

# Municipal Codes Library - “MuniCode”

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** When a member asks you about the laws in their county or city, you can refer them to Municode. You can do a preliminary search for them, but you CANNOT ADVISE THEM, especially if you are unable to locate an ordinance. Refer them to Municode to conduct their own search or ask them to contact their Sheriff office.

Visit Municode to be familiar with the [Nationwide] Municipal Code Library:

<https://municode.com/> Select Florida on the map

Or go directly to the Florida municipalities at: <https://library.municode.com/fl>

Select the desired municipality:

- If you do not see the desired City, it implies that the city follows the County ordinances.
- If you select the County, search for “sex offender”, “sexual offender”, “Sexual Predators’ or similar terms to determine if the County has specific ordinances
- If no related ordinance is found in the County ordinances, it indicates that the county is following the state statute requirements.

You will need to understand **Home Rule** as the reason why Florida has so many ordinances,

Municipalities on Florida can pass ordinances (local laws) that are stricter than the state law, but cannot be in conflict with state statute.

Learn more about Home Rule:

[https://floridaleagueofcities.com/docs/default-source/we-live-local/we-live-local-history-of-home-rule.pdf?sfvrsn=9db4dad5\\_2](https://floridaleagueofcities.com/docs/default-source/we-live-local/we-live-local-history-of-home-rule.pdf?sfvrsn=9db4dad5_2)

<http://www.myfloridalegal.com/ago.nsf/Opinions/0F7C4E90FAC639DB85256586006C5F6>  
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