



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, MOBILITY, AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, December 5, 2024
10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET**

**Meeting Room: Florida Ballroom 1-3
Hilton Orlando
6001 Destination Parkway
Orlando, FL 32819**

FLC Staff Contact: Jeff Branch



Agenda



**Intergovernmental Relations, Mobility, and Emergency Management
Legislative Policy Committee
Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hilton Orlando – Meeting Room: Florida Ballroom 1-3
6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, Florida**

AGENDA

- I.** Introduction and Opening Remarks..... **Chair Curtis Johnson**
Commissioner, City of Fort Pierce
- II.** Recap of Remaining Two Issues**Matt Singer, FLC Staff**
 - a. Annexation
 - b. Electric Vehicles
- III.** Vote on Recommended Priority**Matt Singer, FLC Staff**
- IV.** Committee Discussion and Vote on Language
of Recommended Priority..... **Chair Curtis Johnson**
Commissioner, City of Fort Pierce
- V.** Vote on Whether to Have a Policy Statement..... **Chair Curtis Johnson**
Commissioner, City of Fort Pierce
- VI.** Committee Discussion and Vote on Policy
Statement Language (if needed) **Chair Curtis Johnson**
Commissioner, City of Fort Pierce
- VII.** Additional Information.....**Matt Singer, FLC Staff**
 - a. [Key Legislative Dates](#)
 - b. Key Contacts – [Click HERE to sign-up](#)
- VIII.** Closing Remarks..... **Chair Curtis Johnson**
Commissioner, City of Fort Pierce
- IX.** Adjournment

Breakfast and Lunch provided by the Florida League of Cities

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Committee Roster



2024-2025 Legislative Policy Committee Intergovernmental Relations, Mobility, and Emergency Management

*Staffed by: Jeff Branch, Director of Field Advocacy and
Matt Singer, Legislative Advocate*

CHAIR:

The Honorable Curtis Johnson, Jr.
Commissioner, City of Fort Pierce

VICE CHAIR:

**The Honorable Christopher
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Councilmember, Town of Hypoluxo

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Village Manager, Village of El Portal

The Honorable Liz Alpert
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The Honorable Omar Arroyo
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The Honorable Esther Berry
Commissioner, City of South Bay

The Honorable Keith Britton
Council Member, City of Oviedo

Debon Campbell
Development & Intergovernmental
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**The Honorable Charles "Chase"
Chambliss**

Mayor, Town of Palm Shores

The Honorable Karyn Cunningham
Mayor, Village of Palmetto Bay

The Honorable Nancy Z. Daley
Vice Mayor, City of Lake Alfred

The Honorable Teri D'Amico
Council Member, Town of Bay Harbor
Islands

The Honorable Lisa Kane DeVitto
Commissioner, City of Crescent City

The Honorable Clifton Dollison
Commissioner, City of Winter Haven

The Honorable Yvette Drucker
Deputy Mayor, City of Boca Raton

The Honorable Joe Elliott
Commissioner, City of Wildwood

The Honorable Pete Emrich
Commissioner, City of North Port

The Honorable Mary Estimé-Irvin
Vice Mayor, City of North Miami

The Honorable Shaun Ferguson
Councilman, City of Rockledge

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

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Council Vice President, City of Williston

The Honorable Jeff Hmara
Mayor, Village of Royal Palm Beach

Steven Hunnicutt
Assistant City Manager, City of
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The Honorable Frederick Jones
Council Member, City of Sebastian

The Honorable Allan Kaulbach
Mayor, City of Atlantis

Steve Kennedy
City Manager, City of Green Cove
Springs

The Honorable Stephanie Morgan
Councilwoman, City of Port St. Lucie

The Honorable Daniel Nugent
Commissioner, City of Starke

The Honorable JohnPaul O'Connor
Mayor, City of Westlake

The Honorable Steve Osmer
Mayor, City of Satellite Beach

The Honorable Nick Pachota
Mayor, City of Venice

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City Engineer, City of Sarasota

