

Charter Counties - Countywide Policy

<i>County</i>	<i>Population 2004</i>	<i>Number Cities</i>	<i>Countywide Authority?</i>	<i>Policy Area</i>
Alachua	236,174	9	yes	environmental protection if more stringent than that of municipality
Brevard	521,422	15	no	
Broward	1,723,131	30	yes	land use planning; minimum standards for protecting environment
Charlotte	156,985	1	yes	impact fees for county facilities required by new development; countywide comprehensive plan or countywide land development regulations
Clay	163,461	4	no	
Columbia	60,453	2	yes	Minimum countywide standards for regulating adult entertainment; environmental protection; outdoor burning; animal control; hours of sale of alcoholic beverages; firearms and weapons; and, Protection of LOS standards for County-maintained roads

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Duval	840,474	4	yes	(consolidated government)
Hillsborough	1,108,435	3	yes	EPC
Lee	521,253	5	no	
Leon	263,896	1	no	
Miami-Dade	2,379,818	34	yes	(metropolitan government)
Orange	1,013,937	13	yes	minimum standards for regulating adult entertainment and protecting the environment
Osceola	225,816	2	no	

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Palm Beach	1,242,270	37	yes	protection of wells and wellfields; impact fees for schools, county parks, solid waste disposal, law enforcement, county roads.
Pinellas	943,640	24	yes	
Polk	528,389	17	no	
Sarasota	358,307	4	no	
Seminole	403,361	7	no	
Volusia	484,261	17	yes	growth management commission; minimum standards for protection of environment; beach access and unified beach code

**Pinellas County Charter
Countywide Powers**

Policy or Program Referenced in Charter	Authority Primarily or Exclusively Derived From Charter?
911 system	
solid waste disposal facilities	
regional sewage treatment facilities	
county-owned parks, buildings, and other county-owned property	Yes
public health or welfare	
St. Petersburg-Clearwater airport	Yes
major drainage systems in both the incorporated and unincorporated area	Yes
county roads in accordance with law	
consumer protection programs	Yes
animal control regulations and programs	Yes
civil preparedness programs	
fire protection for the unincorporated area	
motor vehicle inspection facilities, including auto emissions	
production and distribution of water, exclusive of municipal water systems	
regulation of charitable solicitations	Yes
one-mill ad valorem tax (by referendum) for beachfront and other property for public parks/recreational use	Yes
countywide planning authority as provided by special law	

Policy or Program Referenced in Charter	Authority Primarily or Exclusively Derived From Charter?
all powers necessary to establish by ordinance the exclusive method and criteria for voluntary municipal annexation as provided by general law	Yes
Other Powers (e.g. regional water/sewer systems, resource recovery, mosquito control, etc.)	Powers granted to county via preemptive ordinance or protected special act.