

# 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, January 26, 2021**, at **6:00 P.M.**, in the Parks and Conservation Resources – Magnolia Room, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida 33774. This is a hybrid Board of County Commissioners regular meeting with both in-person and virtual participation utilizing Communications Media Technology (CMT) on the ZOOM platform.

The public hearing will be streamed live at <https://youtube.com/pccctv1> and [www.pinellascounty.org/TV](http://www.pinellascounty.org/TV), and broadcast on the Pinellas County cable public access channels:

Spectrum Channel 637

Frontier Channel 44

WOW! Channel 18

Members of the public wishing to address the body may attend in person, attend virtually or provide comments in advance. **Space for in-person attendance is very limited due to COVID-19 social distancing.** Members of the public are strongly encouraged to participate virtually or to provide comments in advance.

To address the County Commission in person, members of the public are encouraged to preregister at [PinellasCounty.org/comment](http://PinellasCounty.org/comment). Preregistration is encouraged but not required if individuals plan to attend the meeting at the Magnolia Room. Those who have not preregistered may register 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 [pinellascounty.org/comment](http://pinellascounty.org/comment). 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.

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 at [pinellascounty.org/BCCAgendaComment](http://pinellascounty.org/BCCAgendaComment). 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.

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 [pinellascounty.org/bcc](http://pinellascounty.org/bcc).

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 RELATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY; ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY FOR AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE ELIMINATION PROGRAM FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, TO BE CODIFIED AS ARTICLE XV OF CHAPTER 42 OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE PROVIDING A PURPOSE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR A STERILE NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM (SYRINGE EXCHANGE) PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 381.0038(4); PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO ESTABLISHING A SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OPERATOR; PROVIDING FOR SECURITY OF SITES AND EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM OPERATION; PROVIDING FOR DATA AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION OF COUNTY, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR SYRINGE EXCHANGE; PROVIDING THAT THE DEFINED SYRINGE PROGRAM IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH OTHER ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AREAS EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

In review of the Ordinance above, there may be modifications that arise at the public hearings 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 MEETING ARE ASKED TO CONTACT PINELLAS COUNTY'S OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY E-MAILING SUCH REQUESTS TO [accommodations@pinellascounty.org](mailto:accommodations@pinellascounty.org) 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 [WWW.PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG/HUMANRIGHTS/ADA](http://WWW.PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG/HUMANRIGHTS/ADA).

KEN BURKE, CLERK TO  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Katherine Carpenter, Deputy Clerk