The Honorable Susan Persis
Commissioner, City of Ormond Beach

The Honorable Trish Pfeiffer
Mayor, City of Bartow

The Honorable Patti Reed
Councilwoman, City of Pinellas Park

Brittany Retherford
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The Honorable Richard Rynearson
Mayor, City of Fort Walton Beach

Daphnee Sainvil
Public Affairs Manager, City of Fort
Lauderdale

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Director, Intergovernmental and
Legislative Affairs, City of Orlando

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

Mary Small
Senior Policy Advisor and Special
Project Management Assistant to the
Mayor, City of North Lauderdale

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Commissioner, City of Largo

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The Honorable Walter Thompson
Commissioner, City of Florida City

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Ian Whitney
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The Honorable Dianne Williams-Cox
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

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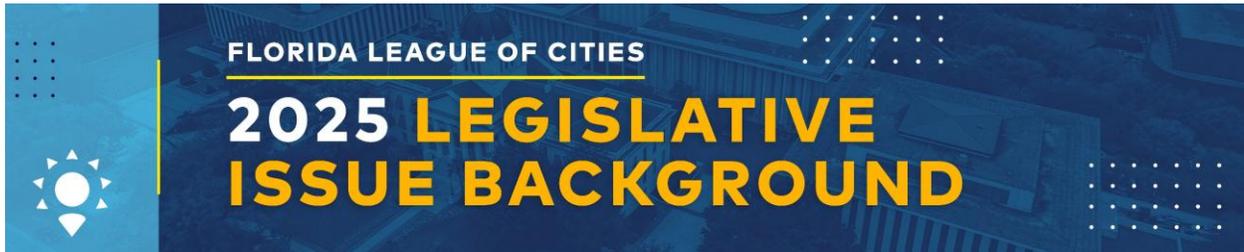
The Honorable Don Willis
Council Member, City of Cape
Canaveral

The Honorable Steve Wilson
Mayor, City of Belle Glade

The Honorable Andrea Young
Mayor, City of West Melbourne



Annexation



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Draft Statement:

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that facilitates the municipal annexation of unincorporated areas in a manner that respects municipal boundaries, protects private property rights and encourages cooperation between municipal and county governments.

Background:

In Florida, there are four ways in which an annexation may take place: by special act of the Legislature, a voluntary annexation, an involuntary annexation or by interlocal agreement with a county.

Under the Florida Constitution, the Legislature has the authority to develop procedures for the municipal annexation of unincorporated territory by general or special law. In 1974, the “Municipal Annexation or Contraction Act” was passed, which provided a mechanism for municipalities to annex territory. This Act allowed municipalities to annex territories that are “contiguous, compact, unincorporated and developed for urban purposes.” In 2023, the Legislature revised the law, which now requires that municipalities complete a feasibility study evaluating economic, technical and financial aspects before moving forward with annexation.

The current annexation process makes it difficult for cities to annex certain unincorporated enclaves and unincorporated areas where city services are already being provided. Current law requires that if more than 70% of the land in the area proposed to be annexed is owned by individuals, corporations or legal entities that are not registered electors of the area, the area cannot be annexed without the approval of at least 50% of the owners. Also, a vote of electors of the area proposed to be annexed is not required if the area doesn’t have any registered voters.

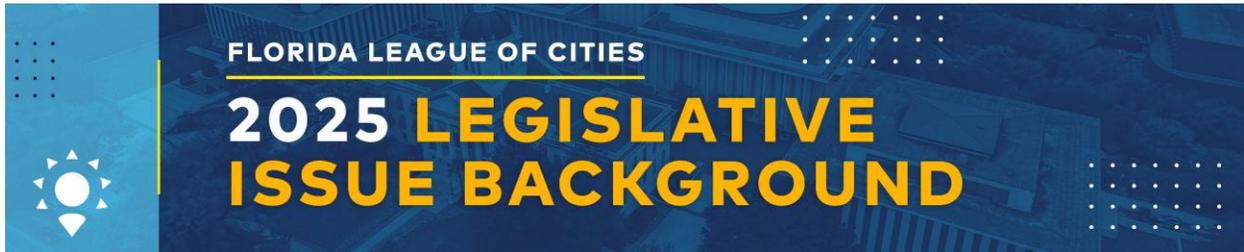
In some cases, the process of taking a vote of the electors of the area proposed to be annexed before annexation has frustrated annexation efforts to the detriment of property owners desiring to be annexed.

