



Land Development Code Amendments - Public Meeting -

Development Services Advisory Committee Land Development Review Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

2800 N. Horseshoe Dr., Naples, FL 34104 – GMD Building
Conference Room 609/610

Meeting Purpose:

1) To obtain a recommendation on several LDC amendments, and

2) To complete the review and obtain a final recommendation regarding Administrative Code amendments.

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Changes to agenda
3. Previously Reviewed LDC Amendments:
 - a. Comparable Use Determination
4. New LDC Amendments:
 - a. Communication Tower Inspections
 - b. Commercial Building Illumination
5. Conclude Review of Administrative Code Amendments
 - a. Changes to Previously Reviewed Chapters 2-4
 - b. Changes to Chapters 6-14
 - c. LDC Amendments related to Administrative Code Changes
 - i. SRA Applications
 - ii. Nominal Application Process
 - iii. Public Notice
6. Public comments
7. Adjourn



LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PETITION

PL20190000389

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

This amendment is intended to revise and clarify the procedures and approval process for Comparable Use Determinations.

ORIGIN

Growth Management Department (GMD)

LDC SECTIONS TO BE AMENDED

- 2.03.00 Zoning Districts; Permitted Uses, Accessory Uses, and Conditional Uses
- 10.02.06 Requirements for Permits
- 10.03.06 Public Notice and Required Hearings for Land Use Petitions

HEARING DATES

BCC TBD
 CCPC TBD
 DSAC TBD
 DSAC-LDR 3/19/19, &
 6/18/19

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

DSAC-LDR
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BACKGROUND

Currently, when an applicant submits an application for a Zoning Verification Letter - Comparable Use Determination, staff reviews the application, makes a determination on the compatibility of the proposed use and drafts the Zoning Verification Letter (ZVL). Once the ZVL has been completed, the ZVL and all necessary backup materials are brought before the Hearing Examiner or the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for affirmation.

This current process of generating a ZVL and then going before the Hearing Examiner or BZA for affirmation has proven to be confusing for customers. Additionally, staff has requested that there be criteria to determine if a proposed use is comparable to the list of permitted uses within that district.

The proposed LDC amendment removes the Comparable Use Determination process from the Zoning Verification Letter process and provides criteria to make a comparable use determination. Through this amendment, staff will make the determination on the use, advertise the determination, and bring it to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), as an item on the Consent Agenda.

Additionally, the commercial zoning districts list of conditional uses, allows for a comparable use determination for permitted uses to follow the conditional use review process. This conflicts with the other sections of the LDC and the comparable use determination process that is utilized today. Therefore, the language that reflects a conditional use process for a permitted use has been removed.

FISCAL & OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

There are no anticipated fiscal or operational impacts associated with this amendment.

GMP CONSISTENCY

The proposed LDC amendment may be deemed consistent with the GMP.



ATTACHMENTS: A) Amendment History and Existing PUD Standards B) Administrative Code

Amend the LDC as follows:

2.03.00 – ZONING DISTRICTS; PERMITTED USES, ACCESSORY USES, AND CONDITIONAL USES

In order to carry out and implement the Collier County GMP and the purposes of this LDC, the following zoning districts, district purposes, and applicable symbols are hereby established:

A. Rules for Interpretation of Uses. In any zoning district, where the list of permitted ~~and conditional~~ uses contains the phrase "any other use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses and is consistent with the permitted uses and purpose and intent statement of the district" or any similar phrase which provides for a use which is not clearly defined or described in the list of permitted ~~and conditional~~ uses , which requires the discretion of the County Manager or designee as to whether or not it is permitted in the district, then the determination of whether or not that use is permitted in the district shall be made through the process outlined in LDC section ~~4.06.00~~10.02.06 K, ~~interpretations, of this LDC.~~

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2.03.03 – Commercial Zoning Districts

A. Commercial Professional and General Office District (C-1). The purpose and intent of the commercial professional and general office district C-1 is to allow a concentration of office type buildings and land uses that are most compatible with, and located near, residential areas. Most C-1 commercial, professional, and general office districts are contiguous to, or when within a PUD, will be placed in close proximity to residential areas, and, therefore, serve as a transitional zoning district between residential areas and higher intensity commercial zoning districts. The types of office uses permitted are those that do not have high traffic volumes throughout the day, which extend into the evening hours. They will have morning and evening short-term peak conditions. The market support for these office uses should be those with a localized basis of market support as opposed to office functions requiring inter-jurisdictional and regional market support. Because office functions have significant employment characteristics, which are compounded when aggregations occur, certain personal service uses shall be permitted, to provide a convenience to office-based employment. Such convenience commercial uses shall be made an integral part of an office building as opposed to the singular use of a building. Housing may also be a component of this district as provided for through conditional use approval.

1. The following uses, as identified with a number from the Standard Industrial Classification Manual (1987), or as otherwise provided for within this section are permissible by right, or as accessory or conditional uses within the C-1 commercial professional and general office district.

a. **Permitted uses.**

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41. Any other commercial use or professional service which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses including those that

exclusively serve the administrative as opposed to the operational functions of a business and are associated purely with activities conducted in an office, as determined by the County Manager or designee, pursuant to LDC section 10.02.06 K.

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c. *Conditional uses.* The following uses are permissible as conditional uses in the (C-1) commercial professional and general office district, subject to the standards and procedures established in LDC section 10.08.00.

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~~16. Any other convenience commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing list of permitted uses and consistent with the purpose and intent statement of the district, as determined by the board of zoning appeals, pursuant to section 10.08.00.~~

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B. Commercial Convenience District (C-2). The purpose and intent of the commercial convenience district (C-2) is to provide lands where commercial establishments may be located to provide the small-scale shopping and personal needs of the surrounding residential land uses within convenient travel distance except to the extent that office uses carried forward from the C-1 district will expand the traditional neighborhood size. However, the intent of this district is that retail and service uses be of a nature that can be economically supported by the immediate residential environs. Therefore, the uses should allow for goods and services that households require on a daily basis, as opposed to those goods and services that households seek for the most favorable economic price and, therefore, require much larger trade areas. It is intended that the C-2 district implements the Collier County GMP within those areas designated agricultural/rural; estates neighborhood center district of the Golden Gate Master Plan; the neighborhood center district of the Immokalee Master Plan; and the urban mixed use district of the future land use element permitted in accordance with the locational criteria for commercial and the goals, objectives, and policies as identified in the future land use element of the Collier County GMP. The maximum density permissible in the C-2 district and the urban mixed use land use designation shall be guided, in part, by the density rating system contained in the future land use element of the Collier County GMP. The maximum density permissible or permitted in a district shall not exceed the density permissible under the density rating system.

1. The following uses, as identified with a number from the Standard Industrial Classification Manual (1987), or as otherwise provided for within this section are permissible by right, or as accessory or conditional uses within the C-2 commercial convenience district.

a. *Permitted uses.*

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74. Any other commercial convenience ~~or professional~~ use which is comparable in nature with the ~~(C-1)~~ list of permitted uses and

consistent with the purpose and intent statement of the district, as determined by the County Manager or designee, pursuant to LDC section 10.02.06 K.~~the board of zoning appeals, pursuant to section 10.08.00.~~

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c. *Conditional uses.* The following uses are permissible as conditional uses in the commercial convenience district (C-2), subject to the standards and procedures established in section 10.08.00.

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~~12. Any other convenience commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing (C-2) list of permitted uses and consistent with the purpose and intent statement of the district, as determined by the board of zoning appeals pursuant to section 10.08.00.~~

C. Commercial Intermediate District (C-3). The purpose and intent of the commercial intermediate district (C-3) is to provide for a wider variety of goods and services intended for areas expected to receive a higher degree of automobile traffic. The type and variety of goods and services are those that provide an opportunity for comparison shopping, have a trade area consisting of several neighborhoods, and are preferably located at the intersection of two-arterial level streets. Most activity centers meet this standard. This district is also intended to allow all of the uses permitted in the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts typically aggregated in planned shopping centers. This district is not intended to permit wholesaling type of uses, or land uses that have associated with them the need for outdoor storage of equipment and merchandise. A mixed-use project containing a residential component is permitted in this district subject to the criteria established herein. The C-3 district is permitted in accordance with the locational criteria for commercial and the goals, objectives, and policies as identified in the future land use element of the Collier County GMP. The maximum density permissible in the C-3 district and the urban mixed use land use designation shall be guided, in part, by the density rating system contained in the future land use element of the Collier County GMP. The maximum density permissible or permitted in the C-3 district shall not exceed the density permissible under the density rating system.

1. The following uses, as identified with a number from the Standard Industrial Classification Manual (1987), or as otherwise provided for within this section are permissible by right, or as accessory or conditional uses within the commercial intermediate district (C-3).

a. *Permitted uses.*

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93. Any use which was permissible under the prior General Retail Commercial (GRC) zoning district, as identified by Zoning Ordinance adopted October 8, 1974, and which was lawfully existing prior to the adoption of this Code.

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96. Any other intermediate commercial ~~or professional~~ use which is comparable in nature with the ~~(C-1)~~ list of permitted uses and consistent with the purpose and intent statement of the district, as determined by the County Manager or designee, pursuant to LDC section 10.02.06 K. ~~board of zoning appeals, pursuant to section 10.08.00.~~

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c. *Conditional uses.* The following uses are permissible as conditional uses in the commercial intermediate district (C-3), subject to the standards and procedures established in sections 4.02.02 and 10.08.00.

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~~27. Any other intermediate commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing list of permitted uses and consistent with the permitted uses and purpose and intent statement of the district, as determined by the board of zoning appeals pursuant to section 10.08.00.~~

D. General Commercial District (C-4). The general commercial district (C-4) is intended to provide for those types of land uses that attract large segments of the population at the same time by virtue of scale, coupled with the type of activity. The purpose and intent of the C-4 district is to provide the opportunity for the most diverse types of commercial activities delivering goods and services, including entertainment and recreational attractions, at a larger scale than the C-1 through C-3 districts. As such, all of the uses permitted in the C-1 through C-3 districts are also permitted in the C-4 district. The outside storage of merchandise and equipment is prohibited, except to the extent that it is associated with the commercial activity conducted on-site such as, but not limited to, automobile sales, marine vessels, and the renting and leasing of equipment. Activity centers are suitable locations for the uses permitted by the C-4 district because most activity centers are located at the intersection of arterial roads. Therefore the uses in the C-4 district can most be sustained by the transportation network of major roads. The C-4 district is permitted in accordance with the locational criteria for uses and the goals, objectives, and policies as identified in the future land use element of the Collier County GMP. The maximum density permissible or permitted in a district shall not exceed the density permissible under the density rating system.

