

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PINELLAS COUNTY** **CODE**

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners proposes to amend the Pinellas County Code by Ordinance.

A public hearing on the Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Pinellas County Communications – Palm Room, 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756.

The County makes its best efforts to ensure that public hearings will be streamed live at <https://youtube.com/pcctv1> and <https://pinellas.gov/pinellas-county-connection-television-pcc-tv>, and broadcast on the Pinellas County cable public access channels: Spectrum Channel 637, Frontier Channel 44, and WOW! Channel 18

To address the County Commission in person, members of the public are encouraged to preregister at <https://comment.pinellas.gov>. Preregistration is encouraged but not required if individuals plan to attend the meeting at the Palm Room in person. Those who have not preregistered may register in person when they arrive.

Members of the public wishing to address the body virtually via Zoom or by phone are required to preregister by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting by visiting <https://comment.pinellas.gov>. The registration form requires full name, address and telephone number if joining by phone, along with the topic or agenda item to be addressed. Members of the public who cannot access the registration form via the internet may call (727) 464-3000 to request assistance preregistering. Only members of the public who have preregistered by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting will be recognized and unmuted to offer comments. If a member of the public does not log in with the same Zoom name or phone number provided in the registration form, they may not be recognized to speak. In person appearances for comment, or advance comments as noted below, are preferred. The County will use its best efforts to facilitate virtual comment, but citizens using technology to comment virtually are cautioned that this mechanism is being offered by the County as a courtesy and the County does not guarantee the proper functioning of technology involved.

Members of the public wishing to provide comments in advance may call the Agenda Comment Line at (727) 464-4400 or complete the online comment form <https://www.mypinellasclerk.gov/Home/Finance#127688-bcc-meetings>. Comments on any agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting.

Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may provide public input on any agenda item through use of the State of Florida's relay service at 7-1-1 or for more information see <https://www.ftri.org/relay/faqs>.

All comments on any agenda item received by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting will be included as part of the official record for this meeting and will be available to be considered by the County Commission prior to any action taken.

The agenda for this meeting and information about participation options can be found at <https://pinellas.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Interested parties may appear at the hearing or use one of the other methods above to be heard regarding the proposed Ordinance:

1. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PINELLAS, PROVIDING THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 122 OF SAID CODE: PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 122 BY ADDING A REQUIREMENT TO PHOTOGRAPH VEHICLES/VESSELS PRIOR TO TOWING; PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF AN AFTER-HOURS GATE FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN EMERGENCY FUEL SURCHARGE DURING PERIODS OF EXTREME FUEL PRICE SPIKES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE FEE; PROVIDING FOR CPI-BASED ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO RATES; PROVIDING FOR CLARIFICATION OF DROP FEE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF PAYMENT TYPE REQUIREMENTS TO ALIGN WITH STATUTE; PROVIDING FOR A FORTY-EIGHT HOUR EXCLUSION ON ASSESSMENT OF LIEN FEES; PROVIDING FOR RATE SIGNAGE POSTED AT TOW LOCATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AREAS EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In review of the Ordinance above, there may be modifications that arise at the public hearing and/or with other responsible parties.

The proposed amendment to the Pinellas County Code can be inspected by the public at the Pinellas County Board Records Department, 315 Court Street, Fifth Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756. Comments may be sent to this same address or call (727) 464-3458.

Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO NEED REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO EFFECTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING ARE ASKED TO CONTACT PINELLAS COUNTY'S OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY E-MAILING SUCH REQUESTS TO accomodations@pinellas.gov AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE NEED FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION. YOU MAY ALSO CALL (727) 464-

4882 (VOICE) OR (727) 464-4062 (TDD). MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADA, AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, MAY BE FOUND AT <https://pinellas.gov/americans-with-disabilities-act-public-accommodations/>.

KEN BURKE, CLERK TO
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
By: Derelynn Revie, Deputy Clerk