

ORDINANCE NO. 06-01

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 SIMULTANEOUS REGISTERING OF LOBBYIST ON A REGISTRY OF LOBBYISTS MAINTAINED AND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is desirous that lobbyists should simultaneously register on a registry of lobbyist maintained and available for public inspection at the time of sign-in rather than annually on or before January 1st of each year following the lobbying activity.

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. Simultaneously, 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. 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 within thirty days 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 upon filing of the Ordinance with the Department of State.

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.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006 – 9:33 A.M.
ASSEMBLY ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR
315 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

Members Present: Kenneth T. Welch, Chairman; Ronnie E. Duncan, Vice-Chairman; Robert B. Stewart; Calvin D. Harris; Karen Williams Seel; Susan Latvala; and John Morroni.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Others Present: Susan H. Churuti, County Attorney; D. Gay Lancaster, Chief Assistant County Administrator; Clarethia N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Cathy Fickley, Deputy Clerk.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Robert Thomson, Salvation Army, Clearwater.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Duncan.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

Presentation of the Solid Waste Association of North America Gold Excellence Award to Warren Smith, Director of Solid Waste Operations and Deb Bush, Solid Waste Program Manager.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – None.

All public hearing items have been properly advertised. Affidavits of Publication have been received and are on file in the Board Records Department.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – BCC

- # 1 Ordinance No. 06-01 adopted amending Chapter 26, Article IX, Section 26-272 of the Pinellas County Code to provide for annual registration; providing for simultaneous registering of lobbyist on a Registry of Lobbyists maintained and available for public inspection; providing for severability and an effective date; providing for codification. Staff recommended approval of the proposed ordinance. No correspondence has been received. No citizens appeared to be heard.

Motion	-	Commissioner Stewart
Second	-	Commissioner Duncan
Vote	-	7 - 0