1. The following uses, as defined with a number from the Standard Industrial Classification Manual (1987), or as otherwise provided for within this section are permissible by right, or as accessory or conditional uses within the general commercial district (C-4).

a. *Permitted uses.*

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142. Any other general commercial ~~or professional~~ use which is comparable in nature with the ~~(C-1)~~ list of permitted uses and

consistent with the purpose and intent statement of the district, as determined by the County Manager or designee, pursuant to LDC section 10.02.06 K.~~board of zoning appeals, pursuant to section 10.08.00.~~

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c. *Conditional uses.* The following uses are permitted as conditional uses in the general commercial district (C-4), subject to the standards and procedures established in section 10.08.00.

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~~26. Any other general commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing list of permitted uses and consistent with the permitted uses and purpose and intent statement of the district, as determined by the board of zoning appeals pursuant to section 10.08.00.~~

E. Heavy Commercial District (C-5). In addition to the uses provided in the C-4 zoning district, the heavy commercial district (C-5) allows a range of more intensive commercial uses and services which are generally those uses that tend to utilize outdoor space in the conduct of the business. The C-5 district permits heavy commercial services such as full-service automotive repair, and establishments primarily engaged in construction and specialized trade activities such as contractor offices, plumbing, heating and air conditioning services, and similar uses that typically have a need to store construction associated equipment and supplies within an enclosed structure or have showrooms displaying the building material for which they specialize. Outdoor storage yards are permitted with the requirement that such yards are completely enclosed or opaquely screened. The C-5 district is permitted in accordance with the locational criteria for uses and the goals, objectives, and policies as identified in the future land use element of the Collier County GMP.

1. The following uses, as identified with a number from the Standard Industrial Classification Manual (1987), or as otherwise provided for within this section are permissible by right, or as accessory or conditional uses within the heavy commercial district (C-5).

a. *Permitted uses.*

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183. Any other heavy commercial ~~or professional~~ use which is comparable in nature with the ~~(C-1)~~ list of permitted uses and consistent with the purpose and intent statement of the district, as determined by the County Manager or designee, pursuant to LDC section 10.02.06 K.~~board of zoning appeals, pursuant to section 10.08.00.~~

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1 c. *Conditional uses.* The following uses are permissible as conditional
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3 procedures established in section 10.08.00.

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7 ~~19. Any other heavy commercial use which is comparable in nature with~~
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10 ~~zoning appeals pursuant to section 10.08.00.~~

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14 **2.03.04 – Industrial Zoning Districts**

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19 B. Business Park District (BP). The purpose and intent of the business park district (BP) is to
20 provide a mix of industrial uses, corporate headquarters offices and business/professional
21 offices which complement each other and provide convenience services for the employees
22 within the district; and to attract businesses that create high value added jobs. It is intended
23 that the BP district be designed in an attractive park-like environment, with low structural
24 density and large landscaped areas for both the functional use of buffering and enjoyment
25 by the employees of the BP district. The BP district is permitted by the urban mixed use,
26 urban commercial, and urban-industrial districts of the future land use element of the
27 Collier County GMP.

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29 1. The following uses, as identified within the latest edition of the Standard Industrial
30 Classification Manual, or as otherwise provided for within this section, are
31 permitted as of right, or as uses accessory to permitted primary or secondary uses
32 or are conditional uses within the business park district.

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34 a. Permitted primary uses. One hundred percent of the total business park
35 district acreage is allowed to be developed with the following uses:

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39 34. Any other use which is comparable in nature with the list of
40 permitted ~~forgoing~~ uses and ~~is otherwise clearly~~ consistent with the
41 ~~intent and~~ purpose and intent statement of the district, as
42 determined by the County Manager or designee, pursuant to LDC
43 section 10.02.06 K.

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48 **2.03.05 - Civic and Institutional Zoning Districts**

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50 A. Public Use District (P). The purpose and intent of public use district (P) is to accommodate
51 only local, state and federally owned or leased and operated government facilities that

1 provide essential public services. The P district is intended to facilitate the coordination of
2 urban services and land uses while minimizing the potential disruption of the uses of
3 nearby properties.

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7 4. The following uses are permitted as of right, or as accessory or conditional uses,
8 in the public use district (P).

10 a. Permitted uses.

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14 14. Any other public structures and uses which are comparable in
15 nature with the ~~foregoing~~ list of permitted uses, and the purpose
16 and intent statement of the district, as determined by the County
17 Manager or designee, pursuant to LDC section 10.02.06 K.

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21 c. Conditional uses. The following uses are permissible as conditional uses
22 in the public use district (P), subject to the standards and procedures
23 established in section 10.08.00:

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27 ~~13. Any other public uses which are comparable in nature with the
28 foregoing uses.~~

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32 **2.03.07 – Overlay Zoning Districts**

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36 F. Golden Gate Parkway Professional Office Commercial Overlay (GGPPOCO).

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40 2. These regulations apply to properties north and south of Golden Gate Parkway,
41 starting at Santa Barbara Boulevard and extending eastward to 52nd Terrace S.W.
42 in Golden Gate City as measured perpendicularly from the abutting right-of-way
43 for a distance of approximately 3,600 feet more or less and consisting of
44 approximately 20.84 acres. These properties are identified on Map two (2) of the
45 Golden Gate Area Master Plan. Except as provided in this regulation, all other use,
46 dimensional, and development requirements shall be as required in the underlying
47 zoning categories.

48 a. Permitted Uses.

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42. Any other commercial use ~~or professional service~~ which is comparable in nature with the ~~foregoing list of permitted uses, and purpose and intent statement of the overlay, as determined by the County Manager or designee, pursuant to LDC section 10.02.06 K.~~

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G. Immokalee Urban Overlay District. To create the Immokalee Urban Overlay District with distinct subdistricts for the purpose of establishing development criteria suitable for the unique land use needs of the Immokalee Community. The boundaries of the Immokalee Urban Overlay District are delineated on the maps below.

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5. *Main Street Overlay Subdistrict.* Special conditions for the properties identified in the Immokalee Area Master Plan; referenced on Map 7; and further identified by the designation "MSOSD" on the applicable official Collier County Zoning Atlas Maps. The purpose of this designation is to encourage development and redevelopment by enhancing and beautifying the downtown Main Street area through flexible design and development standards.

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e. Conditional uses.

1. Conditional uses of the underlying zoning districts contained within the subdistrict, subject to the standards and procedures established in section 10.08.00 and as set forth below:

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iii. The following conditional uses may be permitted only on properties with frontage on North First Street, South First Street, and North Ninth Street within the Main Street Overlay Subdistrict:

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j. ~~Any other heavy commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses and is deemed consistent with the intent of this Subdistrict.~~

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10.02.06 – Requirements for Permits

A. *Generally.* Any permit submitted to the County must meet the requirements for that particular permit, as more specifically stated below.

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J. Zoning Verification Letter.

1. A zoning verification letter may be used to verify the zoning of a property according to the Collier County Zoning Map, the Future Land Use Map, and the Growth Management Plan and establish the following determinations.

a. Generally. The County Manager or designee may issue a zoning verification letter that verifies the zoning of a property. Additional information may be requested about the subject property, including but not limited to the following:

- i. Allowable uses and development standards applicable to the property under the LDC;
- ii. Zoning of adjacent properties;
- iii. Confirmation of any site development plan, conditional use, or variance approved for the property; and
- iv. The nonconforming status of the property.

~~b. Comparable Use Determination. The County Manager or designee may issue a zoning verification letter to determine whether a use within a PUD is consistent and compatible with the surrounding uses within the PUD. To be effective, the zoning verification letter shall be approved by the BCC by resolution at an advertised public hearing.~~

~~e. b.~~ Non-residential Farm Building Exemption. The County Manager or designee, in coordination with the Collier County Building Official, may issue a zoning verification letter to establish that a non-residential farm building and/or fence is exempt from the Florida Building Code. However, the exemption applies to the structure and does not exempt the applicant from obtaining the necessary electrical, plumbing, mechanical, or gas permits for the structure.

~~d. c.~~ Administrative Fence Waiver. The County Manager or designee may issue a zoning verification letter to approve an administrative fence waiver under LDC section 5.03.02 F.5.a.

2. The Administrative Code shall establish the process and application submittal requirements to obtain a zoning verification letter.

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K. Comparable Use Determination.

1. A Comparable Use Determination may be used to determine whether a use is comparable in nature with the list of permitted uses, and the purpose and intent statement of the zoning district, overlay, or PUD.

2. The County Manager or designee shall make the determination based on the following standards. To be effective, the Comparable Use Determination shall be heard by the BCC at an advertised public hearing.

a. The proposed use possesses similar characteristics to other permitted used in the zoning district, overlay, or PUD, including but not limited to: operating hours, traffic volume generated/attracted, type of vehicles associated with the use, number and type of required parking spaces, and business practices.

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b. The effect of the proposed use would have on neighboring properties in relation to the noise, glare, or odor effects shall be comparable to other permitted uses in the zoning district, overlay, or PUD.

c. The proposed use is consistent with the GMP, meaning the applicable future land use designation does not specifically prohibit the proposed use, and, where the future land use designation contains a specific list of allowable uses, the proposed use is not omitted.

d. Any additional relevant information as may be required by County Manager or Designee.

3. The Administrative Code shall establish the process and application submittal requirements to obtain a Comparable Use Determination.

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10.03.06 Public Notice and Required Hearings for Land Use Petitions

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O. Affirmation or approval of a Comparable Use Determination pursuant to LDC section 10.02.06 K. ~~Zoning Verification Letter that allows a new use that is comparable, compatible, and consistent within a PUD.~~

- 1. The following advertised public hearings are required:
 - a. One BCC ~~or Hearing Examiner~~ hearing.
- 2. The following notice procedures are required:
 - a. Newspaper Advertisement prior to the advertised public hearing in accordance with F.S. § 125.66.

