Enterprise Fleet,  
Business Watch

**The Honorable Joe Elliott**  
Commissioner, City of Wildwood

**The Honorable Pete Emrich**  
Commissioner, City of North Port

**The Honorable Shaun Ferguson**  
Councilman, City of Rockledge

**The Honorable Eric Gerard**  
Commissioner, City of Largo

**The Honorable Penny Gold**  
Commissioner, Town of Longboat Key

**The Honorable Jeff Gow**  
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**The Honorable Frank Guertin**  
Council Member, City of Indian  
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**The Honorable Woodrow Hay**  
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Executive Director, Broward League of  
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Office of the Mayor, City of Tampa

**The Honorable JB Whitten**

Mayor, City of Crestview

**The Honorable Dianne Williams-Cox**

Mayor Pro Tem, City of Tallahassee

**The Honorable Don Willis**

Council Member, City of Cape  
Canaveral

**The Honorable Evelyn Wilson**

Mayor, City of Groveland

**The Honorable Steve Wilson**

Mayor, City of Belle Glade

**The Honorable Andrea Young**

Council Member, City of West  
Melbourne



# Transportation

(refer to in-person presentation)



# Emerging Approaches in Transportation

(refer to in-person presentation)



# Micro-Mobility

(refer to in-person presentation)



# Building Permits

## Residential Building Permits

House Bill 671 & Senate Bill 682

### OVERARCHING CONCERNS

This proposed legislation ignores common sense safety procedures, exacerbates workforce shortages, and creates unworkable timeframes that encourages hasty review leading to unsafe structures being built.

### Public Safety Threats:

- Drastically reducing the time allowed for permit review encourages cursory review by building officials which could ultimately create safety hazards.
- With the explosive demand for new construction in Florida, fast-tracking plan review jeopardizes the intent of the Florida Building Code for safety and accessibility.

### Exacerbates Current Challenges:

- There are significant and growing workforce shortages for municipal building officials and plan reviewers across the state.
- Over 1,000 new people are moving to Florida every day, and the frequency of new home construction has skyrocketed. Everyone wants to do more with less... until they can't.
- Shortening permit-review timeframes while permit applications have skyrocketed will only exacerbate existing issues and compromise the quality of new residential construction.

### Unworkable Logistics + Loopholes:

- An expedited timeframe, a shift to calendar days, and a new requirement for 2-way verbal confirmation is unworkable due to labor shortages and the complexity of the review process.
- This legislation prescribes that an application submitted on a Friday afternoon would require a decision be made by Monday morning.
- Applicants may submit numerous applications at one time in order to circumvent the review process and take advantage of a holiday weekend knowing that this deadline is unworkable.
- In order to comply with expedited deadlines, significant overtime or split shift staffing would be required.

This bill will actually lead to longer permit-review times. Most cities review multiple aspects of a construction project at the same time. This bill will force cities to decouple permit review from other items like zoning, environmental compliance, contractor licensing, verification, and addressing.

Instead of five different aspects being reviewed at once, separating the review one-at-a-time to meet unreasonable timeframes will actually slow the current process down.



For more information, contact  
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# Residential Building Permits

## SB 682 (DiCeglie) and HB 671 (Esposito)

\*Please note that the following analysis is a rough draft and is subject to revision and improvement as we continue our analysis.\*

