



City of **DUNEDIN** Florida

2026 Legislative Agenda

To promote and protect initiatives important to our community, residents, businesses, and visitors.

HOME RULE

Federal and state legislation impacting Home Rule continues to create challenges for local government implementation. One size does not fit all communities.

The City of Dunedin stands with our fellow municipalities in SUPPORT of strengthening and protecting Home Rule powers of governance. The Home Rule Powers Act of 1973 was intended to allow local government to effectively and efficiently respond to and provide for our residents and unique community needs. Preempting legislation binds our abilities to do so.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

- **Dunedin Marina Hurricane Recovery: \$3M**
(Rep. Anderson & Senator Hooper)
- **Water Rescue Vehicle: \$200,000**
(Rep. Anderson & Senator Hooper)
- **Bayshore Water Main: \$4.3M**
(Rep. Berfield & Senator Hooper)



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2026 Priority Statements



ENVIRONMENT & RESILIENCY

- Fund initiatives to enhance community resiliency and prioritize storm recovery.
- Support alternative energy sources and utility undergrounding to mitigate severe storm damage.
- Preserve and protect local waterways through funding, education, and supportive regional collaboration.



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Invest in critical transportation projects: Dunedin Causeway Bridge.
- Promote innovative multi-modal infrastructure & initiatives to support efficient transportation solutions while ensuring safety of all users.
- Prioritize sustainable public transportation funding model to meet demands.



MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

- Maintain HomeRule capabilities for assessing impact fees, fund transfers, and levying a local business tax.
- Defend Florida's tax model of effective property taxation to address and fund local needs.
- Protect Sovereign Immunity and minimize overburdening municipalities.



EDUCATION

- Fund and promote arts and culture institutions and programs as a significant contributor to local and state economy.
- Support workforce training, development opportunities, scholarships, and certification programs.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

- Prioritize repair and reopening of Honeymoon Island and Caladesi Island, the #1 State Park, receiving over 1 million visitors annually.
- Enhance funding and incentives for attracting affordable housing programs and projects.
- Protect redevelopment funding as an economic tool to revitalize, invest, and improve local economies.



STATE & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

- Senator Ed Hooper
- Representative Adam Anderson
- Representative Kimberley Berfield
- Senator Ashley Moody
- Senator Rick Scott
- Representative Anna Paulina Luna