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Attachment A – Amendment History and PUD Language

Amendment History

- Ordinance 91-102 states within each commercial zoning district’s list of permitted uses:
 - C-1/T “Any other commercial use of professional services which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses”
 - C-2 “Any other convenience commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses.”
 - C-3 “Any other general commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses”
 - C-4 “Any other general commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses.”
 - C-5 “Any other heavy commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses.”
- Ordinance 93-89 modified the following language:
 - C-1/T “Any other commercial use or professional services which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses including those that exclusively serve the administrative as opposed to the operational functions of a business, and are purely associated with activities conducted in an office.
 - C-2 “Any other convenience commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses including buildings for retail, service and office purposes consistent with the permitted uses and purpose and intent statement of the district.”
 - C-3 “Any other general commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses including buildings for retail, and service and office purposes consistent with the permitted uses and purpose and intent statement of the district.”
 - C-4 “Any other general commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses including buildings for retail, and service and office purposes consistent with the permitted uses and purpose and intent statement of the district.”
 - C-5 “Any other heavy commercial use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses including buildings for retail, service and office purposes consistent with the permitted uses and intent and purpose statement of the district.”
- Ordinance 2002-03 introduced language included in current LDC section 2.03.00
- Ordinance 2002-31 removed the comparable use language under the permitted uses sections and relocated to conditional uses while also adding a reference that the determination is made by the BZA and removed language that was introduced in the 2002-03 ordinance, as described above.
 - No clear explanation on amendment staff report as to why the change was needed
- Ordinance 2003-01 added back to the C-1 district: “Any other commercial use or professional services which is comparable in the nature with the foregoing uses including

Attachment A – Amendment History and PUD Language

those that exclusively serve the administrative as opposed to the operational functions of a business and are purely associated with activities conducted in an office.”

- o No clear explanation on amendment staff report as to why the change was needed

Existing Standards

Existing PUDs

Mini-Triangle PUD (Ord. 18-25):

11. Any other principal use which is comparable in nature with the forgoing list of permitted principal uses, as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Hearing Examiner by the process outlined in the LDC.

Creekside Commerce Park (Ord. 18-19)

- ~~9.10.~~ Any other use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses and which the Community Development and Environmental Services Administrator determines to be compatible.

Ford Test Center (Ord. 84-4)

- G. Any other use which is compatible in nature with the foregoing uses and which the Zoning Director determines to be compatible.

Immokalee Regional Airport (Ord. 10-07)

- e. Any other use that is comparable in nature with the foregoing list of permitted principal uses, as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Kings Lake (Ord. 08-67)

- (28) Any other commercial use or professional service which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses, as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Olde Cypress PUD (00-37)

6. Any other principal use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing uses and which the Development Services Director determines to be compatible in the "R" District.

Orange Tree PUD (12-09)

- 45) Any other principal use which is comparable in nature with the foregoing list of permitted principal uses, as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) by the process outlined in the LDC or adopted by policy.

Attachment B – Administrative Code

G.6L. ~~Zoning Verification Letter~~ – PUD-Comparable Use Determination

Reference	LDC sub sections 2.03.00 A, 10.02.06 JK, LDC Public Notice sub section 10.03.06 O, LDC section 8.10.00 and F.S. §125.66.
Applicability	<p>A Zoning Verification LetterComparable Use Determination may be used to make a determination that a new use is comparable, compatible, and consistent with the list of identified permitted and conditionaluses in a <u>standard zoning district, overlay, or a PUD ordinance</u>. Depending on PUD ordinance language, one of the following methods of consent by the Hearing Examiner will occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If the PUD ordinance language identifies the BZA as the authority to determine a use is comparable, compatible, and consistent, the Zoning Verification Letter will be brought to Hearing Examiner for approval of the determination.2. If the PUD ordinance language identifies the Planning Director (or other similar County staff) as the authority to determine a use is comparable, compatible, and consistent, the Zoning Verification Letter will be brought to Hearing Examiner for affirmation of the determination.
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is not required.
Initiation	The applicant files a " Zoning Verification Letter <u>Comparable Use Determination Application</u> " with the Planning & Zoning Division.
Application Contents	<p>The application must include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Applicant contact information.Property information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Site folio number;Site Address;Property owner's name; andVerification being requested.<u>A narrative statement that describes t</u>he determination request,and the justification for the use by a certified land use planner or a land use attorney, <u>and addresses the standards within LDC section 10.02.06 K.2.</u>Additional materials may be requested by staff depending on the use and justification provided.PUD Ordinance and Development Commitment information, <u>if applicable.</u>Electronic copies of all documents. <p><u>7. Addressing checklist.</u></p>
Completeness and Processing of Application	The Planning & Zoning Division will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the applicant will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the applicant that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., XXPL201200000) assigned to the petition. This

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petition tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition.

Notice Notification requirements are as follows. ⇔ *See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.*

1. Newspaper Advertisement: At least 15 days before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. The legal advertisement shall include:

- Date, time, and location of the hearing;
- Application number and project name;
- PUD name and ordinance number;
- Proposed permitted use; and
- ~~Whether the use will be approved or affirmed by the Hearing Examiner;~~
~~and~~
- Description of location.

Public Hearing **1.** The ~~Hearing Examiner,~~ the BCC shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing. ⇔~~See Chapter 9 of the Administrative Code for the Office of the Hearing Examiner procedures.~~

Decision maker The ~~Hearing Examiner~~ County Manager or Designee. To be effective, the Comparable Use Determination shall be heard by the BCC.

Review Process ~~The Planning & Zoning Division will review the application and identify whether additional materials are needed. Staff will prepare a Staff Report to present to the Office of the Hearing Examiner for a decision.~~
The Zoning Division will review the application and identify whether additional materials are needed. Staff will prepare the Determination and bring to the BCC as an item on the consent agenda.

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Chapter 9. Office of the Hearing Examiner – Procedures

Reference LDC section 8.10.00, **Code of Laws and Ordinances** section 2-83 through 2-90, and Ordinance No. 2013-25.

Applicability The Hearing Examiner hears and makes final decisions pursuant to the **Code of Laws and Ordinances** section 2-83 through 2-90 and Ordinance No. 2013-25.

A minor conditional use is one which does not require environmental review under Section 2-1191 *et seq.* of the **Code of Laws and Ordinances** and which is not a case of great public interest or concern as determined in the discretion of the Hearing Examiner or as requested by a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

If the Hearing Examiner recuses, disqualifies himself or herself, or does not otherwise hear a particular case where the Hearing Examiner makes the final decision, these cases shall be heard by the Planning Commission in an advisory capacity and then forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for the final decision.

Assignment Once the application is submitted to the County and deemed complete pursuant to Chapters 1 through 7 of the Administrative Code, as applicable, the following petitions shall be assigned to the Hearing Examiner:

1. Administrative Type III Appeal.
2. Alcohol Distance Waiver.
3. Appeal of an Official Interpretation of the LDC.
4. Automobile Service Station Waiver.
5. Boat Dock Facility Extension, including Boat Lift Canopy Deviations.
6. Minor Conditional Use.
7. Minor Conditional Use Re-Review.
8. Minor Conditional Use Extension.
9. Non-Conforming Use Change and Non-Conforming Use Alteration.
10. Parking Exemption with a Public Hearing.
11. Post Take Plan, if applicable.
12. PUD Extension.
13. PUD Insubstantial Changes, including Minor Text Changes.
14. PUD Minor Change to Remove an Affordable Housing Contribution.
15. Sign Variance.
16. Site Plan with Deviations for Redevelopment Projects.

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17. Stewardship Receiving Area (SRA) Insubstantial Changes, including Minor Text Changes.

18. Variance.

~~19. Zoning Verification Letter – PUD Comparable Use Determination.~~

Hearing Examiner Review Upon completion of the staff report by the assigned **planner** pursuant to Chapters 1 through 7 of the Administrative Code, as applicable, five copies of the staff report and application materials shall be forwarded to the Hearing Examiner for all matters assigned to the Hearing Examiner.

Pre-Hearing Conference The Hearing Examiner may have ex parte communications with any party or person.

Motions for Disqualification Unless good cause is shown, all motions for disqualification of the Hearing Examiner shall be filed no later than ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled public hearing before the Hearing Examiner. The motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit stating particular grounds, which shall be limited to those for which a judge may be disqualified. The affidavit must state facts sufficient to show that the movant has a well-founded fear that the movant will not receive a fair and impartial hearing. Unless denied as untimely, the motion shall be ruled on by the Hearing Examiner before whom the case is pending. If the motion and affidavit are found legally sufficient, the Hearing Examiner shall disqualify himself or herself, after which the matter will be set for hearing as provided for in the Land Development Code for such particular action. The Hearing Examiner may also recuse or disqualify himself or herself at any time in accordance with Ord. 2013-25.

Notice Public notice is required for all Hearing Examiner hearings.

↔ *See the specific Administrative Code section for the public notice requirements necessary for the petition.*

↔ *See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.*

Public Hearing – Participants The participants before the Hearing Examiner shall be the applicant, County staff, County agencies, proponents and opponents, inclusive of the public, and witnesses with relevant testimony. The proponent shall be defined as a participant in favor of the application, exclusive of the applicant; whereas, the opponent shall be defined as a participant against the application. Both definitions are inclusive of the public and any other parties of record. All participants will testify under oath.

Public Hearing – Rules of Procedure

1. **Due Process.** For hearings, basic due process requires that the parties have notice of the hearing and an opportunity to be heard. Parties must be able to present evidence and be informed of all the facts upon which the County acts.

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The term “parties” to any proceeding are the Applicant and the County (or their representatives) and does not include public participants or their representatives.

2. Evidence. Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. Any part of the evidence may be received in written form, and all testimony shall be under oath. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence but it shall not be sufficient, in itself, to support a finding by the Hearing Examiner unless it would be admissible over objections in a civil action.
3. Application of rules. The Hearing Examiner is responsible for ensuring these rules are applied equally and consistently to all evidence and testimony presented by the parties and public participants.
4. Burden of Proof. The applicant has the burden of proof to show by competent and substantial evidence that the proposed request conforms to the LDC and the GMP.
5. Expert Witness. A witness may be qualified by the Hearing Examiner as an expert through specialized knowledge, training, experience or education, which is not limited to academic, scientific or technical knowledge.

Public Hearing – Order of Proceedings

1. Hearings will be conducted in an informal but courteous and professional manner. To the extent possible and at the Hearing Examiner’s discretion, the order of proceedings will be as follows:
 - [a.](#) Hearing Examiner’s explanation of rights and responsibilities of all interested persons as well as an explanation of future proceedings that may occur in relation to the matter to be heard.
 - [b.](#) The announcement of the matter to be heard and if applicable, Hearing Examiner discloses all ex parte communications.
 - [c.](#) Presentation of request or appeal by applicant, appellant, or representative.
 - [d.](#) Presentation of County’s position.
 - [e.](#) Public participation and comment.
 - [f.](#) Rebuttal and closing statement by applicant, appellant or representative. Rebuttal testimony may not be used to provide new information.
2. Questioning shall be confined as closely as possible to the scope of direct testimony. The Hearing Examiner may call and question witnesses as he or she deems necessary and appropriate. The Hearing Examiner shall decide all questions of procedure and will raise questions and provide comments at any time during the hearing.

