

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Howard Tipton, Town Manager
FROM: Isaac Brownman, Assistant Town Manager
REPORT DATE: September 15, 2025
MEETING DATE: September 22, 2025
SUBJECT: 2026 State Legislative Priorities

Background

Each year, the Town Commission considers Legislative Priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session and presentation at the Manatee and Sarasota County Legislative Delegation Hearings.

Attached are the proposed 2026 Town of Longboat Key Legislative Priorities. The Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Mr. David Ramba, the Town's Lobbyist, have reviewed the list. At the Commission's pleasure, staff can add, delete, or modify items on the list. The order may also be adjusted if the Commission would like to add emphasis to a particular item.

Sarasota County approved its 2026 State Legislative Priorities on August 27, 2025. The Florida League of Cities (FLC) 2025 Legislative Platform is included for reference. This fall, FLC has three Legislative Policy Committee meetings to discuss priorities and policy positions. The Manasota League of Cities' 2026 Legislative Priorities will be finalized at their September 30, 2025, Regular Meeting. Town staff will continue working to confirm the status of Manatee County's 2026 Legislative Priorities.

Upon adoption at the October 6, 2025, Regular Meeting, the Mayor and Town Manager will present the Town's Legislative Priorities at the Sarasota County and Manatee County Legislative Delegation meetings.

Staff Recommendation

Establish the Town of Longboat Key's Legislative Priorities for the 2026 State Legislative Session and provide direction to the Town Attorney.

Attachments (Available in the Town Clerk's office)

- A. Town of Longboat Key 2026 Legislative Priorities
- B. REVISED Sarasota County's 2026 Legislative Program
- C. Florida League of Cities 2025 Legislative Platform
- D. Sarasota County Delegation Notice of Meeting
- E. Manatee County Delegation Notice of Meeting

End of Agenda Item