

## **1999 Legislative Priorities City of Gainesville, Gainesville Regional Utilities**

The City of Gainesville supports legislation that:

1. Ensures the authority of municipally owned utilities to continue to provide utilities and telecommunication services. (Florida League of Cities)
2. Protects the legitimate privacy interests of customers of municipal enterprise operations. (Staff)
3. Preserves the traditional tax exempt status of municipal assets. (Staff)
4. Provides for alternatives to restrictions on municipalities' authority to provide indemnification in commercially reasonable contracts. (Staff)
5. Includes in any "level playing field" legislation relief from public records laws for municipal enterprise operational records or information that would otherwise constitute "trade secrets" under general law where existing law clearly creates a competitive disadvantage for the municipal enterprise. Efforts should be made to subject private competing enterprise to similar disclosure and open decision making requirements imposed on municipal enterprise. (Staff + Commission '98)
6. Exempts the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund from the General Revenue surcharge of seven percent. (Florida Reliability Coordinating Council)
7. Clarifies that a comprehensive Title V program audit is required in 2003 and every five years thereafter, and must be completed prior to any adjustments in the Title V fee factor. (Florida Reliability Coordinating Council)
8. Clarifies which activities are appropriate to be paid for with Title V fees, and which are not. (Florida Reliability Coordinating Council)

The City opposes legislation that:

9. Deregulates retail natural gas business without providing adequate non-bypassable stranded cost recovery.
10. Proposes to repeal or substantially reduce the motor vehicle emissions test program. (Florida Reliability Coordinating Council)
11. The repeal or final sunset of the petroleum storage system protections of 376.313(4), F.S. (Florida Reliability Coordinating Council)