Public Hearing – Matters to be considered by the Hearing Examiner

The Hearing Examiner shall not be limited to the evidence presented by Applicant or County at the hearing. The Hearing Examiner may consider any additional relevant evidence including, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. The history of the subject parcel.

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2. Applicable regulations and development standards promulgated.
3. Applicable goals, objectives, and policies contained in the Comprehensive Plan.
4. Reports and recommendations filed by reviewing agencies.
5. Physical characteristics of the subject parcel and surrounding lands.
6. Impact on the surrounding transportation network.
7. Availability and capacity of public services.
8. Nature of and impacts on surrounding land use.
9. Environmental impact of the proposed development activity.
10. Application of criteria in LDC relating to the requested petition.
11. Site visit.
12. All such additional relevant evidence shall be made part of the record at the hearing.

Public Hearing – Findings and Decision of the Hearing Examiner

1. The decision of the Hearing Examiner shall be in writing and include:
 - [a.](#) Summary of proposed development activity and the evidence presented.
 - [b.](#) Findings of fact and conclusions of law, including compliance or noncompliance of the proposed development activity with applicable provisions of the Growth Management Plan (GMP) and the Land Development Code (LDC).
 - [c.](#) A decision to grant, grant with conditions or deny the application with reasons therefore specified, including any recommended conditions.
2. Persons wishing to receive a copy of the decision by mail may supply County staff with their name, address and a stamped, self-addressed envelope for that purpose.

Public Hearing – Record of hearing before the Hearing Examiner

1. A verbatim transcript of all public hearings before the Hearing Examiner shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Board and also transcribed by an official court reporter. Any person may request and obtain a transcript of the record from the court reporter at their own expense.
2. The record of the hearing before the Hearing Examiner shall consist of:
 - [a.](#) The application and accompanying documents.
 - [b.](#) Staff reports and recommendations.
 - [c.](#) All exhibits and documentary evidence.
 - [d.](#) The decision of the Hearing Examiner.
 - [e.](#) Verbatim transcript of the proceedings.

Public Hearing – Decisions to be Filed

- Decisions shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

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- Public Hearing – Decision of the Hearing Examiner** – A copy of the decision of the Hearing Examiner is required to be filed with the Clerk of the Board within 30 working days after the conclusion of the public hearing before the Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner will deliver all decisions by electronic mail or regular mail.
- Public Hearing – Decisions to Notated on Zoning Map** – Decisions of the Hearing Examiner shall be noted for information purposes on the zoning map for variances, conditional uses, and boat dock extensions.
- Public Hearing – Reconsideration of matter by the Hearing Examiner** –
1. On motion by a party, the Hearing Examiner may grant a rehearing on an application for the following reasons:
 - [a.](#) Mistake, inadvertence or excusable neglect;
 - [b.](#) Newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been discovered in time for the original hearing; or
 - [c.](#) Fraud, misrepresentation or other misconduct of an adverse party.
 2. The motion for reconsideration by a party shall be made prior to the deadline for filing an appeal. The filing of such a motion tolls the time for filing an appeal. The time for filing an appeal shall begin anew in full upon the Hearing Examiner’s denial of such a motion.
- Public Hearing – Continuance(s)** – Continuance(s) of the public hearing shall be permitted for good cause as determined by the Hearing Examiner. If the continuance of the public hearing is to a specific date and time, then re-advertisement of the hearing shall not be required.
- Public Hearing – Appeal of the Decision by the Hearing Examiner** –
1. Within 30 days after the Hearing Examiner’s written determination has been rendered, either the County or the landowner may appeal the determination to the Board of County Commissioners. Any additional fee for a landowner-initiated appeal must accompany the appeal. At the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners will review the record created by the Hearing Examiner’s proceedings, but the Board may by majority vote accept evidence not presented to the Hearing Examiner.
 2. The Board of County Commissioners may:
 - [a.](#) Affirm the Hearing Examiner’s determination, with or without modifications or conditions; or
 - [b.](#) Reject the Hearing Examiner’s determination, except that the Board may not modify the determination or impose conditions, or reject the Hearing Examiner’s determination unless the Board expressly finds that one or more of the Hearing Examiner’s findings of fact or conclusions of law is not supported by competent substantial evidence in the official record, or that the Hearing Examiner’s determination otherwise specifically failed to properly apply one or more of the criterion in the LDC or GMP.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) AMENDMENT

PETITION

PL20190001312

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

This Land Development Code Amendment (LDCA) changes the time between required inspections for guyed and self-supporting towers.

ORIGIN

Growth Management
Department (GMD)

LDC SECTIONS TO BE AMENDED

HEARING DATES

Board TBD
CCPC TBD
DSAC TBD
DSAC-LDR TBD

5.05.09 Communication Towers

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

DSAC-LDR
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BACKGROUND: The South Florida Water Management District (District), which manages water resources throughout 16 counties in Florida, recently suggested that Collier County update the telecommunications towers (towers) ordinance so that the ongoing inspection cycle for their self-supporting tower is less frequent. According to the LDC, all guyed and self-supporting towers that exceed 185 feet in height require ongoing inspection reports. At minimum, these inspection reports must include an evaluation of the 1) tower structure, 2) guy wires and fittings, 3) guy anchors and foundations, 4) condition of antennas, transmission lines, etc., and 5) vertical alignment and guy wire tension (for guyed towers). As specified in the LDC, guyed towers require ongoing inspections every two years—self-supporting towers every four years. This LDCA will change these timeframes by making them less frequent, but still consistent with industry standards. The District owns one tower, located at Faka Union within the Picayune Strand. The District provides inspection reports on five-year cycles in all counties within their jurisdiction, except for in Collier County, which requires a four-year rotation.

The Telecommunication Industry Association (TIA), an advocacy organization for the tower industry, published *Structural Standard for Antenna Supporting Structures, Antennas and Small Wind Turbine Support Structures ANSI/TIA-222-H*. This publication recommends that inspections occur every three years for guyed towers, five years for self-supporting towers, and seven years for monopoles.

Staff researched a small sample of codes from other counties in Florida—Broward, Miami-Dade, Lee, Sarasota, and St. Johns. None of them have specific regulations pertaining to the ongoing inspections of towers. The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which is used by the Federal Communications Commission, contains inspection regulations, but its scope is very narrow and does not address ongoing inspections.

In 1991, Collier County adopted Ordinance 1991-84, which represented a comprehensive update to the LDC as it relates to towers. This ordinance included the ongoing inspection periods for guyed and self-supporting towers, which are still in effect today. The inspection periods were discussed at the two Board of County Commissioners (Board) hearings leading up to its adoption. During the first hearing,



Mr. Leroy Pate, representing the tower industry, proposed an inspection period of every three years for guyed towers and five years for self-supporting towers (see Exhibit B). However, staff recommended more frequent timeframes, citing concerns “that there are presently towers that are overloaded not only by antennas and equipment, but are not technically built to support what was placed on them initially.” At the second Board hearing (see Exhibit C), another tower industry representative, Mr. Robert Kersteen, recommended that the inspection periods be the two- and four-year timeframes. Later during the same hearing, Mr. Pate recommended the inspections be required every three years. However, staff continued to recommend the two- and four-year inspection cycles, which were ultimately adopted by the Board and currently enforced today.

Staff concurs with the District regarding the inspection timeframes specified by ANSI/TIA-222. However, because Collier County (and Florida in general) is vulnerable to hurricanes and other inclement weather, rather than eliminating the mandatory inspections and relying on the industry to regulate itself, staff proposes updating the language so that inspections are consistent with ANSI/TIA-222 standards.

FISCAL & OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

The less frequent inspection reports will reduce costs for the tower industry.

GMP CONSISTENCY

No Element of the GMP addresses towers inspections; therefore, there are no GMP consistency issues or concerns. This LDCA may be deemed consistent with the GMP.

EXHIBITS: A – Ordinance 91-84; B – Board Minutes 08-21-1991; C – Board Minutes 09-09-1991; D – ANSI_TIA-222-H; and E – 47 CFR 17.47

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Amend the LDC as follows:

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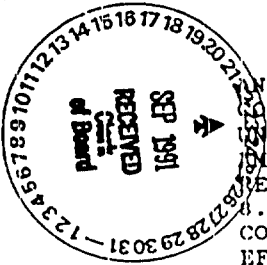
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14. ~~Effective January 1, 1992, all guyed~~ All guyed towers, ~~including old towers,~~ exceeding 185 feet in height shall be inspected every three (3) ~~two (2)~~ years. Self-supporting ~~Such self-supporting~~ towers shall be inspected every ~~four (4)~~ five (5) years. Each inspection shall be conducted by a qualified professional engineer or other qualified professional inspector, and any inspector-recommended repairs and/or maintenance should be completed without unnecessary delay. At a minimum, each inspection shall include the following:

- a. Tower structure: Including bolts, loose or damaged members, and signs of unusual stress or vibration.
- b. Guy wires and fittings: Check for age, strength, rust, wear, general condition, and any other signs of possible failure.
- c. Guy anchors and foundations: Assess for cracks in concrete, signs of corrosion, erosion, movement, secure hardware, and general site condition.
- d. Condition of antennas, transmission lines, lighting, painting, insulators, fencing, grounding, and elevator, if any.
- e. For guyed towers: Tower vertical alignment and guy wire tension (both required tension and present tension).

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ORDINANCE 91- 84



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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 82-2, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF COLLIER COUNTY BY AMENDING SECTION 8, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION 8.10A, COMMUNICATION TOWERS, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1982, the Board of County Commissioners approved Ordinance Number 82-2, which established the Comprehensive Zoning Regulations for the Unincorporated Area of Collier County; and

WHEREAS, under the standards of the Electronic Industries Association Publication EIA/TIA 222-E, Collier County is within 100 miles from hurricane oceanline, is a coastal saltwater environment, and has a basic wind speed of 110 mile per hour; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Services Division petitioned the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, to amend Ordinance Number 82-2, Section 8, Supplementary District Regulations by adding thereto Subsection 8.10A, Communication Towers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida:

SECTION ONE:

Section 8, Supplementary District Regulations of Ordinance 82-2, the Zoning Ordinance of Collier County, Florida is hereby amended by adding Subsection 8.10A, to read as follows:

8.10A Communication Towers:

- a. Intent and Purpose: This ordinance applies to specified communication towers that support any antenna designed to receive or transmit electromagnetic energy, such as but not limited to telephone, television, radio or microwave transmissions. This ordinance sets standards for construction and facilities siting; is to minimize where applicable adverse visual impacts of towers and antennas through careful design, siting and vegetation screening; to avoid potential damage to adjacent properties from tower failure; to maximize the use of specified new communication towers and thereby to minimize need to construct new towers; to maximize the shared use of specified tower sites to minimize the need for additional tower sites; and to consider the concerns of the Collier County Mosquito Control District as to aircraft safety.