During the 2017 Legislative Session, a bill was proposed that would have removed the requirement for a city to get permission “from at least 50 percent of owners in an area proposed to be annexed, when more than 70 percent of the land is owned by individuals, corporations, or legal entities.” Also, the legislation would have allowed for an area to be annexed without a vote of the electors if there are no registered electors that own property in the area proposed to be annexed on the date the ordinance is adopted. Ultimately, the 2017 legislation failed to pass the Legislature.

The League will support legislation that facilitates the annexation of enclaves, gives property owners an adequate voice in the annexation of their properties and requires any contraction or de-annexation initiated by special act to be agreed to by the voters of the municipality.



Electric Vehicles



Electric Vehicles

Draft Statement:

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that ensures all vehicles, regardless of fuel type, contribute fairly to the funding of Florida's transportation infrastructure, which allows cities to maintain safe and reliable roads for all residents.

Background:

The decline in annual fuel tax revenues at state and federal levels has been driven by a reduction in gasoline and diesel consumption, which correlates with the increased presence of electric vehicles (EVs) on the road. Since EVs either do not use gasoline or diesel at all or use significantly less compared to conventional internal combustion engine vehicles, an increase in the number of EVs operating on the roadways results in less revenue being raised from fuel taxes for comparable vehicle miles traveled.

According to the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) EV Infrastructure Master Plan completed in July 2021, motor-fuel revenue losses in Florida are projected to range from 5.6% to 20% by 2040, depending on the rate of growth of EV sales.

During the 2024 Legislative Session, the League supported CS/SB 28 (Hooper) that would have increased the annual fees required for electric and hybrid vehicles. Although the bill failed, it would have imposed an added \$200 registration fee specifically for electric vehicles, \$50 for plug-in hybrid vehicles and \$10 for electric motorcycles. The bill proposed that after five years, the annual fee for electric vehicles would increase to \$250, the annual fee for hybrid vehicles would increase to \$100, and the annual fee for electric motorcycles would increase to \$20. The bill specified that 64% of the proceeds be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF), and 36% must be allocated to the county where the vehicle is registered. FDOT would transfer the funds quarterly to the Florida Department of Revenue for distribution to the boards of county commissioners and municipalities within the counties in proportion to the previous quarter's distribution of the local option fuel taxes. This bill would have enabled local governments to use these funds for transportation expenditures. The League will support similar legislation during the 2025 session.



Key Dates



2024 - 2025 Key Legislative Dates

December 2024

- 2-6 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings (House of Representatives only)
- 5-6 [FLC Legislative Conference](#) – Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819; FLC Policy Committee Meetings on Dec. 5 (Round 3)
- 9-13 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings (Senate only)

January 2025

- 13-17 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings
- 21-24 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings

February 2025

- 3-7 Legislative Interim Committee Meetings
- 4-5 FAST Fly-in – Washington, DC
- 10-14 Legislative Interim Committee
- 17-21 Legislative Interim Committee
- 20 FLC Legislative Session Preview Webinar at 2:00 p.m. ET

March 2025

- 4 Regular Legislative Session Convenes
- 10-12 NLC Congressional City Conference – Washington, DC
- 24-26 FLC Legislative Action Days – Tallahassee, FL

May 2025

- 2 Last Day of Regular Legislative Session
- 15 FLC Post Legislative Session Review Webinar at 2:00 p.m. ET

For further details about the mentioned events or legislative information, contact medenfield@flcities.com.



Notes

