### 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HOME RULE INTER RULE HEADLINES AN FLC REPORT



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"Cities must fight to keep home rule" - TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

"Ideologues in Tallahassee handcuff Florida cities, counties" – PALM BEACH POST

"Florida's local governments are sick and tired of state lawmakers pre-empting home rule, and they're starting to push back" – ORLANDO WEEKLY

**"Stop legislature from usurping home rule"** – GAINESVILLE SUN

"Tallahassee needs to stop its attack on home rule authority" – SUN-SENTINEL

"Shift power back to the local level" – POLITICO

"Florida Legislature should butt out of cities' business — and mind its own"

- MIAMI HERALD

"Let's put an end to Tallahassee's power grab from local governments" – FLORIDA TODAY

"Analysis: Preemption is 'heavy-handed' tool to suppress local governments"

- FLORIDA PHOENIX

"Lawmakers creating an all-powerful nanny state at the expense of locally elected government"

- ORLANDO SENTINEL

"Legislative overreach is clearly out of hand" -SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE

**"Why are some Florida leaders so hypocritical on local control?"** – TAMPA BAY TIMES

## **CITIES DEFEAT SHORT-TERM RENTAL PREEMPTION**



We have 22 million people almost. We are a very diverse state. For us to be micromanaging vacation rentals, I am not sure that is the right thing to do. My view would be, probably, that should be determined locally.

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- GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS

"Lawmakers want to limit local rules for vacation rentals. DeSantis not ready to support that"

- BRADENTON HERALD

"Short-term rental bill falters" - DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL

### **BY THE NUMBERS MEDIA COVERAGE**





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### KEY ISSUE COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS

#### BROADBAND

"House votes to establish Florida Office of Broadband, reboot expansion" – FLORIDA POLITICS

"Key infrastructure legislation signed into law" –CAPITAL SOUP

#### GROWTH MANAGEMENT

"Gov. DeSantis shoots down bill amending growth management laws" – FLORIDA POLITICS

> "Editorial: Veto protects local power to manage growth" – GAINESVILLE SUN

#### SALES AND USE TAX

"Legislators: Fix Florida sales tax loophole" – TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

"As FL sales tax collections crash in a virus economy, it may be time to close sales tax loopholes to pump up cash" – FLORIDA PHOENIX

#### **SUNSCREEN BANS**

"Sunscreen debate exposes the Legislature's attempt to grab power from local governments" – SUN-SENTINEL

"DeSantis backs bill on sunscreen bans" – WLRN

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

"DeSantis environmental plans get legislative support" – DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL

"Florida legislature passes several bills to benefit the environment" – WTSP

#### PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

"Proposed Florida law a 'nuclear bomb' to local control of zoning, attorney says" – TAMPA BAY TIMES

"State legislative session peaks, home rule, property rights at risk" –THE ISLANDER

#### SHORT-TERM RENTALS

"Vacation rentals are a local issue for Floridians" – NEWS-PRESS

"Poll: Floridians want local control of vacation rentals" – FLORIDA POLITICS

#### WATER

"League of Cities takes aim at FL crisis in water quality and supply" –FLORIDA PHOENIX

"Governor signs water quality bills" – POLITICO PRO

# LOCAL VOICES IN THE NEWS

"Because every municipality is different and no one size fits all. What we might need or might be desired by our population in terms of regulation might not be the same as Miami, Orlando or Tampa."

- ST. AUGUSTINE CITY MANAGER JOHN REGAN, FIRST COAST NEWS

> "Rather than restricting cities' local freedom, the legislature should focus on giving cities additional tools and resources to help us prepare for the future, enhance our communities' quality of life and make our cities stronger, more vibrant and more sustainable."

- DELAND MAYOR BOB APGAR, DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL

> "Our neighborhoods and the fabric of our communities are at stake. As Thomas Jefferson once stated, 'The government closest to the people serves the people best.""

- FLC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TONY ORTIZ, ORLANDO COMMISSIONER, ORLANDO SENTINEL

"Our goal is to ultimately create a generation of people who are more aware of the importance of local government and its positive impact on their quality of life."

- FLC PRESIDENT ISAAC SALVER, BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COUNCIL MEMBER, MIAMI HERALD

> "Local governments are labs of democracy. It's where we are supposed to be innovative and forward-thinking. The Legislature should not prevent local governments from carrying out this mandate."

- CORAL SPRINGS COMMISSIONER JOSHUA SIMMONS, *SUN-SENTINEL* 

"Together we are committed to the chief function of local government, which is to at all times serve the best interests of all of the people."

- GULF BREEZE CITY MANAGER SAMANTHA ABELL, PENSACOLA NEWS JOURNAL

> "We know our residents best. When they need something, they come here, not Tallahassee."

– SARASOTA VICE MAYOR FREELAND EDDIE, SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE

"Local governments need to be able to regulate and address the consequences that occur when residential homes are transformed by the short-term rental industry into mini-hotels."

- LONGBOAT KEY MAYOR GEORGE SPOLL, YOUR OBSERVER "Be assured, city governments throughout our country can handle their own local business — specifically with input from millions of local voices making thousands of local choices."

- SEMINOLE MAYOR LESLIE WATERS, TAMPA BAY NEWSPAPERS

"We are concerned that legislators are not listening to what we hear from our constituents. We are really close to the people."

- SANIBEL MAYOR KEVIN RUANE, WTXL

"Our communities are at their best when their policies reflect the values of the people who live and work there, not those of distant politicians or self-interest groups. Let local voices make local choices."

- FLC PRESIDENT ISAAC SALVER, BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COUNCIL MEMBER, FLORIDA POLITICS

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