Subject to general law, provisions in deed restrictions

and private restrictive covenants supersede this ordinance to the extent they are more restrictive.

Definitions. As used herein "antenna" does not include wire antennas. A "tower" is a structure for the primary purpose to raise the height of an antenna. An "antenna structure" is a base, stand, or other method of stabilizing an antenna but the primary purpose is other than raising the height of an antenna. "Effective radius" means a radius of 6 miles from the respective tower unless a lesser radius is approved. "Lesser effective radius" means an approved radius of less than 6 miles. "Zoning district" includes areas within Planned Unit Developments (PUD) that have density requirements similar to those specified in this ordinance. "All", "any", and "each" means exempt and non-exempt towers, structures, and owners unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, but does not include old towers or old sites except in Subsection e.13) related to inspections. An "old" tower or site means a tower or site that was approved prior to the effective date of this ordinance. A "new" tower or site means a tower or site that requires approval under this ordinance. An "approved" tower or site is a tower or site that has been approved under this ordinance. "Owner" refers to a sole owner or any co-owner. "Rent" means to rent, lease, or otherwise provide tower or site space. "Monopole communications tower" means a commercial vertical single tubular self supporting tower for non parabolic antennas with small effective radii. "Unavailable to the applicant" means a tower that cannot accommodate the applicant's proposed antenna or a site that cannot accommodate the applicant's tower, antenna, and related facilities. "Unavailable" means that no additional tower or site capacity is available to anyone. "County Manager" includes designees of the County Manager. The singular includes the plural and vice versa unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. "Government" means the United States government and any agency thereof, the State of Florida and any agency thereof, any municipal corporation and any agency thereof, Collier County and any agency thereof, and any District. Except as to monopole communications towers, and structures and antennas that are limited to twenty (20) feet or less in height without provisional use approval, heights of towers and structures specified herein are exclusive of any antennas affixed thereto and are exclusive of the respective ground elevation.

b. **Shared Use of Towers:** A tower with a height in excess of 185 feet above natural grade shall not be approved in Collier County unless the applicant demonstrates that no old or approved tower of equal or greater height (or of lesser height) within the effective radius can accommodate the applicant's proposed antenna and ancillary equipment. Towers owned by or leased to any government are exempt from these shared use provisions except as to sharing with other governments.

1) For the purpose of discovering availability for use of towers within the effective radius, the applicant shall contact the owner of all old and approved towers, within the effective radius, of a height equal to or greater than the height of the proposed tower, or a tower of lesser height, that can possibly accommodate the needs of the applicant. The County Manager may pre-approve the minimum allowable height to determine which towers may be available for use by the applicant. A list of all owners contacted, the date of each contact,

the form and content of each contact, and all responses shall be a part of the provisional use application. As an accommodation to applicants, the County Manager shall retain all shared use plans, records of past responses and a list of old and approved towers. If the owner of an old tower does not respond to applicant's inquiry within a reasonable time, generally 30 days or less, or the owner of an old tower will not rent space to the applicant at a reasonable rental for a reasonable time period, such old tower shall be deemed unavailable to that applicant. If the old tower is a non-conforming structure, additional antennas may be installed thereon in accordance with an approved shared use plan, provided however, no structural alterations may be made to the tower, and the height of the tower inclusive of its antennas may not be increased.

- 2) Lesser Effective Radius: If the applicant asserts that the effective radius for the intended use is less than 6 miles, the applicant shall provide evidence that the asserted lesser effective radius is based on physical and/or electrical characteristics. Based on the evidence submitted by the applicant, the County Manager may establish a lesser effective radius. If a radius can be increased by signal amplification or other means, such means must be considered in determining the lesser effective radius. The antenna manufacturer's specifications shall be conclusive unless the applicant can prove they are incorrect in the specific case.
- 3) If an approved tower within the applicant's approved effective radius may have capacity available for the antenna proposed by the applicant, the application for a new tower shall not be complete without the following information regarding each such possibly available approved tower. Such information shall also be provided for old towers to the extent it can be obtained.
 - (a) Identification of the site of each possibly available tower by coordinates, street address or legal description, existing uses, and tower height.
 - (b) Whether shared use by the applicant of the tower is prohibited (or is not feasible) for any reason.
 - (c) If it has been determined that the tower owner will allow structural changes, whether a tower can accommodate the proposed antenna if reasonable structural changes are made. If so, the applicant shall specify what structural changes would be required and an approximation of the costs of such changes. If the costs of the required changes are financially impracticable, such tower shall be deemed unavailable to the applicant.
- 4) The applicant shall contact the owner of each possibly available approved tower to request the needed information. To enable the tower owner to respond, the applicant shall provide the following information regarding applicant's proposed antenna and equipment:

- (a) All output frequencies of transmitter.
- (b) Type of modulation, polarization of radiation, and proposed use of antenna.
- (c) Manufacturer, type, manufacturer's model number, a diagram of the antenna's radiation pattern, and the manufacturer's specifications.
- (d) Power input to antenna and gain of antenna in decibels with respect to an isotropic radiator.
- (e) Range in feet of maximum and minimum height of antenna above base of tower.
- (f) A list of necessary ancillary equipment and description of type of transmission cable to be used.
- (g) Any other pertinent information needed to enable the owner to respond in full to the inquiry.

c. Shared Use of Tower Sites: A tower with a height in excess of 185 feet above natural grade shall not be approved in Collier County on a new tower site unless the applicant demonstrates that the proposed tower, antennas and accessory structures or uses cannot be located on any conforming old site or approved site situated within the effective radius. Sites owned by any government or leased to any government are exempt from these shared use provisions except to other governments.

- 1) Except as to each old site or approved site determined by the County Manager or in a shared use plan to be unavailable to the applicant, the applicant shall contact the owner of all other conforming old sites and approved tower sites within the effective radius, containing sufficient land area to possibly accommodate the needs of the applicant.
- 2) For each such possibly available tower site the application for a new tower site shall not be complete without the following information:
 - (a) Identification of the proposed new tower site by coordinates, street address or legal description, area, existing uses, topography, and significant natural features.
 - (b) Evidence that no old and no approved tower site within the effective radius can accommodate the applicant's needs.
 - (c) If the owner of an old tower site does not respond to applicant's simple letter of interest inquiry within 30 days, or the owner of an old tower site will not rent land to accommodate applicants needs for a reasonable period of time at reasonable rentals, such old tower site shall be deemed unavailable to the applicant.
- 3) The applicant is not required to supply this information to owners of conforming old sites unless the old site appears to be available to the applicant by a shared use plan or the site's owner

has responded positively to the applicant's initial letter of inquiry. To enable the site owner to respond, the applicant shall provide the site owner (and the owner of any tower on the site) with the dimensional characteristics and other relevant data about the tower, and a report from a professional engineer licensed in the State of Florida, or other qualified expert, documenting the following:

- (a) Tower height and design, including technical, engineering and other pertinent factors governing the intended uses and selection of the proposed design. An elevation and a cross-section of the tower structure shall be included.
 - (b) Total anticipated capacity of the tower, including number and types of antennas and needed transmission lines, accessory use needs including specification of all required ancillary equipment, and required building and parking space to accommodate same.
 - (c) Evidence of structural integrity of the proposed tower as required by the Building Official and, for metal towers, a statement promising full compliance with the then latest edition of the standards published by the Electronic Industries Association (currently EIA/TIA 222-E), or its successor functional equivalent, as may be amended for local application.
- (4) If the site owner, or owner of a tower on the respective site, asserts that the site cannot accommodate the applicant's needs, the respective owner shall specify in meaningful detail reasons why the site cannot accommodate the applicant. To the extent information is current and correct in the respective tower site's approved shared use plan, the site owner or tower owner can refer the applicant to the respective shared use plan. If the shared use plan is not then up-to-date, the plan shall be brought up-to-date immediately by the owner and the written reply to the applicant shall specify to what extent the shared use plan is incorrect, incomplete, or otherwise not up-to-date.
 - (5) No provision in a shared use plan, land lease, mortgage, option to purchase, lease-option, contract for deed, or other controlling document shall provide or have the effect that the site is exclusive to one tower unless there is good reason for such restriction other than the prevention of competition or a desire or inclination not to cooperate in good faith. If the site size is physically and electrically compatible with the installation on site of any other tower, no such document shall prevent other towers except for reasons approved by the County Manager. An unapproved document provision of tower exclusivity shall be grounds to disapprove an application for tower site approval.
- d. Required Sharing: Each new tower in excess of 185 feet in height (shared use tower), except towers that are approved to be perpetually unavailable, shall be designed to structurally accommodate the maximum amount of additional antenna capacity reasonably practicable. Although it is not required that a new tower be

constructed at additional expense to accommodate antennas owned by others, no new tower shall be designed to accommodate only the tower owner's proposed antennas when, without additional expense, antenna space for other owners can be made available on the tower.

1) Shared Use Plans: Each shared use plan shall be in a standard format that has been approved by the County Manager. Each shared use plan shall specify in detail to what extent there exists tower and/or site capacity to accommodate additional antennas and/or additional towers, ancillary equipment and accessory uses. Available antenna capacity on a tower shall be stated in detailed clearly understandable terms, and may be stated in equivalent flat plate area and total additional available transmission line capacity. The tower owner (as to tower shared use plans) and the land owner (as to site shared use plans) shall update its respective approved shared use plan by promptly filing pertinent update information with the County Manager. Owners of old towers and/or old sites may file shared use plans in accord with this ordinance.

a) Reservation of Capacity. If an applicant for a shared use tower does not plan to install all of its proposed antennas during initial construction of the tower, the applicant must specify the planned schedule of installing such later added antennas as part of the shared use plan. An applicant cannot indefinitely prevent the use of unused available antenna space on a tower by reserving to itself such unused space. No available space can be reserved for the owner or anyone else unless approved in the shared use plan. If an antenna is not installed by the scheduled deadline, the reserved space shall automatically be rendered available for use by others unless the shared use plan has by the deadline been amended with the approval of the County Manager. Deadlines may be extended even if the tower is a non-conforming structure. If space has been reserved in a shared use plan for future additional antenna use by the tower owner and it becomes clear that such space will not be utilized by the owner, the shared use plan shall be amended promptly to reflect the availability of such space.

