

**RESOLUTION 2008-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DURING THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

**Whereas**, as Florida's population continues to increase, cities are challenged to meet the service demands and infrastructure needs to account for new growth; and

**Whereas**, a majority of Florida's municipalities are challenged to meet the increasing infrastructure, affordable housing, transportation, and water quality needs of their citizens; and

**Whereas**, the state has imposed greater accountability in comprehensive planning and fiscal feasibility standards on municipalities; and

**Whereas**, Florida's municipalities are dependent on other governmental entities for financial stability and presently the state, counties and school districts, control every funding source that has been authorized for implementing growth management capital improvements and complying with concurrency requirements; and

**Whereas**, municipal self-determination and local self-government are constantly under attack from a variety of public and private interests; and

**Whereas**, the roll and function of municipal government is constantly evolving from new demands from its citizens and businesses.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH:**

Section 1. That the City of St. Pete Beach urges Governor Charlie Crist and members of the Florida Legislature to support legislation that:

- Reauthorizes the affordable housing trust funds, preserves the documentary stamp fee as the trust funds' funding source and removes the legislative cap on fund distribution;
- Enhances public notice of and participation in state environmental permitting processes;
- Fully funds state growth management mandates and provides municipalities with state and local option revenue sources to meet financial feasibility requirements and infrastructure demands;
- Allows municipalities and counties to reclassify businesses, professions, and occupations and establish new rate structures for local business taxes on a periodic basis;
- Enhances municipal control over municipal employee pension plan management and funding;

- Preserves and protects property rights of mobile home owners, when mobile home parks are rezoned, but not in a manner that requires removal costs to be the responsibility of local governments;
- Broadens municipal home rule and other authority to issue tax-increment financed bonds and other form of indebtedness without approval by referendum;
- Provides equitable, dedicated and recurring revenue source for municipal transportation projects and opposes legislation that transfers or diverts state transportation trust fund revenues to balance the state budget;
- Prohibits the Florida Department of Transportation from eliminating, deferring, or delaying capacity improvements projects contained in the 5 year Work Plan when it negatively impacts the comprehensive plan of the local government;
- Authorizes the use of electronic traffic infraction detectors at traffic intersections and
- Maintains or increases funding of the stat Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Ken Pruitt, House Speaker Marco Rubio and members of the Florida Legislature.

Passed and adopted by the City of St. Pete Beach, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2008.

*Ward J. Friszolowski*  
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 Mayor Ward Friszolowski

ATTEST:

*Theresa McMaster*  
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 City Clerk