

Sec. 169. - Created; powers, duties, responsibilities generally; definitions.

- (a) There is hereby created and made a part of the government of the City of Fort Pierce a utilities authority to be known and designated as Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, City of Fort Pierce, Florida, which shall be responsible for the development, production, purchase and distribution of all electricity, gas, water, sanitary sewer collection and disposal, and such other utility services as may be designated by resolution by the city commission. The authority shall have exclusive jurisdiction, control and management of the utilities of the city and all of its operations and facilities. The authority shall have all the powers and duties possessed by the city to construct, acquire, expand and operate utility systems, and to do any and all acts or things that are necessary, convenient or desirable in order to operate, maintain, enlarge, extend, preserve and promote an orderly, economic and businesslike administration of the utility systems. The authority shall operate as a separate unit of the city government; and except as otherwise provided in this article, the authority shall be free from the jurisdiction, direction, and control of other city officers and of the city commission. The authority may sue or be sued in its own name. All damage claims arising from the operations of the authority and the utilities shall be the responsibility of and be liquidated by the authority from the appropriate funds of the utility systems.
- (b) For the purposes of this article, unless otherwise designated or the context requires, the word "authority" shall mean the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, the word "member" shall mean a member of the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, and the word "city" shall mean the City of Fort Pierce.

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