(b) Reservation of Site Capacity. The policy stated above applies also to additional tower space on an approved tower site to prevent indefinite reservation of available site space.

(c) Protection of Non-Conformity. As an incentive to promote the filing of shared use plans, old towers, whether or not conforming and new towers and/or tower sites that are conforming at the date of approval of the initial shared use plan and/or any amendment thereto may proceed in accord with the approved plan irrespective of the fact that the tower and/or tower site is then non-conforming. The intent of this provision is to grandfather towers and/or new tower sites against a non-conforming status to the extent that

future capacity, including accessory structures, is provided for in the shared use plan. If the initial shared use plan or amendment to a shared use plan requires approval of the Board of County Commissioners and it appears that the site is threatened to become non-conforming for the intended use, the pending non-conformity will be a material element in deciding whether to approve or deny the application for the shared use plan or amendment.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Collier County Ordinance, any then non-conforming tower that is destroyed by any means to an extent of more than fifty (50) percent of its actual replacement cost at the time of destruction, as determined by a cost estimate submitted to the Zoning Director, shall not be reconstructed or repaired without prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

- (d) Filing Shared Use Plans. Each approved shared use plan shall be filed and recorded in the office of the Collier County Clerk of Courts prior to any site development plan approval. A copy of the initial shared use plan shall be filed with and approved by the County Manager prior to Provisional Use approval.
 - (e) Shared Use Plans for Old towers and Old Tower Sites. Initial shared use plans and amendments for old towers require approval of the County Manager. Initial shared use plans and amendments for old tower sites require approval of the Board of County Commissioners, except where an amendment reduces site and/or antenna capacity.
- 2) Transmitting and receiving equipment serving similar kinds of uses shall, to the extent reasonable and commercially practicable, be placed on a shared use tower in such a manner that any of the users in a group can operate approximately equal to other users in the group utilizing substantially similar equipment.
 - 3) Once a shared use plan for a tower is approved, additional antennas may be added to that tower in accord with the approved shared use plan without additional provisional use approval even if the tower is then a non-conforming structure. The shared use plan shall be immediately updated to reflect each such change. Likewise, once a new shared use plan for a tower site is approved, additional towers and accessory buildings and uses may be added to that site in accord with the plan without additional provisional use approval even if the site is then non-conforming. The shared use plan shall be immediately up-dated to reflect each change.
 - 4) For each tower with a height in excess of 185 feet that is approved, the tower owner shall be required, as a condition of approval, to file an approved shared use plan except when a government tower is approved to be perpetually unavailable. To the extent that there is capacity for other antennas on the tower, the plan shall commit the

tower owner and all successor owners to allow shared use of the tower in accord with the shared use plan for antennas of others at reasonable rates. The initial proposed rates (or a range of reasonable rates) shall be specified in the shared use plan and shall be amended each time the rates are changed. When antenna space on a tower is rented to others, each rental agreement shall be filed with the shared use plan. Any agreement that purports to reserve antenna space for future use must be approved by the County Manager.

- 5) For each new shared use tower site that is approved, the owner shall be required, as a condition of approval, to file an approved shared use plan except as to a government site that is approved to be perpetually unavailable. If there is land available on the site to accommodate additional towers and accessory facilities the plan shall commit the land owner and successor owners to accommodate such additional facilities on the site at reasonable rents. To the extent practicable, the proposed rents (or a range of reasonable rents) shall be specified in the shared use plan. When land is rented for facilities on the site, the rental agreement shall be filed with the shared use plan. Any agreement that purports to reserve land for future use of tower and other facility space must be approved by the County Manager.
- 6) Each new tower owner or site owner, as the case may be, shall agree as a condition of approval to respond in writing in a comprehensive manner within 30 days to each request for information from a potential shared use applicant. Government owners need to reply only to requests from another government. To the extent that correct and up-to-date information is contained in an approved shared use plan, the owner may refer the applicant to the shared use plan for the information. If the shared use plan is incorrect, incomplete, or otherwise not up-to-date, the respective owner shall in the response specify in detail such information and shall immediately bring the shared use plan up-to-date.
- 7) The tower owner or site owner, as the case may be, shall as a condition of approval negotiate in good faith for shared use of tower space and/or site space by applicants in accord with its shared use plan.
- 8) All conditions of approval regarding a tower shall run with the ownership of the tower and be binding on all subsequent owners of the tower. All conditions of approval regarding an approved tower site shall run with the land and be binding on all subsequent owners of the tower site.

e. Development Standards for Communication Towers:

- 1) Except to the extent that amateur radio towers, and ground mounted antennas with a height not to exceed twenty (20) feet, are exempted by paragraph 25 herein, no new tower of any height shall be permitted in the RSF-1 thru RSF-6, RMF-6, and E-Estate zoning districts. However, notwithstanding other provisions of this ordinance, including the separation requirements of paragraph 6 below, towers may be allowed to any height as a

provisional use in the E-Estate zoning district only on sites approved for a specified essential service listed in paragraph 3, below. There shall be no variances to this paragraph except for variance applications by a government for a governmental use.

- 2) Permitted Ground Mounted Towers. Towers not exceeding the stated maximum heights are a permitted use subject to other applicable provisions of this ordinance, including separation requirements and shared use provisions. Towers that exceed these specified maximum heights require provisional use approval.
 - a) All commercial and industrial zoning districts: Towers not exceeding two hundred (200) feet.
 - b) Agricultural zoning districts within the Urban designated area: Towers not exceeding two hundred (200) feet.
 - c) Agricultural zoning districts within the Rural designated area: Towers not exceeding two hundred and eighty (280) feet.
 - d) All agricultural zoning districts: No tower shall be allowed on any site comprising less than twenty (20) acres under common ownership or control except on essential services-specified provisional use sites, where towers can be approved as a provisional use on sites of less than 20 acres.
- 3) Essential Services - Specified Provisional Uses: Except in the RSF-1 through RSF-6, and RMF-6 zoning districts, towers may be allowed to any height as a provisional use on sites approved for a provisional use - essential service for any of the following provisional uses: safety service facilities including, but not necessarily limited to, fire stations, sheriff's sub-station or facility, emergency medical services facility, and all other similar uses where a communications tower could be considered an accessory or logically associated use with the safety service provisional use on the site.
- 4) New towers shall be installed only on rooftops in the RMF-12, RMF-16, RT, VR, MHSD, MHRP and TTRVC zoning districts. Except, however, that ground mounted monopole communication towers up to 150 feet in height above the natural grade, including antennas affixed thereto, may be allowed as a provisional use within these zoning districts. The height of each monopole communication tower shall be limited to the height necessary for its use at its location.
- 5) Rooftop towers, antenna structures and antennas.
 - a) Rooftop towers, antenna structures and antennas are allowed in all zoning districts except the RSF-1 thru RSF-6, RMF-6, and E-Estate zoning districts.
 - b) Rooftop towers, antenna structures and

antennas are, as specified, subject to the following:

- (1) Permitted Uses: Rooftop antenna structures and antennas are a permitted use up to a height of 20 feet above the maximum roofline provided the height of the maximum roofline is 20 feet or more above the average natural grade. If the maximum roofline is less than 20 feet above the average natural grade, an antenna structure or antenna is a permitted use up to a height that equals the distance from the average natural grade to the maximum roofline. For example, if the distance from the average natural grade to the maximum point of the roofline is 15 feet, an antenna structure and/or antenna is a permitted use up to a height of 15 feet above the maximum roofline. Any antenna structure, tower or antenna that exceeds its permitted use height as provided herein shall require provisional use approval and the maximum allowable height of the structure, tower, and all antennas shall be determined in each specific case. Distance from RSF-1 thru RSF-6, and RMF-6 zoning districts shall be a major consideration in determining the allowable height of rooftop facilities.
- (2) Towers and antenna structures shall be set back from the closest outer edge of the roof a distance not less than ten (10) percent of the rooftop length and width, but not less than 5 feet, if the antenna can function at the resulting location.
- (3) Antenna structures and dish type antennas shall be painted to make them unobtrusive.
- (4) Except for antennas that cannot be seen from street level, such as panel antennas on parapet walls, antennas shall not extend out beyond the vertical plane of any exterior wall.
- (5) Where technically feasible dish type antennas shall be constructed of open mesh design.
- (6) Where feasible, the design elements of the building (i.e., parapet wall, screen enclosures, other mechanical equipment) shall be used to screen the communications tower, structure, and antennas.
- (7) The building and roof shall be capable of supporting the roof mounted antenna, structure and tower.
- (8) No rooftop shall be considered a tower site. This ordinance does not require any sharing of any rooftop, rooftop tower or antenna structure.

- 6) With the exception of rooftop towers, each new communication tower exceeding 185 feet in height shall be located at least 1,000 feet from RSF-1 thru RSF-6, and RMF-6 zoning districts including Planned Unit Developments where predominant use is consistent with RSF-1 thru RSF-6 and RMF-6 zoning districts. If a part of a PUD is not developed and it is inconclusive whether the part of a PUD area within 1,000 feet of the proposed tower site may be developed with a density of 6 units per acre or less, it shall be presumed that the PUD area nearest to the proposed site will be developed at the lowest density possible under the respective PUD.
- 7) All owners of approved towers are jointly and severally liable and responsible for any damage caused to off-site property as a result of a collapse of any tower owned by them.
- 8) Placement of more than one tower on a land site is preferred and encouraged, and may be permitted provided, however, that all setbacks, design and landscape requirements are met as to each tower. Structures may be located as close to each other as technically feasible provided tower failure characteristics of the towers on the site will not likely result in multiple tower failures in the event that one tower fails, or will not otherwise present an unacceptable risk to any other tower on the site. It shall be the policy of the County to make suitable county owned land available for towers and ancillary facilities at reasonable rents.
- 9) Any accessory buildings or structures shall meet the minimum yard requirements for the respective zoning district. Accessory uses shall not include offices, long-term vehicle storage, outdoor storage, broadcast studios except for temporary emergency purposes, other structures or uses that are not needed to send or receive transmissions, and in no event shall such uses exceed 25 percent of the floor area used for transmission or reception equipment and functions. Transmission equipment shall be automated to the greatest extent economically feasible to reduce traffic and congestion. Where the site abuts or has access to a collector street, access for motor vehicles shall be limited to the collector street. All equipment shall comply with then applicable noise standards.
- 10) For new commercial towers exceeding 185 feet in height, a minimum of two parking spaces shall be provided on each site; an additional parking space for each two employees shall be provided at facilities which require on-site personnel. Facilities which do not require on-site personnel may utilize impervious parking.
- 11) All new tower bases, guy anchors, outdoor equipment, accessory buildings and accessory structures shall be fenced. This provision does not apply to amateur radio towers, or to ground mounted antennas that do not exceed 20 feet above grade.
- 12) No tower shall be artificially lighted except as required by the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Communications Commission, or other

applicable laws, ordinances or regulations.