### Current Law/Process

### New Proposed Process

<p>A building permit for a single-family residential dwelling must be issued within <b>30 business days</b> after receiving the permit application unless the permit application fails to satisfy the Florida Building Code or the enforcing agency's laws or ordinances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fail to issue permit within 30 days after receiving the permit application, local gov <b>must reduce the building permit fee by 10 percent for each business day that it fails to meet the deadline.</b></li><li>• Local gov does not have to reduce fee if they notify applicant within 30 business days specifically stating how it fails to satisfy the Florida Building Code or the enforcing agency's laws or ordinances.</li><li>• <b>Applicant has 10 business days to submit revisions to the application.</b></li><li>• Local enforcement agency has <b>10 business days after receiving such revisions to approve or deny the building permit</b> unless the applicant agrees to a longer period in writing.</li><li>• Fails to issue or deny the building permit within 10 business days after receiving the revisions, it <b>must reduce the building permit fee by 20 percent</b> for the first business day that it fails to meet the deadline</li><li>• For each additional business day, but not to exceed 5 business days, that the local enforcement agency fails to meet the deadline, the building permit fee must be reduced by an additional 10 percent.</li></ul>	<p><b>Strikes all of these provisions</b></p>
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Owner or contractor <b>retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services</b> , the local jurisdiction must reduce the permit fee <b>the amount of cost savings realized by the local enforcement agency</b> for not having to perform such services.	Owner or contractor <b>retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services</b> , the local jurisdiction must reduce the permit fee <b>by 75%</b> .
<b>Within 10 days</b> of an application being submitted to a local government, <u>shall advise</u> what info is needed to properly complete application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If not provided with notice the application shall be automatically deemed accepted</li> </ul>	After an application is submitted to the local government, they <b>must</b> provide written notice to the applicant within <b>3 calendar days after receipt of the application</b> advising what info is needed to properly complete application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If not <b>timely</b> noticed the application is automatically deemed approved</li> </ul>
<b>Within 45 days</b> after receiving a completed application, the local government must notify an applicant if additional information is required to determine the sufficiency – local government <u>shall</u> specify the info required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant <b>must</b> submit the information or request to act without additional info</li> </ul>	<b>Within 9 days</b> after receiving a completed application, the local government must provide written notice to an applicant if additional information is required to determine the sufficiency – local government notice <u>must</u> specify the required info. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant <b>may</b> submit the information or request to act without additional info</li> </ul>
While applicant responds for additional information, The local government must approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application within <b>120 days</b> following receipt of a completed application.	<b>Strikes the 120 day timeline</b>
When reviewing application for a building permit, a local government may not request additional information from the applicant more than <b>3 times</b> , unless waived by applicant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before a <b>third request</b> for additional information the applicant must be offered the opportunity to meet</li> <li>If a local gov makes the third request for info and the information is submitted <b>within 30days</b>, the local government must respond within <b>10 days</b>: approve, approve with conditions or deny</li> </ul>	When reviewing application for a building permit, a local government may not request additional information from the applicant more than <b>2 times</b> , unless waived by applicant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before the second request for additional information the <b>local government must offer the applicant an opportunity to meet in person or electronically to resolve issues</b></li> <li>Meeting must occur within <b>5 calendars</b> after the applicant notifies the local government</li> <li>If a local gov makes the second request for info and the information is submitted, the local government must respond <b>within 9 calendar days</b>: approve, approve</li> </ul>

	<p>with conditions or <b>deny and state the sufficient reason for denial.</b></p>
<p>If a local government requests additional information from an applicant and the applicant submits the requested additional information to the local government within <b>30 days</b>, the local government within <b>15 days</b> after receiving information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine if the application is properly completed.</li> <li>• Approve the application.</li> <li>• Approve the application with conditions;</li> <li>• Deny the application; or</li> <li>• Advise the applicant of information needed to properly complete</li> </ul>	<p>If a local government requests additional information from an applicant and the applicant submits the requested additional information to the local government, local government must, <b>within 9 calendar days</b> after receiving information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine if the application is properly completed.</li> <li>• Approve the application.</li> <li>• Approve the application with conditions <b>or</b></li> <li>• Advise the <b>applicant in writing of information needed</b> to determine the sufficiency of the application</li> </ul>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>Timeframes for single-family or two-family dwellings or townhomes located <u>within a master plan community</u> for which the permit for the master plan community has already been approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local government must provide written notice to the applicant within <b>1 calendar day</b> after receipt of the application advising the applicant what information, if any, is needed to deem the application properly completed</li> <li>• <b>Within 5 calendar days</b> after receiving a completed application, a local government must provide written notice to an applicant if additional information is required for the local government to determine the sufficiency of the application, and the notice must specify the additional information that is required</li> <li>• local government may not request additional information from the applicant more than <b>once</b></li> <li>• If additional information is requested the local government must <b>within 5 calendar days</b> if approved, approved with conditions or deny</li> <li>• If not, the application is deemed approved.</li> </ul>



