

# Doing Things!

## Pinellas County Attorney's Office Proposed PACE Ordinance November 28, 2017





## **Proposed PACE Ordinance**

#### **Special thanks to:**

- Mike Meidel, Cindy Margiotta Economic Development
- Jake Stowers, Renea Vincent, Chris Moore Planning Department
- Other Local Governments
- PACE Stakeholders



### **Proposed PACE Ordinance**

#### Workshop with BCC on May 18, 2017

- Purpose of ordinance was to set a floor for PACE Programs seeking to operate within Pinellas County
- Comments were received at the workshop from PACE Providers and their representatives, and contractors

#### BCC meeting on August 15, 2017

BCC gave direction to meet with Stakeholders to address issues raised



### **Proposed PACE Ordinance**

#### **Board policy direction contained in proposed ordinance:**

- Make the ordinance countywide and provide for Municipalities to opt out
- Allow PACE to serve both Residential and Non-residential properties
- Provide for consumer protections approaching those associated with mortgages
- Provide for no prepayment penalties for Residential assessments



#### **Discussed at August 15 Meeting**

- "Applying Truth in Lending Act to PACE is illegal;" "PACE Providers can't comply"
- "Complicated Municipal Participation;" Can cities participate in PACE sooner than 120 days?
- Prepayment Penalties for Commercial are "consistent with market and industry practices"
- ENERGY STAR certification, or Solar System Monitoring Devices, add costs
- Reporting Requirements are too onerous or public



### **PACE Stakeholder Forum meeting**

- Held on October 4, 2017
- Invited participants from all PACE providers within the state and other stakeholders that had expressed interest in the ordinance
- 13 Non-County staff participants



Revisions as a result of Stakeholder Forum meeting and comments received:

- Removed references to Truth in Lending Act
- Removed any restrictions on prepayment penalties for Nonresidential assessments
- Modified online monitoring to mandatory for solar systems unless owner rejects in writing
- Ties County financial requirements to Fair Market Value rather than Property Appraiser Just Value
- Allows reliance on third party experts to set Eligible Measures
- Reporting requirements reduced



## **Results of Process**

- Incorporated all changes discussed and <u>resolved</u> at Stakeholder Forum among those attending
- Accommodated many comments received from individuals after the Stakeholder Forum meeting
- Declined to make changes that were unique to one entity not raised and discussed at Stakeholder Forum
- Received positive feedback that most if not all PACE Providers will be able to comply with provisions



## **Questions?**

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