- 13) Effective January 1, 1992, all guyed towers, including old towers, exceeding 185 feet in height shall be inspected every two (2) years. Such self supporting towers shall be inspected every four (4) years. Each inspection shall be by a qualified professional engineer or other qualified professional inspector, and any inspector recommended repairs and/or maintenance should be completed without unnecessary delay. At a minimum each inspection shall include the following:
 - (a) Tower Structure - including bolts, loose or damaged members, signs of unusual stress or vibration.
 - (b) Guy Wires and Fittings - check for age, strength, rust, wear, general condition and any other signs of possible failure.
 - (c) Guy Anchors and Foundations - assess for cracks in concrete, signs of corrosion, erosion, movement, secure hardware, and general site condition.
 - (d) Condition of antennas, transmission lines, lighting, painting, insulators, fencing, grounding, and elevator, if any.
 - (e) For guyed towers: Tower vertical alignment and guy wire tension - (both required tension and present tension).
- 14) A copy of each inspection report shall be filed with the County Manager not later than December 1st of the respective inspection year. If the report recommends that repairs or maintenance are required, a letter shall be submitted to the County Manager to verify that such repairs and/or maintenance have been completed. The County shall have no responsibility under this ordinance regarding such repairs and/or maintenance.
- 15) Any tower that is voluntarily not used for communications for a period of one year shall be removed at the tower owner's expense. If a tower is not removed within three (3) months after one year of such voluntary non-use, the County may obtain authorization to remove the tower and accessory items from a court of competent jurisdiction, and after removal shall place a lien on the subject property for all direct and indirect costs incurred in dismantling and disposal of the tower and accessory items, plus court costs and attorney fees.
- 16) For all ground mounted guyed towers in excess of 75 feet in height, the site shall be of a size and shape sufficient to provide the minimum yard requirements of that zoning district between each guy anchor and all property lines.
- 17) All new towers shall require a site plan in accordance with Section 10.5 as part of the building permit application except:
 - (a) Ground mounted amateur radio towers that do not exceed a height of 75 feet excluding antennas;

- (b) Monopole towers that do not exceed a height of 75 feet including antennas; or
- (c) Ground mounted antennas that do not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet above natural grade.
- 18) All new metal towers including rooftop towers, except amateur radio towers, shall comply with the standards of the then latest edition published by the Electric Industries Association (currently EIA/TIA 222-E) or the publication's successor functional equivalent unless amended for local application by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Each new amateur radio tower with a height of 75 feet or less shall require a building permit specifying the exact location and the height of the tower exclusive of antennas. Each new ground mounted dish type antenna that does not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet shall require a building permit.
- 19) Within the proposed tower's effective radius, information that specifies the tower's physical location in respect to public parks, designated historic buildings or districts, areas of critical concern, and conservation areas, shall be submitted as part of the provisional use application. This shall also apply to site plan applications and/or permit applications for rooftop installations that do not require provisional use approval.
- 20) No communication tower shall be located on any land or water if such location thereon creates or has the potential to create harm to the site as a source of biological productivity, as indispensable components of various hydrologic regimes, or as irreplaceable and critical habitat for native species of flora or fauna.
- 21) A landscaped buffer area no less than 10 feet wide shall be developed around the perimeter of each new tower that requires security fencing. This buffer shall encompass all new structures including the tower base. At least one row of native vegetation shall be planted within the buffer to form a continuous hedge at least three feet in height at planting. This hedge shall also be planted around any ground level guy anchors. The buffer must be maintained in good condition.
- 22) Native vegetation on the site shall be preserved to the greatest practical extent. The site plan shall show existing significant vegetation to be removed and vegetation to be replanted to replace that lost. Native vegetation may constitute part or all of the required buffer area if its opacity exceeds eighty percent (80%).
- 23) All new towers (including amateur radio towers) and all antennas affixed thereto shall be in compliance with Section 9.9, Ordinance No. 82-2, "Special Regulations for Specified Areas in and around airports in Collier County". There shall be no variances to this provision.
- 24) For all new towers, a statement from the applicant or an official document that specifies that the

tower and its antennas will comply with all applicable regulations of the Federal Communications Commission shall be filed with the County Manager.

- 25) New towers and antennas affixed thereto, new roof mounted towers, structures and antennas, and new accessory structures are exempt from provisional use approval:
 - (a) To the extent exempted by federal law or regulation, or Florida law or regulation, at the time of the application.
 - (b) Ground mounted amateur radio towers that do not exceed a height of seventy-five (75) feet above natural grade, exclusive of all antennas.
 - (c) Stations in the amateur radio service licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.
 - (d) Ground mounted antennas that do not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet above natural grade, including dish type antennas.
 - (e) Rooftop antennas, antenna structure and towers that do not exceed the applicable permitted use height specified in subsection e.5)b(1) herein.
- 26) All new non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation (NIER) sources shall comply with the then current applicable standards adopted by the Federal Government. The County shall not be required by this ordinance to enforce such standards.
- 27) A copy of each application for a tower in excess of two hundred (200) feet in height shall be supplied by the applicant to the Collier County Mosquito Control District or its successor in function.
- 28) As to communications towers and antennas, including rooftop towers, antenna structures and antennas, the height provisions of this ordinance supersede all other height limitations specified in County Ordinance 82-2.
- 29) Willful, knowing failure of any owner to comply with any of the provisions herein shall be a violation of this ordinance and shall be subject to general penalty provisions of Ordinance 82-2, and shall be grounds for revocation of provisional use approval.

SECTION TWO: CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY

In the event this Ordinance conflicts with any other Ordinance of Collier County or other applicable law, the more restrictive shall apply. If any phrase or portion of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the

remaining portion.

SECTION THREE: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon receipt of notice from the Secretary of State that this Ordinance has been filed with the Secretary of State.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida this 9th day of September, 1991.

DATE: September 9, 1991

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:
JAMES C. GILES, CLERK

BY: Patricia Anne Goodnight
PATRICIA ANNE GOODNIGHT, CHAIRMAN

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Thomas C. Palmer
THOMAS C. PALMER
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

ZO-91-4 ORDINANCE
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This ordinance filed with the Secretary of State's Office the 19th day of Sept., 1991 and acknowledgement of that filing received this 23rd day of Sept., 1991

By James Cheonan
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF COLLIER)


I, JAMES C. GILES, Clerk of Courts in and for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, Collier County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of:

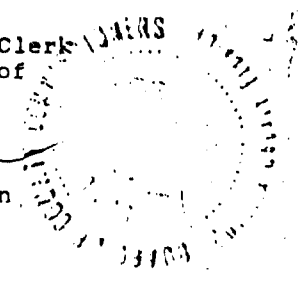
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which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on the 9th day of September, 1991, during Special Session.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, this 18th day of September, 1991.

JAMES C. GILES
Clerk of Courts and Clerk
Ex-officio to Board of
County Commissioners


By: /s/Maureen Kenyon
Deputy Clerk



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Recess: 8:10 P.M. - Reconvened: 8:20 P.M.

Item #3B

PETITION ZO-91-4, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REQUESTING AMENDMENT TO THE COLLIER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE 82-2, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF COLLIER COUNTY BY AMENDING SECTION 8, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY ADDING SUBSECTION 8.10A, COMMUNICATION TOWERS - SECOND HEARING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 4, 1991

Legal notice having been published in the Naples Daily News on August 13, 1991, as evidenced by Affidavit of Publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was opened to consider Petition ZO-91-4.

Planner Milk provided a brief history of this Petition and recited the information contained on the Executive Summary dated August 21, 1991. He relayed that the Collier County Planning Commission (CCPC) recommended approval of the Ordinance on August 1, 1991 by a vote of 4 to 2. He reported receipt of numerous documents during the past week from GTE as well as personnel in the public and private entities. He proposed one recommendation to the Ordinance to allow communication towers with a maximum height of 150 feet, including antennas affixed thereto, in the Estates Zoning Districts, and limited in design to monopole construction. He reported that GTE has information for tonight's meeting; that Mr. Gene Wayne, Director of Division of Communications, submitted a letter; that Deena Quinn of Real Property Management submitted some suggestions; and Mr. R. L. Brill submitted a criteria he thought pertinent for modification and inclusion in the proposed Ordinance.

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Dr. Frank Van Essen, Director of the Collier Mosquito Control District, stated that the Board of County Commissioners should be in receipt of a one page memo dated August 12, 1991, summarizing their position, copy not provided for the record. He confirmed that his department's primary method for controlling mosquitos is night flying at 300' altitudes and, therefore, any tower over 200' in height could be a potential hazard. He displayed a map outlining their flight paths as well as existing towers. He reiterated the suggestions listed in his memo alluded to previously, i.e. strict control for placement of towers to prevent exclusion of areas from receiving mosquito control; number of towers over 200' should be limited; and towers and cranes over 100' should be lit.

Robert A. Kersteen, of GTE Mobilnet, referred to a handout, complete with cover letter as well as a quote from Dr. Lee, copy not provided for the record. He expressed a need for towers up to 150' in the remaining urban areas of Collier County as well as in the E-Districts, as proposed by staff. He inferred that vegetation such as Australian pines and grape plants interfere with the transmission of signals. He referred to page 6, lines 1 through 10 of Sub A of the handout alluded to previously. He expounded a scenario thereby alleging that leasing out tower space is not cost effective. He referred to three handouts, one of which is a green covered book, placed before the Board of County Commissioners earlier, copies not provided for the record. He read from one of the handouts, whereby it suggested admissions from cellular transmission facilities do not pose any threat to the health of the general population, and is borne out by letters from Dr. Balzono (phonetic). He referred to a blue handout, copy not provided the recorder, addressing the degradation of property values, stating that it is a myth that his facilities degrade property values. He provided the locations where his organization shares tower sites with others.

In answer to Commissioner Volpe, Mr. Kersteen stated that there is one case in Lee County where a study was performed showing that a

tower site does not promote degradation of a neighborhood.

