

Water Supply Facilities Related Plan Policies

Ordinance 2007-34

Chapter 163.3177(6)(c), *Florida Statutes (F.S.)*, requires the adoption of a water supply facilities work plan and updates to policies pertaining to potable water supply within the comprehensive plan within 18 months of an updated regional water supply plan. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) 2005 District Water Management Plan was approved by its Governing Board on November 30, 2006; therefore, the City of St. Pete Beach must adopt its amendments by May 30, 2008, as indicated in the City's *Evaluation and Appraisal Report*, completed in 2007.

Pinellas County is authorized to provide St. Pete Beach with water under Chapter 126 of the Pinellas County Code of Ordinances, which states:

That the board of county commissioners of Pinellas County, State of Florida, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, own, maintain and operate a water supply and distribution system for the purpose of supplying drinkable water to the inhabitants of that certain chain of islands bordering on the Gulf of Mexico in said county, extending from Pass-a-Grille to Indian Rocks, and to furnish water to other districts or communities within said county. (Laws of Fla. Ch. 17644(1935), § 1).

Tampa Bay Water, a regional water supply authority, provides the wholesale potable water supply to Pinellas County, and the Pinellas County Utilities Department owns and maintains the distribution system. The City is a retail customer of the Pinellas County Utilities Department and has no responsibility regarding the supply of potable water to its citizens, thus limiting the scope of the required amendments.

St. Pete Beach Ordinance 2007-34 modifies policies within the Future Land Use, Infrastructure, and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements to address water supply, as required by Senate Bill 360 and Section 163.3177 (6), *F.S.* The new and revised policies address coordination with Pinellas County and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, as well as the concurrency requirements included within Section 163.3180(2)(a), *F.S.*