

OVERALL RANK

62/75

53 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

15%

38.5/250 total points

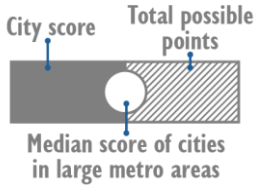
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

St. Petersburg, FL

St. Petersburg was one of the weaker performers among its peers, and it fell in the rankings from the previous scorecard. St. Petersburg performed best in the local government operations category and can notably improve in the community-wide initiatives category.

Recommendations

- Adopt energy benchmarking and retrocommissioning policies.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Create or expand bike networks that connect people with a variety of destinations.
- Implement inclusive procurement and contracting processes.
- Implement clean energy workforce development initiatives targeting disadvantaged communities.



The following sections highlight St. Petersburg performance on a few key metrics that ACEEE Scorecard authors identified as high impact. To learn more about St. Petersburg Scorecard results, visit <https://www.aceee.org/city-clean-energy-scorecard>.

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



4/45 Points



St. Petersburg has a goal to reduce emissions, but there was not sufficient emissions data to determine if it is on track to meet this goal. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine the city’s approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES



8.5/70 Points



St. Petersburg is required to comply with the Florida Building Code. The city is working to pass a city-wide EV code for all new construction, and municipal buildings must achieve LEED Gold. The city offers loans to residents for energy efficiency measures, and it offers partial refunds for construction permit fees if the project receives a green building certification.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



9.5/70 Points



In 2023, St. Petersburg modified its zoning code to allow up to 4 units per lot in certain areas previously zoned for only single-family homes. St. Petersburg requires all new commercial developments to include Level 2 EV charging stations in 2% of spaces. Lime offers discounted micromobility rides to residents participating in assistance programs.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



8/40 Points



Duke Energy Florida (DEF) has a portfolio of low-income and multifamily energy efficiency programs, and St. Petersburg has an MOU with DEF for clean energy collaborations. The city’s Clean Energy Roadmap emphasizes the importance of and has recommendations to support DEF’s transition to clean energy production.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



8.5/25 Points



Municipal retrofit projects are funded through revolving energy investment funds in St. Petersburg. Efficient vehicles make up 7% of the City’s municipal fleet, and all city-leased streetlights have LED fixtures.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 3/85.5 POINTS

Each chapter of the City Scorecard included metrics assessing equitable practices cities are taking to advance clean energy, totaling 85.5 points available across the Scorecard.

