

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
(COOPERATION ON STATE LOBBYING)**

**THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by and between the **CITY OF FORT PIERCE**, a Florida municipal corporation (the "City") and **ST. LUCIE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the "County").

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City desire to collaborate on providing lobbying services and representation in Tallahassee, FL during the 2018 Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed to enter into an agreement in which the County will be the lead agency; and

**WHEREAS**, an interlocal agreement may provide for the parties to cooperate in providing lobbying services and representation during the 2018 State Legislature Session, providing efficient use of public resources and allocating responsibilities among themselves and designating one or more parties to the agreement to administer or execute the agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and undertaking contained herein the parties hereto agree as follows:

**1. GENERAL**

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act.

**2. COOPERATION – GENERAL**

The Parties agree to cooperate in providing lobbying services for the 2018 Legislative Session.

### **3. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The County will have the following responsibilities:

- Assist the City in tracking of legislation which will have impact on the City and/or the County legislative priorities.
- Update the City on current events on a weekly basis during the Regular Legislative Session and at the end of every Committee meeting week.
- In the event of a critical matter, which impacts the City, the County will communicate directly to the City on a plan of action going forward.
- Attend legislative committee meetings as well as meetings with legislative staff and Legislators on behalf of the City when available.
- Assist the City in the schedule of meetings with legislative staff and Legislators and attend when available.
- Provide information to the City, when applicable, regarding ongoing legislation and budget issues.

### **4. CITY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The City will have the following responsibilities:

- Assist and provide information to the County on the interpretation of ongoing legislation as it pertains to the City's legislative priorities and determine if the legislation should be tracked.
- Communicate directly to the County on a plan of action going forward in the event of a critical legislative matter.

- Be available for weekly conference calls during the 2018 Legislative Session, starting January 9, 2018 and ending March 9, 2018.
- Continue to work with the City's state associations and will communicate to the County any necessary information needed to effectively advocate on their behalf.
- Assist the County in the schedule of meetings, which relate to the City's legislative priorities, with legislative staff and Legislators and attend when available.
- Provide to the County, when applicable, message points regarding ongoing legislation which will have an impact on the City's legislative priorities and instruct the County on the best possible solution to resolve the impact.
- Provide to the County \$25,000.00 on or before October 1, 2017 which will be used by the County to execute the duties within this agreement.

##### **5. CONFLICT**

In the event of a potential conflict the County and the City shall provide each other with a brief summary of any issues that may conflict with the interests of the other party and both parties will attempt to resolve the conflict. In the event the conflict is not resolved, each party reserves the right to pursue its own interests. The City will advocate for the City's interests on the issue; and the County and contract lobbyist of the County will advocate for the County's interests on the issue.

##### **6. TERMINATION**

The services provided shall begin on October 1, 2017 and automatically terminate on September 30, 2018.

**7. WHOLE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement embodies the whole understanding of the parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the parties hereto.

**8. AMENDMENTS**

The Agreement may only be amended by a written document signed by all parties and filed with the Clerk of Circuit Court of St. Lucie County, Florida.

**9. NOTICES**

All notices, requests, consents, and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be (as elected by the person giving such notice) hand delivered by messenger or courier service, telecommunicated, or mailed by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid) return receipt requested, addressed to:

**As to City:**

Fort Pierce City Manager  
100 North U.S. One/P.O. Box 1480  
Fort Pierce, FL 34954

**With a Copy to:**

Fort Pierce City Attorney  
100 North U.S. One/P.O. Box 1480  
Fort Pierce, FL 34954

**As to County:**

St. Lucie County Administrator  
2300 Virginia Avenue  
Administration Annex

**With a Copy to:**

St. Lucie County Attorney  
2300 Virginia Avenue  
Administration Annex

**10. FILING**

This Agreement shall be effective upon filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Lucie County, Florida, in accordance with Section 163.01(11), Florida Statutes.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:**

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Deputy Clerk**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

**BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County Attorney**