

## PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT

**Goal 1:** THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS IN LOCAL DECISIONMAKING.

**Objective 1.1:** The City of West Palm Beach shall respect judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected private property rights.

**Policy 1.1.1:** The City shall consider in its decision-making the right of a property owner to physically possess and control his or her interests in the property, including easements, leases, or mineral rights.

**Policy 1.1.2:** The City shall consider in its decision-making the right of a property owner to use, maintain, develop, and improve his or her property for personal use or for the use of any other person, subject to state law and local ordinances.

**Policy 1.1.3:** The City shall consider in its decision-making the right of the property owner to privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property.

**Policy 1.1.4:** The City shall consider in its decision-making the right of a property owner to dispose of his or her property through sale or gift.

**Objective 1.2:** The City of West Palm Beach's decision-making processes and procedures shall continue to be transparent, reliable, and predictable so that all people may be able to participate in decisions that affect their lives and property.

**Policy 1.2.1:** The City shall provide every affected person an opportunity to participate, be heard, and be informed of the information on which the City bases its decisions as is required under Florida law.