# Charter of the Suncoast League of Cities

**ARTICLE I: NAME** 

The name of this Corporation shall be "SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES".

**ARTICLE II: DURATION** 

The term of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III: PURPOSE** 

The purpose of the Suncoast League of Cities (hereinafter the "League"), shall be to promote, protect, and advance the collective interests of the membership municipalities; to study municipal issues and seek desired results through cooperative effort; to respect the principles of Home Rule; to encourage and facilitate a spirit of cooperation and consensus building among the membership; to provide a network among membership elected officials to speak in one voice to provide advocacy.

## ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

- A. Municipal Membership. All municipal corporations in the counties of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas shall be eligible and may become a member of this League upon payment of the annual dues and any assessments levied by the membership. At all meetings of the League, each member which is represented and in good standing shall have voting rights as provided in the Bylaws.
- B. Associate Membership. A non-voting class of Associate Membership may be provided for in the League Bylaws.
- C. Ex-Officio Membership. A non-voting class of Ex Officio membership may be provided for in the League Bylaws.

# **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

The League shall hold an annual meeting, and may hold such other meetings as may be determined by the members, the time and place in each instance to be fixed by the officers and directors. Special meetings of the League may be called at any time by the officers and directors.

#### **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND VOTING DELEGATES**

The affairs of the League shall be managed by a number of officers and voting delegates whose selection, duties and responsibilities shall be provided by the Bylaws. All voting officers and delegates shall be, at the time of their election and throughout their tenure of office, a duly elected official of a member municipality in good standing of the League.

## **ARTICLE VII: DUES**

Dues for members shall be such as are fixed from time to time in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

This Charter and the Bylaws of the League are to be made, altered or rescinded by the League members. Such changes to this Charter and the Bylaws may be made by a majority vote of the municipal members in good standing present at any regular or special meeting, provided that notice of the proposed change be distributed electronically to each such member at least thirty days prior to such meeting.

This Charter and Bylaws have been approved and adopted by the Directors and Membership of the Suncoast League of Cities on May 15, 2004.

This Charter and the Bylaws have been approved and adopted by the Directors and Membership of the Suncoast League of Cities on March 24, 2012.

This Charter has been further amended and approved by the Executive Committee and the Membership of the Suncoast League of Cities on April 28, 2023.

President, Suncoast League of Cities

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