

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALONG WITH THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, THE FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, FLORIDA SMALL COUNTY COALITION, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, AND OTHER PARTNERS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN FLORIDA, PRIORITIZE THE REDUCTION AND EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF THE LAND APPLICATION OF HUMAN WASTEWATER BIOSOLIDS, AND ESTABLISH A PILOT PROJECTS PROGRAM FOR FUNDING NEW STATE OF THE ART WASTEWATER TECHNOLOGIES TO IMPROVE RECOVERY AND AFFORD MORE EFFICIENT USE OF HUMAN WASTEWATER BIOSOLIDS

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's (SWFRPC) geographical area is comprised of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota counties and the municipalities contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the SWFRPC is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity with policy responsibility in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, energy, regional health, natural resources and regional transportation, and

WHEREAS, it is time to work together as a region and state to increase awareness of current and future biosolids management issues, examine potential water quality impacts from current practices, and explore new wastewater treatment technologies to improve biosolids resource recovery and management options; and

WHEREAS, the City of Venice wishes to collaborate with the SWFRPC, Florida Regional Councils Association, Florida Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, Florida Small County Coalition, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and other partners to accomplish these objectives and rethink 21st Century human wastewater management practices for Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are adopted herein.

SECTION 2. That the City of Venice encourages that the State of Florida and its local governments prioritize the reduction and eventual elimination of the land application of human wastewater biosolids; and

SECTION 3. The State of Florida establish a Pilot Projects Program for funding local utilities to implement new state of the art wastewater treatment technologies to improve recovery and afford more efficient use of human wastewater biosolids resources.

SECTION 4. A copy of this resolution shall be mailed to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2018.

John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, **LORI STELZER**, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of said city at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 23rd day of October 2018, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said City this 23rd day of October 2018.

(SEAL)

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney