

Clearwater Neighborhood Bill of Rights

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater finds that proper land use and planning decisions are most effective when they include and engage citizens in the decision-making process with timely interaction, sharing of viewpoints and information and participation in applicable public hearing processes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater recognizes that neighborhoods have an interest in and desire to be informed and interact with the City on issues that may most directly affect their collective quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater has established by Resolution a Neighborhood Bill of Rights entitling neighborhood groups to expect and receive the following from the officials, employees and agencies of the City of Clearwater:

- Prompt and courteous responses to all reasonable City business questions, public record requests and meeting requests submitted to the City of Clearwater.*
- For purposes herein, prompt shall be defined as a status response within three business days of the initial inquiry.*
- Courtesy notices addressed to the requesting party's registered agent, above and beyond any City legal notification requirements, regarding any action that requires approval of the Community Development Board, pursuant to the Clearwater Community Development Code, or any action relating to Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Zoning Amendments.*
- Notification and a reasonable opportunity to provide input to the City regarding any substantial City-initiated or permitted public works or utility installation or modification, excepting those of an emergency nature that require City action without advance notice.*
- Notification and the opportunity to provide input into the design of publicly-funded construction projects within or adjacent to any residential neighborhood.*
- Engagement in community improvement programs in partnership with various City Departments, Divisions and programs, including (but not limited to) the Natural Gas Expansion Program (CNEP) for Clearwater neighborhoods, the Clearwater Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program, and various programs coordinated or initiated by the Clearwater Neighborhoods Division.*