# Electric Vehicles

By Senator Hooper

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to license taxes; amending s.  
3       320.08001, F.S.; defining the terms "electric vehicle"  
4       and "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle"; conforming a  
5       provision to changes made by the act; imposing  
6       specified additional annual license taxes on electric  
7       vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles;  
8       increasing such taxes beginning on a specified date;  
9       authorizing persons and entities to biennially renew  
10      vehicle registrations for electric vehicles and plug-  
11      in hybrid electric vehicles; providing for the  
12      distribution of proceeds from the additional license  
13      taxes; specifying requirements for the use of the  
14      proceeds by local governments; providing that certain  
15      vehicles are exempt from specified license taxes;  
16      providing applicability; providing for future  
17      expiration and reversion; amending s. 320.07, F.S.;  
18      conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
19      providing an effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23       Section 1. Section 320.08001, Florida Statutes, is amended  
24 to read:

25       320.08001 Low-speed, electric, and plug-in hybrid electric  
26 vehicles; license tax.-

27       (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

28       (a) "Electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle powered solely  
29 by an electric motor that draws current from rechargeable

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30 storage batteries, fuel cells, or other sources of electrical  
31 current.

32 (b) "Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
33 equipped to be propelled by an internal combustion engine and an  
34 electric motor that draws current from rechargeable storage  
35 batteries, fuel cells, or other sources of electrical current  
36 which are recharged by an energy source external to the motor  
37 vehicle.

38 (2) The license tax for a ~~an electric vehicle~~ or low-speed  
39 vehicle is the same as that prescribed in s. 320.08 for a  
40 vehicle that is not electrically powered.

41 (3) In addition to the license tax prescribed in s. 320.08,  
42 there is imposed an annual license tax of \$200 on electric  
43 vehicles. Beginning January 1, 2029, the additional annual  
44 license tax shall be \$250.

45 (4) In addition to the license tax prescribed in s. 320.08,  
46 there is imposed an annual additional license tax of \$50 on  
47 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Beginning January 1, 2029, the  
48 additional annual license tax shall be \$100.

49 (5) Any person or entity that registers an electric vehicle  
50 or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle may renew the vehicle  
51 registration biennially in accordance with s. 320.07(2)(b).

52 (6) Of the proceeds from the additional annual license  
53 taxes imposed under subsections (3) and (4), 64 percent must be  
54 deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund and 36  
55 percent must be allocated to the county where the vehicle is  
56 registered. Each quarter, the department shall transfer the  
57 funds allocated to a county to the Department of Revenue for  
58 distribution to the board of county commissioners and

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59 municipalities within the county in proportion to the previous  
60 quarter's distribution of the local option fuel taxes authorized  
61 under s. 336.025(1)(a). Local governments shall use funds  
62 received pursuant to this subsection for transportation  
63 expenditures as defined in s. 336.025(7).

64 (7) An electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric  
65 vehicle that uses a battery storage system of up to 5 kilowatt  
66 hours is exempt from the additional annual license tax imposed  
67 under this section.

68 (8) The additional license taxes imposed under this section  
69 apply to an initial registration or renewal registration that  
70 has a renewal period beginning on or after October 1, 2024.

71 Section 2. The amendments made by this act to s. 320.08001,  
72 Florida Statutes, expire on June 30, 2034, and the text of that  
73 section shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2024,  
74 except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by  
75 this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the  
76 extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the portions  
77 of text which expire pursuant to this section.

78 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
79 320.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

80 320.07 Expiration of registration; renewal required;  
81 penalties.—

82 (2) Registration shall be renewed semiannually, annually,  
83 or biennially, as provided in this subsection, during the  
84 applicable renewal period, upon payment of the applicable  
85 license tax amounts required by s. 320.08, service charges  
86 required by s. 320.04, and any additional fees required by law.

87 (b) Any person who owns a motor vehicle or mobile home

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88 registered under s. 320.08(1), (2), (3), (4)(a) or (b), (6),  
89 (7), (8), (9), (10), or (11) may renew the vehicle registration  
90 biennially during the applicable renewal period upon payment of  
91 the 2-year cumulative total of all applicable license tax  
92 amounts required by ss. 320.08 and 320.08001, as applicable, ~~s.~~  
93 ~~320.08~~ and service charges or surcharges required by ss. 320.03,  
94 320.04, 320.0801, 320.08015, 320.0802, 320.0804, 320.0805,  
95 320.08046, and 320.08056 and payment of the 2-year cumulative  
96 total of any additional fees required by law for an annual  
97 registration.

98 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.



# Policy Development Process



# 2023-2024 FLC Legislative Policy Process

The Florida League of Cities' (FLC's) Charter and Bylaws specify that the League shall engage only on legislation that pertains directly to "municipal affairs." "Municipal affairs" refers to issues that directly pertain to the governmental, corporate and proprietary powers to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, render municipal services and raise and expend revenues. Protecting Florida's cities from egregious far-reaching attacks on Home Rule powers will always be the top priority.

Each year, municipal officials from across the state volunteer to serve on the League's legislative policy committees. Appointments are a one-year commitment and involve developing the League's Legislative Platform. The Legislative Platform addresses priority issues of statewide interest that will most likely affect daily municipal governance and local decision-making during the upcoming legislative session.

Policy committee members also help League staff understand the real-world implications of proposed legislation, and they are asked to serve as advocates throughout the year. To get a broad spectrum of ideas and better understand the impact of League policy proposals on rural, suburban and urban cities of all sizes, it is ideal that each of Florida's cities be represented on one or more of the legislative policy committees.

The Florida Legislature convenes the 2024 Legislative Session on January 9. The League's legislative policy committee meetings commence in September 2023 and meet three times.

There are currently five standing **legislative policy committees**:

**Finance, Taxation and Personnel Committee:** This committee addresses municipal roles in general finance and tax issues, Home Rule revenues, infrastructure funding, insurance, local option revenues, pension issues, personnel and collective bargaining issues, revenue sharing, tax and budget reform, telecommunications and workers' compensation.

**Land Use and Economic Development Committee:** This committee addresses policies specific to municipal concerns with community redevelopment, economic development, growth management and land use planning issues, annexation, eminent domain, tort liability, property rights and ethics.



**Municipal Administration Committee:** This committee addresses municipal concerns with code enforcement, elections, emergency management, gaming, homeland security, public meetings, public property management, public records, public safety and procurement, charter counties and special districts.

**Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee:** This committee addresses municipal concerns relating to transportation and highway safety, as well as aviation, affordable housing (and homelessness), billboards, building codes, charter schools, rights-of-way and veterans affairs.

**Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works Committee:** This committee addresses policies specific to municipal concerns with coastal management, energy, environmental and wetlands permitting, hazardous and toxic wastes, recycling, solid waste collection and disposal, stormwater, wastewater treatment and reuse, water management and water quality and quantity.

At the last meeting, each of the five policy committees adopts ONE legislative priority that will be submitted to the Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee is composed of:

- ▶ Each legislative policy committee chair and the chairs of the other standing committees
- ▶ The president of each local and regional league
- ▶ The presidents of several other municipal associations
- ▶ Chairs of the municipal trust boards
- ▶ Several at-large members appointed by the League President.

The policy priorities, as adopted by the Legislative Committee, are then recommended to the general membership for approval as the League's Legislative Platform.



In addition, a legislative policy committee may, but is not required to, recommend ONE policy position related to other relevant legislative issues. The policy position must satisfy the same criteria above for legislative priorities. The recommended policy position will be considered by the Legislative Committee. If favorably considered by that committee, it will be considered by the general membership. If adopted by the general membership, the policy position may be published and communicated to legislators and others, as appropriate.

