

# PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE

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

A public hearing on the Ordinance with virtual public participation and an on-site participation option, to be held on **Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 9:30 A.M.** or thereafter in the County Commission Assembly Room, Fifth Floor, Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court 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 [PinellasCounty.org/comment](http://PinellasCounty.org/comment). Preregistration is encouraged but not required if individuals plan to attend the meeting at the Assembly 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:

## **A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PINELLAS, PROVIDING THAT THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY ADDING ARTICLE XIII TO CHAPTER 42 FOR A TENANT'S BILL OF RIGHTS, PROHIBITION OF SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION, NOTICE OF LATE FEES AND NOTICE OF RENT INCREASES IN HOUSING; PROVIDING FOR AREAS EMBRACED; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE TENANTS WITH A NOTICE OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR A PROHIBITION ON SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION; PROVIDING FOR A REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE TENANTS WITH NOTICE OF LATE FEES; PROVIDING FOR A NOTICE OF RENT INCREASES IN HOUSING; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND FINES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; 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.

The proposed Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code can be inspected at the Pinellas County Housing and Community Development Department located at 310 Court Street, First Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756. Send comments to this address or call at (727) 464-8200. The amendments can also be inspected at Pinellas County Board Records Department, 315 Court Street, Fifth Floor, Clearwater, Florida, 33756.

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.

## **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 [s](mailto:ohr@pinellascounty.org) at least three (3) business days in advance of the need for reasonable accommodation. You may also call (727) 464-4882.

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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