
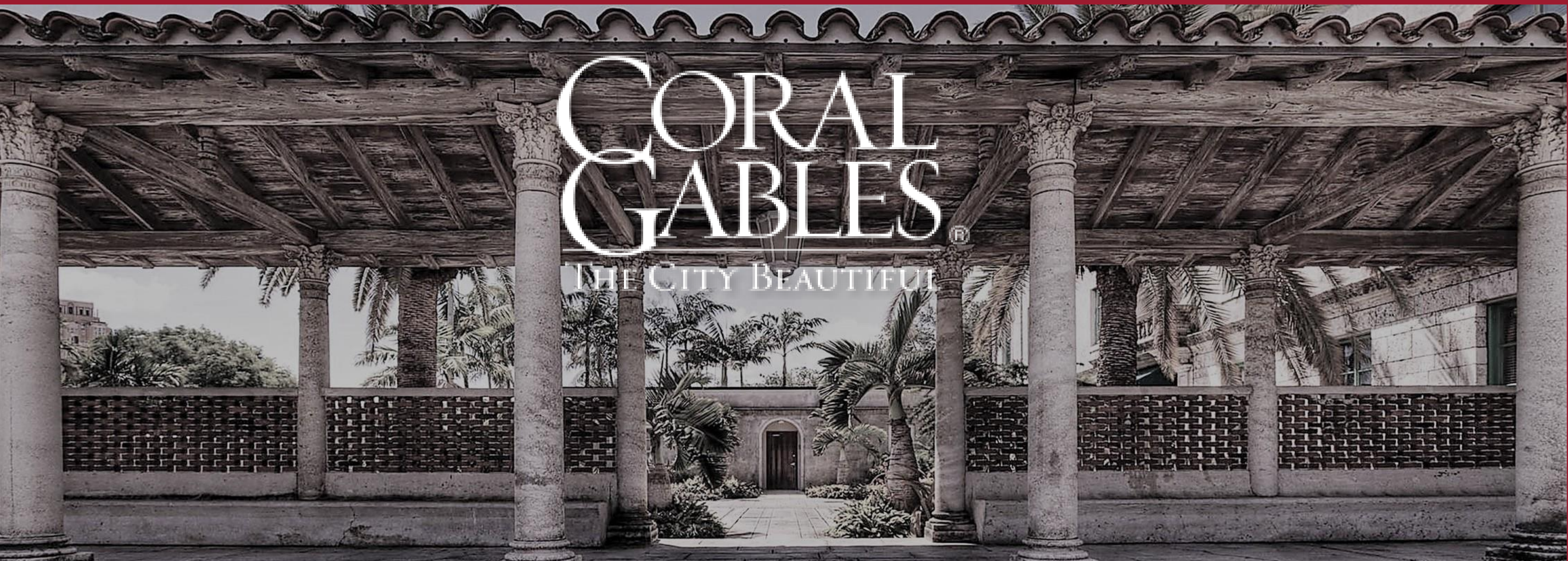


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# 2018 Legislative Session Review



## **HB 7028 - Assisted Living Facilities Back-Up Power**

- This bill required assisted living facilities to have back-up power capabilities and successfully passed.

## **HB 17 - Community Redevelopment Agencies**

- We were successful in keeping this bill from moving forward in the Senate and in stopping an effort on the last day of session to amend the bill's language onto a different bill.

## **HB 243 Charter County & Regional Transportation System Surtax Preemption**

- This bill would have caused a \$100,000,000 deficit in the County's transportation department. We were successful in amending this bill to allow municipalities to continue to use their portion of the surtax to fund their trolley systems, but the bill ultimately died in the Senate.

## **Appropriations Funded:**

- Fire Station at Cartagena Park - \$1,500,000
- Regional Emergency Operations Center & Public Safety Building - \$1,500,000  
(*vetoed*)
- Betsy Adams & Coral Gables Garden Club Park & Maggiore Park - \$50,000 each  
(FRDAP)

# 2019 Legislative Session Review



## **HB 7103 Community Development & Housing**

- We successfully advocated for the inclusion of an amendment that revised the circumstances under which state of emergency declaration tolls and extends remaining period for certain permits & authorizations.

## **HB 107 / SB 76 Texting While Driving**

- This bill authorized texting while driving as a primary offense and was passed during the 2019 legislative session.

## **HB 3 Preemption of Local Regulation**

- This bill would have preempted the licensing of occupations to the state and was successfully kept from moving forward.

## **HB 6003/SB 622 Traffic Infraction Detector Repeal**

- This bill would have repealed provisions related to the use of traffic infraction detectors. It did not pass.

## **Appropriations Funded:**

- Public Safety Building & Regional EOC - \$1,000,000 (vetoed)
- Stormwater System Improvements - \$100,000
- Water & Energy Efficiency Master Plan - \$220,000

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**HB 459/SB 954 Building Design:**

- This bill would have severely limited the City's ability to regulate design elements within its jurisdiction. We were successful in keeping this bill from moving forward in 2020.

**SB 1302 Sovereign Immunity:**

- This bill would have increased the statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state/agencies/subdivisions and revising when a state/agencies/subdivision may agree to settle a claim or judgment. We were able to keep this bill from moving forward.

**HB 1149/SB 1702 Local Government Fiscal Transparency:**

- This bill would have increased created overly burdensome reporting requirements for local governments and was successfully kept from moving forward.

