

Municipal Police Officer and Firefighter Pension Plans and Disability Presumptions

The Florida League of Cities will support legislation that provides comprehensive municipal firefighter and police officer pension reform. Any comprehensive pension reform package should address the use of the insurance premium tax revenues by repealing the mandate for cities to perpetually provide new, “extra” pension benefits for police/fire, to allow cities the ability to adjust pension benefits and provide for accountability by police/fire pension boards of trustees. The reform package should also include modifications to the current statutory disability presumptions for firefighters, law enforcement officers, and correctional officers relating to tuberculosis, heart disease, or hypertension.

Pending Ordinance Doctrine

The Florida League of Cities supports maintaining the home rule authority of municipalities in the local application of the Pending Ordinance Doctrine.

Communications Services and Local Business Tax Protection

The Florida League of Cities will oppose legislation that modifies, restricts or eliminates the authority of municipalities to levy, collect and/or expend the communications services tax and the local business tax.

Economic Development

The Florida League of Cities will support legislation that promotes state agency coordination with local entities through providing increased technical assistance, building public infrastructure and urban infill projects and programs, and offering appropriate business incentives that support local economic development.

Public Safety Telecommunicator Certification Exemption

The Florida League of Cities will support legislation that exempts certified law enforcement officers from having to also be certified Public Safety Telecommunicators to allow them to serve as “Temporary” Public Safety Telecommunicators.