

RESOLUTION NO. 26-R10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE **ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INTENTION TO PLACE A REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION AND REAUTHORIZATION OF A ONE-HALF CENT SALES TAX LEVY FOR TEN YEARS TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE**; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the establishment and maintenance of infrastructure is a core function of local government; and

WHEREAS, Section 212.055(2), Florida Statutes, authorizes local governments to impose a sales infrastructure surtax upon most taxable transactions occurring within the County; and

WHEREAS, funds generated by the infrastructure surtax could be utilized by the City of Fort Pierce to finance, construct, reconstruct, maintain, repair, and improve public infrastructure, including long term capital maintenance and useful life extension of public infrastructure projects such as new and improved sidewalks near schools, roadway improvements including expansion and major resurfacing, reducing traffic congestion, local flood control, and improving water quality and such other similar uses authorized under Florida law for the use and benefit of the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, adequate public infrastructure facilities of the types described above promote the safe, efficient, and uninterrupted provision of numerous general and essential public services in the City of Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, there are many critical improvements that need to be made to infrastructure in St. Lucie County and in the three municipalities within the County that cannot be funded with existing revenue sources in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the existing infrastructure surtax program that was authorized by voter referendum in 2016 has been hugely successful and beneficial to the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County; and

WHEREAS, the City finds the one-half cent sales tax is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to properly and economically fund infrastructure projects and should be continued; and

WHEREAS, the continuation and reauthorization of the existing one-half cent sales tax will require voter approval in a county-wide referendum election prior to imposition of the local government infrastructure surtax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida hereby supports the ongoing efforts of St. Lucie County to place a referendum on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot for voter approval of the continuation and reauthorization of the one-half cent sales tax levy for ten (10) years to fund infrastructure.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners for St. Lucie County.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 9th day of March, 2026.

Linda Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Cox, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

Approved as to form and correctness:

Sara K. Hedges, Esq.
City Attorney