**Appropriations Funded:**

- Canal Dredging Project - \$300,000
- Comprehensive I & I Program - \$100,000
- Sidewalk Construction of Collector Streets - \$300,000

*(Unfortunately, these projects were vetoed due to COVID-19)*

# 2021 Legislative Session Review



## **HB 403 / SB 266 Home-Based Businesses**

- We were successful in amending this bill to provide additional authority to local governments to address certain aspects of home-based businesses including traffic and primary use.

## **Resilient Florida / Water Protection & Sustainability**

- This bill created the Resilient Florida Trust Fund to address flooding and resiliency projects. The trust fund was allocated \$500 million in non-recurring dollars using federal relief funds.

## **HB 401 / SB 1146 Florida Building Code**

- This bill was amended at the end of session to include the problematic Building Design bill language that had been kept from moving forward. We worked with other stakeholders to successfully amend the provisions of the bill that would have only exempted design review and architecture review boards up to a certain date.

## **Appropriations Funded:**

- Galliano Street and Madeira Avenue Stormwater Project - \$200,000
- Granada and Coral Way Hardening Project - \$375,000

2022  
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Appropriation  
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Citywide Septic to Sewer Conversion Assessment - \$375,000

- Sponsored by Representative Busatta Cabrera & Senator Garcia

Legacy Sewer System Repair & Replacement - \$500,000

- Sponsored by Senator Garcia

Stormwater Master Plan - \$500,000

- Sponsored by Representative Busatta Cabrera & Senator Garcia

Repair of Historic Gondola Building \$750,000

- Sponsored by Representative Avila & Senator Garcia

Mobility Hub \$975,000 (*vetoed*)

- Sponsored by Representative Busatta Cabrera & Senator Garcia

Blue Road Neighborhood Park (FRDAP) - \$200,000

Toledo & Alava Neighborhood Park (FRDAP) - \$200,000

2022  
Legislative  
Session  
Policy  
Review



### **HB 105/SB 224 Regulation of Smoking in Public Places**

These bills were successfully passed and will allow counties and municipalities to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of public beaches and public parks

### **HB 403/SB 280 Preemption Bills**

We worked with other stakeholder groups including the League of Cities to limit the impact this bill would have on the city. While changes were made, ultimately, we were successful in keeping these bills from moving forward.

### **HB 7053/SB 1940 Statewide Flooding & Sea Level Rise Resiliency**

- Sponsored by Coral Gables Representative Demi Busatta Cabrera, this bill expands on legislation passed last year and established a statewide Office of Resilience to be housed within the Executive Office of the Governor.

### **Tax Package:**

- This year's tax package included an initiative that was a priority for the state's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to provide a two-year sales tax exemption on things like impact windows and doors. It also included several sales tax holidays

# 2022 Legislative Session Policy Review



## **SB 898 Lodging Standards**

This bill will increase protections for tenants by requiring apartment owners to conduct criminal background checks on those who can enter apartments. A late amendment requires that hotel rooms be rented by the night and not on an hourly basis.

## **SB 518/HB 1555 Private Property Rights to Prune, Trim and Remove Trees**

This legislation sought to clarify the 2019 legislation related to tree removal by better defining the terms in the original bill and reducing the potential for abuses of that law to remove healthy trees.

## **HB 5D Condominium and Cooperative Associations**

Passed during the property insurance special session this summer, this bill will require condo association boards to set aside money in reserves to cover future repairs with no ability to waive that requirement. It also lays out new recertification and inspection requirements for condo buildings.

## **SB 260/HB 569 Local Business Protection Act**

This controversial bill would have allowed business owners to sue cities and counties to recoup lost revenue if a county or city enacts an ordinance that that reduce that businesses income. Ultimately, the Governor vetoed this bill, citing the broad and ambiguous language and its potential for unintended consequences and litigation.



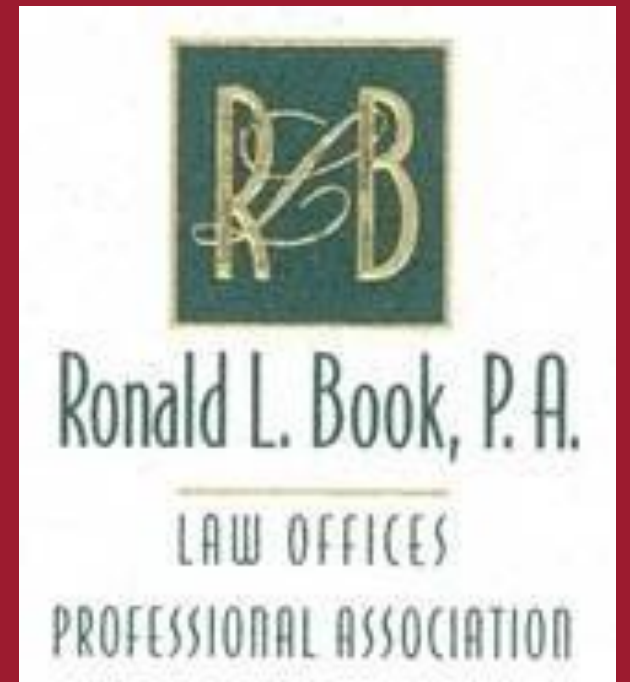
# Five Year Appropriations Funding Totals:

**Total Dollars in Budget over Five (5) Years \$9,195,000**

**Total Dollars Received \$8,220,000**

- *2018 Dollars Received: \$1,600,000*
- *2019 Dollars Received: \$320,000*
- *2020 Dollars Received: \$0*
- *2021 Dollars Received: \$575,000*
- *2022 Dollars Received: \$2,525,000*

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