

ORDINANCE NO. 02-97

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PINELLAS AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 26-272 OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR SIGN-IN AT THE TIME OF LOBBYING; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL REGISTRATION FOLLOWING LOBBYING THAT OCCURS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY OFFICES IN CLEARWATER, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM REVIEW OF THE ORDINANCE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND WITH RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the public would be better served when Lobbyists who are compensated for lobbying issues pending before or to be presented to the County Commission are required to register annually and to sign-in at the time of lobbying.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida that:

Section I. Chapter 26, Article IX, Section 26-272 of the Pinellas County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section II. REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS.

All Lobbyists shall sign in, at the time of the lobbying, in a notebook for that purpose in the Board of County Commissioners reception area. Annually, they shall also register on a registry of lobbyists maintained and available for public inspection in the Board Records section of the Board of County Commissioners' Clerk's office, on or before January 1st of each year following the lobbying activity. The Lobbyist shall provide his or her name, business address, the name and business address of each principal represented, the general and specific areas of legislative interest, and the nature and extent of any direct business association or partnership with any current member of the Board. The Clerk shall provide forms on which the Lobbyists may supply the aforesaid information.

In the event any lobbying meeting as defined herein occurs outside of county offices in Clearwater, the Lobbyist shall register on or before January 1st of each year following the lobbying activity.

Section III. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentencing clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding cannot be construed to render the remaining provisions of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional.

Section IV. FILING OF ORDINANCE; EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Section 125.66 Fla. Stat., a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 1997.

Section V. CODIFICATION

The provision of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Pinellas County Code, as an addition thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Pinellas County Code.

December 3, 2002

- # 3 ORDINANCE NO. 02-97 ADOPTED AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 26-272 OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR SIGN-IN AT THE TIME OF LOBBYING; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL REGISTRATION FOLLOWING LOBBYING THAT OCCURS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY OFFICES IN CLEARWATER, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM REVIEW OF THE ORDINANCE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND WITH RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 23, 2002 issue of the St. Petersburg Times as evidenced by publisher's affidavit filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 26, Article IX, Section 26-272 of the Pinellas County Code regarding registration of lobbyists. Deputy Clerk Clarethia N. Harris reported that no correspondence relative to the proposed ordinance has been received; and that the matter is properly before the Board to be heard.

County Administrator Stephen M. Spratt stated that staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance.

No one appeared in response to the Chairman's call for persons wishing to be heard.

Commissioner Seel moved, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, that Ordinance No. 02-97 be adopted. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: Todd, Seel, Stewart, Harris, Latvala, Morroni and Welch.

Nays: None.

Absent and not voting: None.

- # 4 PROPOSED MANGROVE ORDINANCE (CONTINUED FROM MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2002) - REFERRED TO NEWLY APPOINTED COMMITTEE

Pursuant to legal notice published in the November 8, 2002 issue of the St. Petersburg Times as evidenced by publisher's affidavit filed with the Clerk, public hearing was held on a proposed ordinance amending the Pinellas County Land Development Code by replacing in its entirety Chapter 166, Division 3, regarding mangrove trimming and preservation. Deputy Clerk Clarethia N. Harris reported that six letters, one telephone call, one e-mail message and one petition with 106 signatures in