

# PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT

## GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

### GOAL

**THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHALL PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENSURE A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR TOWN RESIDENTS BY RESPECTING THE JUDICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS, AND IN ADDITION TO MAINTAINING LOCAL TRANSPARENCY IN ITS LOCAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES. TO MAINTAIN.**

### OBJECTIVE 1

The Town shall ensure that private property rights are considered in local decision-making to the extent that they are protected through the legal system and the law and order of the government in accordance with the legislative intent expressed in §163.3161(10) and 187.101(3), Fla. Stat. **The Goal and Objective 1 shall be met through the following policies:**

#### POLICY 1.1

**The Town shall consider** rights of a property owner to physically possess and control his or her interests in the property, including easements, and leases, ~~or mineral rights~~.

#### POLICY 1.2

**The Town shall consider** rights 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 1.3

**The Town shall consider** rights of the property owner to privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property.

#### POLICY 1.4

**The Town shall consider** rights of a property owner to dispose of his or her property through sale or gift.

## **OBJECTIVE 2** (Town of Palm Beach Strategic Plan Strategic Priority)

The Town shall ~~foster a maintain~~ collaborative town government among elected officials, Town staff, volunteers, residents, and businesses to work together to respond positively and proactively to the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors.

### **POLICY 2.1**

~~The Town shall foster communication to residents and businesses to create an informed community about emerging topics within the Town, County, and State.~~

### **POLICY 2.2-2.1**

The Town shall develop a comprehensive formal communications program and provide appropriate resources to address information expectations for community residents and Town employees **and emerging topics within the Town, County, and State.**

### **POLICY 2.3 2.2**

The Town shall support and enhance open, two-way communication between the Town **employees, and its** residents and businesses.

### **POLICY 2.4**

~~The Town shall enhance the relationships among Town employees and residents and businesses.~~