

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES**

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code of Ordinances.

A public hearing on the Ordinance with virtual public participation and an on-site participation option, to be held on **Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m.**, or thereafter, in the Palm Room, 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756, with virtual participation utilizing Communications Media Technology (CMT) on the Zoom platform.

The public hearing will be streamed live at <https://youtube.com/pcctv1> 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.

To address the County Commission in person, members of the public are encouraged to preregister at [Pinellas.gov/comment](http://Pinellas.gov/comment). Preregistration is encouraged but not required if individuals plan to attend the meeting at the Palm 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 [Pinellas.gov/comment](http://Pinellas.gov/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 <https://pinellas.gov/bccagendacomment>

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.

Written arguments, evidence, explanations, studies, reports, petitions, photos or other presentation materials and documentation that are to be presented or entered into the record for a public hearing item must be received not later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the public hearing.

Certain matters heard by the Board of County Commissioners are quasi-judicial in nature. Please note that only competent, substantial, fact-based testimony or evidence may be considered by the boards in deciding the matters before them. Pure speculation or opinion, not based on competent facts, cannot be legally considered by the boards. Lay testimony with fact-based support (including but not limited to meeting minutes, surveys, engineering reports, etc.) may be considered competent and substantial evidence. **Please note County Attorney's Office represents and advises the boards and county staff but cannot give legal advice to the applicant or other interested parties.**

Appeals of any quasi-judicial final decision must be filed within 30 calendar days of the decision. Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, 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 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.

The agenda for this meeting and information about participation options can be found at [Pinellas.gov/bcc](http://Pinellas.gov/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, PROVIDING THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTIONS 118-176, 118-177, and 118-180 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING THAT THE ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS 65 AND OLDER IN THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED AREA BE INCREASED FROM \$25,000 TO \$50,000; CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF "MSTU" FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE; REMOVING UNNECESSARY LANGUAGE; AND 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.

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**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

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@pinellas.gov](mailto:accommodations@pinellas.gov) at least three (3) business days in advance of the need for reasonable accommodation. You may also call (727) 464-4882.

KEN BURKE, CLERK TO  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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