

COMMISSION AGENDA:

6.24.14 #29

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James L. Bennett, County Attorney *JLB*

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Adopt an Ordinance Relating to the East Lake
Recreation Services District

DATE: June 24, 2014

RECOMMENDATION: I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPT AN ORDINANCE CREATING A MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT TO PROVIDE RECREATION SERVICES WITHIN THE AREA THAT CONSTITUTES THE EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT.

DISCUSSION: The attached ordinance establishes the East Lake Recreation Services Municipal Services Taxing Unit, within the same boundaries of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, as well as the East Lake Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit. It establishes a dedicated funding source for recreation services and facilities by authorizing the levy of up to one-quarter mill within the East Lake Recreation Services Municipal Services Taxing Unit.

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Attachment

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ORDINANCE NO. 14-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNITS FOR RECREATION SERVICES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT TO PROVIDE RECREATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE AREA COMPRISING THE EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in a meeting duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2014, that:

Section 1. The Pinellas County Code is hereby amended by adding Article XIII, East Lake Recreation Services District, Sections 114-391 through 114-394, which read as follows:

Section 114-391. There is hereby established a municipal service taxing unit under the name of East Lake Recreation Services District ("District"). The District shall exist until dissolved by law.

Section 114-392. All of the lands hereinafter described shall be incorporated into a municipal service taxing unit under the name of East Lake Recreation Services District. The land so incorporated shall include all of the unincorporated area of Pinellas County within the District that constitutes the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District.

Section 114-393. The board of county commissioners shall be the governing board of the District.

Section 114-394. Within the limits fixed for municipal purposes as authorized by Section 9(b), Article VII, of the Florida Constitution, the board of county commissioners shall be authorized to levy ad valorem taxes not exceeding one-quarter mill within the District created by this article for the purposes of providing recreation services and facilities within the District.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not be construed to render the remaining provisions of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. Inclusion in the Pinellas County Code. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Pinellas County Code, as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Pinellas County Code.

Section 4. Filing of Ordinance; Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after the enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing of the Ordinance with the Department of State.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By 
Office of the County Attorney