

STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA

The City of Largo supports the following legislative priorities for the 2024 session of the Florida Legislature. We look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship with our state delegation partners as we seek to implement innovative and forward-thinking policies that will position the city for the future.

PRIORITIES

- Local Governance
- Sustainability & Resilience
- Short Term Vacation Rentals
- Affordable Housing
- Marchman Act
- Infrastructure
- Recreation, Parks, & Arts
- State Aid To Libraries
- Transportation
- First Responder Recruitment & Retention
- Economic Development
- Density Bonuses
- Appropriations Requests

PRIORITY STATEMENTS

LOCAL GOVERNANCE: SUPPORTS legislation that empowers cities to address local issues and make decisions based on the unique needs and visions of individual communities.

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE: SUPPORTS investments in solar+storage, greater EVSE coordination and incentives, and investments in climate change mitigation activities for vulnerable and low-income communities.

SUPPORTS renewal and increased funding for the Resilient Florida Grant Program to assist local governments with hardening and upgrading infrastructure to better withstand the effects of severe weather events.

SUPPORTS statewide goals for greenhouse gas emissions reduction and updates to the Florida Building Code to reflect new energy efficiency standards.

SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS: SUPPORTS restoring local government authority to require registration of Short-Term Vacation Rentals with reasonable annual fees and uniform statewide requirements for life safety inspections.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: SUPPORTS renewal of the Live Local Act and OPPOSES sweeping of funds from the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund.

SUPPORTS reforms to help stabilize Florida's property insurance market and protect consumers from rising home insurance costs that greatly impact housing affordability.

MARCHMAN ACT: SUPPORTS increasing resources and funding for Marchman Act programs to reduce wait times, improve quality standards, and provide effective detoxification treatments.

INFRASTRUCTURE: SUPPORTS investments in infrastructure, technology, and innovation for water, wastewater, and alternative water sources.

RECREATION, PARKS, & ARTS: SUPPORTS investments in parks, green spaces, and other natural infrastructure to increase property values and improve quality of life for residents.

SUPPORTS continuation and expansion of grant funding opportunities for local recreation, parks, trails and blueways.

SUPPORTS investments in art infrastructure and programming.

STATE AID TO LIBRARIES: SUPPORTS restoring funding to the State Aid to Libraries Grant Program to pre-2008 levels.

TRANSPORTATION: SUPPORTS legislation that increases local decision-making and flexibility on transportation projects and initiatives.

SUPPORTS investments in alternative transportation options and transportation mobility, accessibility, and connectivity.

FIRST RESPONDER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: SUPPORTS renewing and increasing benefits in the Florida Essential First Responders Recognition Payment Program and including Emergency Communications Dispatchers.

SUPPORTS renewing the Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program and extending benefits to firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, and Emergency Communications Dispatchers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: SUPPORTS legislation that assists cities in recruiting and retaining businesses and industry, creates economic incentives, and makes investments in performance/outcome-based workforce development and skills training.

OPPOSES land use mandates in specific zoning classifications that could hinder local business expansion and employment growth.

DENSITY BONUSES: SUPPORTS re-evaluation of greywater density bonus percentages to ensure that such bonuses do not compete with the ability to attract affordable housing developments.

SUPPORTS allowing local governments to set locational criteria to mitigate greywater bonus impacts to the transportation network.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS:
Largo Public Library Renovation

Nature Preserve Stormwater Quality Improvement Project