

RESOLUTION #2008-05
FOR FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, 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 role 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 DEFUNIAK SPRINGS:

Section 1. That the City of DeFuniak Springs 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 forms of indebtedness without approval by referendum;
- Provides an 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 improvement 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 state 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 DeFuniak Springs, this 28th
Day of January 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Harold Carpenter
C. Harold Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vanessa Mitchell
Vanessa Mitchell, Deputy City Clerk