Due to Sunshine Law issues, only one elected official per city can be represented on a committee, but a city could have an elected and a non-elected city official on each of the five policy committees. Appointments are made by the League President based upon a city official's support and advocacy of the Legislative Action Platform and participation at meetings, Legislative Action Days and other legislative-related activities.

### **2023 Legislative Policy Committee Meeting Dates**

- ▶ September 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Rosen Centre Orlando, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819
- ▶ October 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, 6000 West Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34746.
- ▶ November 30, 2023, during the FLC Legislative Conference at the Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819.

If you are interested in serving or learning more, please contact Mary Edenfield at 850.701.3624 or [medenfield@flcities.com](mailto:medenfield@flcities.com).





# Key Dates



## 2023 - 2024 Key Legislative Dates

### October 2023

- 6 FLC Policy Committee Meetings (Round 2) – Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, 6000 West Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34746
- 9-13 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings (Senate only)
- 16-20 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings
- 17-18 FAST Fly-In – Washington, D.C.

### November 2023

- 6-9 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings
- 13-17 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings
- 16-18 NLC City Summit – Atlanta, GA
- 29-Dec. 1 FLC Legislative Conference – Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819

### December 2023

- 4-7 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings
- 11-15 Interim Legislative Committee Meetings

### January 2024

- 4 FLC Pre-Legislative Session Webinar at 2:00 p.m. ET
- 9 Regular Legislative Session Convenes
- 29-31 FLC Legislative Action Days – Tallahassee, FL

### March 2024

- 8 Last Day of Regular Legislative Session
- 11-13 NLC Congressional City Conference – Washington, DC
- 19 FLC Post Legislative Session Webinar at 2:00 p.m. ET

For further details about the mentioned events, contact [medenfield@flcities.com](mailto:medenfield@flcities.com).



# Home Rule Hero Criteria

# Do you want to become a **HOME RULE HERO?**

**AS THE ADAGE GOES, "ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL."** Successful advocacy starts at home, not in Tallahassee. No one – not even a professional lobbyist – can tell your community's story better than you. Your involvement helps the League's legislative team turn the abstract into concrete. It is essential to help legislators understand how their decisions may impact their communities back home.

The League appreciates the individual advocacy efforts undertaken by municipal officials throughout the state. Each year, there are some League members who make an extraordinary effort; people who stand out for their high level of participation and effectiveness. The Home Rule Hero Award was created to acknowledge and thank them for their efforts. Hundreds of municipal officials have been recognized as "Home Rule Heroes" since the award's inception in 2009, and we thank you!

Home Rule Hero Award recipients are selected by the League's legislative team following each legislative session.

**For the award, the most important criteria are timely responses and actions to FLC's Legislative Alerts, and notifying FLC staff of communications with your legislators.**

Other exceptional efforts are:

- Attending the Florida League of Cities' Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee and Legislative Conference.
- Testifying before a House or Senate committee on an FLC priority issue, when a call to action has been sent out.
- Participating in FLC's Monday Morning "Call-ins" during session and on FLC's pre-and post-legislative session webinars.
- Participating in FLC's Legislator "Key Contact" program.
- Meeting legislators in their districts or in Tallahassee.
- Responding to FLC requests for information and data about how proposed legislation will specifically impact your city (telling your city's "story").
- Speaking at local legislative delegation meetings to discuss FLC municipal issues.
- Setting up opportunities for legislators and their staff to attend a city council meeting or special event; tour a park, project or facility; and attend a local league meeting.
- Serving on a FLC legislative policy committee.
- Participating in a Federal Action Strike Team fly-in to Washington, D.C.
- During an election year, providing opportunities for candidates for legislative offices to learn about your city and its issues, and introducing candidates to key city stakeholders or those in your professional network.

For more information on these activities and ways to step up your advocacy game, please contact Allison Payne at [apayne@flcities.com](mailto:apayne@flcities.com).





# Notes