In response to Commissioner Shanahan questioning whether staff had reviewed the changes suggested by Mr. Kersteen, Planner Milk answered in the affirmative. Regarding the issue of reservation of space for additional antennas, he stated that the Ordinance does an adequate job addressing this. He referred to page 6 of the Ordinance, which is page 14 of the Executive Summary, titled "Reservation of Capacity", and read a portion of same. He reflected that this section gives staff the ability to examine the justification for prolonging the reservation of towers, etc.

Steve Mathues, Attorney representing the Department of General Services in Tallahassee, referred to a letter dated August 14th from Glenn Maine (phonetic), Director of the Division of Communications, copy not provided for the record. He acknowledged their belief that they can live within the Ordinance and fulfill their mission.

Paul Rodinsky submitted photographs to the Board of County Commissioners which were not presented to the Clerk for the record, alleged to be photographs of a tower with its pedestals below the water line as well as pictures where an attempt is being made to fill in and hide the pedestals of the tower. He reported that a cellular building was built next to the tower with its pedestal underwater after the meeting where standards were set by the Board of County Commissioners to prohibit construction of additional towers. He stated that the width of the towers is not currently addressed.

Pat Rodinsky read a prepared statement, copy not provided for the record, wherein it is implied that the Ordinance prepared for approval by the Board of County Commissioners outlines standards for tower erection throughout Collier County based on standards submitted by and on behalf of communication companies from other counties in other states totally unlike Collier County. She stated the towers, monopoles and microcells planned to be erected will have a detrimental impact on everyone. She raised questions regarding the health and safety issues from radiation emissions, the potential of lightning being drawn to

the cone areas of towers and, especially, the tower sitting underwater located behind her backyard, and visual pollution caused by the towers. She requested that single family A-2 zoned property containing less than 20 acres be added to the protective arm of the new Ordinance. She stated that she has submitted many documents, photographs and petitions against the towers and, specifically, the one sitting in her backyard, to every commission and every staff requesting that they stop the proliferation of same in Collier County.

Planner Milk stated that in the Southern Building Code there is no maximum height limit above the crown level of the road or the natural grade for the actual foundation of the tower leg, and the County engineers do not have a problem with that fact. He stated that the standards implied in the Ordinance were taken from a multitude of different Ordinances and modified to apply to the uniqueness of Collier County. He stated that, as long as a tower structure is built within the development standards for setbacks, etc. there are no limitations on the width of the towers or the type of platform utilized.

Leroy Pate, Professional Engineer specializing in tower design and analysis, referred to page 5 of the Ordinance, paragraph (c)3(d), indicating that this statement poses a problem. He stated that paragraph (c) above alludes to standards in accordance with EIA/TIA 222-E which is the industry standard for design of steel communications towers. He reflected that it is unfair to the tower industry and designers to state what the failure characteristics of a tower might be when an engineer designing a building such as Building "F" is not required to give a report or definition for characteristics of failure of this building. He concurred that the Board of County Commissioners has a right to require that a tower or any structure be designed and constructed in accordance with whatever standard is in place, but questioned whether the Board of County Commissioners has the need to know or ability to understand the failure characteristics.

In answer to Commissioner Shanahan, Planner Milk stated that staff is looking for tower failure characteristics, i.e. how a tower might

collapse. He remarked that the standards for EIA/TIA are subject to steel towers only. He added that should he recommend modification to item (d) "Failure characteristics of the Tower", he would include any other towers not under the EIA/TIA 222-E standards.

Community Development Services Administrator Brutt reflected that staff is seeking answers to such questions as when a 500' tower breaks apart will it fall within the arc of 500', will it break apart and be carried by the wind or will it collapse in pieces?

Mr. Pate stated there are numerous ways of failure which will be different, depending upon what the event is which causes the failure.

In reply to Commissioner Hasse, Mr. Pate agreed that he can give Mr. Milk some generalized failure characteristics. He added, however, that he feels that item (d) should be taken out. He referred to paragraph 6 stating that, if properly designed, the tower will not fail and, therefore, this is an unusual and unnecessary requirement. He reflected that separation of towers will require much more land in the tower area and will somewhat defeat the purpose of shared sites. Referring to page 10, paragraph 11, he commented that EIA 222-E has an extensive inspection section and suggests three year inspections for guide towers and five year inspections for self-supporting towers. He confirmed his agreement with this with the exception that for existing towers in place, they should be given one year after enactment of the Ordinance to have an initial inspection and, thereafter, be inspected at either three year or five year intervals, depending on the type of tower.

Planner Milk agreed that three and five years is appropriate for towers in most areas, but added that Collier County is a unique coastal habitat area and recommended two and four year inspections.

In answer to Commissioner Shanahan, Planner Milk reported that the reference to annual inspections contained in the Ordinance refers to an annual inspection for every tower for certain items, but the items which take an engineer to analyze he still recommends the two and four year inspections. He stated that there are presently towers that are

overloaded not only by antennas and equipment, but are not technically built to support what was placed on them initially.

Mr. Pate stated that what is being suggested is a physical inspection of the tower and will not do anything as far as the antenna or wind overloading of same. He verified that he can make an analysis regarding the design of the tower, but questioned whether the owner will pay for the analysis and do anything about it should the report identify problems.

Commissioner Volpe questioned the need to amend the Ordinance to include further inspection with respect to old towers.

***** Deputy Clerk Guevin replaced Deputy Clerk Farris *****

Attorney Bruce Anderson, representing Cellular One Collier/Hendry, stated many of his client's towers are not yet constructed and if this ordinance is adopted as proposed, it will severely cripple the cellular communication business. He said Cellular One represents a \$50-million investment in the future of Collier County. He indicated the ordinance puts all its emphasis on aesthetics to the detriment of public safety considerations. He reported communication towers are defined in the current Zoning Ordinance as an essential public service and are permitted as a Provisional Use in every zoning district in the County. He said with the proposed ordinance, communication towers will no longer be permitted as a principle use in the industrial district and will be prohibited in many zoning districts. He further stated that the height restrictions will result in many more towers being built, yet one of the purposes of the proposed ordinance is to prevent a proliferation of towers.

In response to Commissioner Shanahan, Mr. Anderson suggested that communication towers continue to be allowed as Provisional Uses in all zoning districts. He also recommended an incentive for the tower sharing requirements in the ordinance so if a company is willing to build a bigger tower in order to accommodate potential other users, there be some way to speed up the approval process. He noted there should also be criteria established within the ordinance to allow

towers as principal uses in some zoning districts, i.e., in an agricultural district with locational restrictions concerning distances from residential neighborhoods.

Jay Miller, General Manager of Cellular One, indicated he fields questions on a daily basis from citizens of the County wanting to know when the communications network will be complete, primarily from those in the eastern part of the County who must drive into Naples to do their business.

Mark Lamoureux submitted a packet of material to the Board of County Commissioners. (Copy not provided to the Clerk to the Board.) He commented that the County and the citizens in general do not recognize communication towers as an essential service. He noted *Zoning News*, a publication put out by the American Planning Association, states that in many communities, cellular sites are classified as public utility distribution systems or as public utility stations, not as land use issues. He said many zoning codes allow towers to be built by right in almost every zone and without public hearing. He read a letter from the East Naples Fire Department in support of a cellular telephone network that provides complete coverage to Collier County.

Frank Heaton with Cellular One, indicated his intention is to bring high quality, low cost alternative form of communication service to the community. He said if an ordinance is passed which causes an increase in the number of broadcast sites, substantial additional costs will be incurred which will have to be paid by the rate payers of the system.

In response to Commissioner Volpe, Mr. Heaton said at 150 feet, a minimum of five additional towers would be needed to supplement what he has currently proposed in order to attain the same coverage.

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Mr. Heaton stated in his opinion the entire tower sharing provision should be stricken from the ordinance, however, if left in place it should include guidelines in which to do that sharing and a govern-

mental body should be in place to referee disputed intended uses.

*** Deputy Clerk Farris replaced Deputy Clerk Guevin at this time ***

Robert Carothers, representing Palmer Communications, Inc., expressed concern over the Intent and Purpose Section of the Tower Ordinance. He proposed amending the Ordinance in such a way as to allow upgrading of the towers to comply with possible future EIA specification changes without penalty under the new Ordinance, but with normal permitting procedures, if required, still applying.

Chief Vince Doerr of Ochopee Fire Control predicted that for fire service there will be more and more calls coming in on 911 through the use of cellular phones in rural areas. He stated that most of the fire chiefs are looking forward to use of the cellular phones and hope that some towers are allowed for the rural areas.

In response to Commissioner Shanahan regarding the challenge that the proposed Ordinance is in conflict with the Growth Management Plan, Planner Milk stated that he and Assistant County Attorney Palmer will look into the matter. He summarized the manner in which staff proceeded to comply with the Board of County Commissioners' directive to prepare the proposed Ordinance, adding that he fails to see how the proposed Ordinance will require Mr. Heaton of Cellular One to provide more towers than he had planned for originally. He pointed out there is a potential need for redesign and relocation of the towers, however. He reported that on March 26, 1991 there were two site development plans at the County, one for the Shirley Street tower and one at the site near Mr. and Mrs. Rodinsky on Trinity Place, the latter incurring platting problems and probably never being built. He reflected that Mr. Heaton has since submitted six applications for towers, all with the full knowledge that staff had been directed to prepare a new tower Ordinance. He guaranteed that in review of each of the six plans it was pointed out that staff was in the process of proposing a new tower Ordinance, and that the potential of conflict with the site in lieu of the new Ordinance existed. He confirmed that the Corkscrew site, at the time of review, was considered an

appropriate location for a tower of 290 feet as there were no height restrictions in the Estate Zoning District at that time. He indicated, however, that staff has since decided there should be a height restriction of 150 feet in the Estates Zoning District. He suggested that Mr. Heaton has looked at potential sites for location of towers using different criteria than that utilized by staff in complying with zoning districts, etc. He reiterated that when staff was directed to look at towers there was not a single public hearing Provisional Use filed and six have since been filed.

In reply to Commissioner Volpe questioning whether consideration has been given to the possibility of a variance being granted, Planner Milk stated he does not have a problem with that scenario at all.

In answer to Commissioner Shanahan, Planner Milk relayed his feelings that the shared use aspects of the proposed Ordinance will work for the industry.

In response to Commissioner Shanahan's comments regarding the concerns of Mosquito Control, Planner Milk provided the current FCC and FAA requirements regarding towers 200 feet or more in height. He suggested that Mosquito Control attend Provisional Use hearings and voice their concerns with towers that pose a potential hazard to their operations.

Commissioner Volpe requested staff to provide incentives to allow for tower sharing.

Planner Milk countered that once a shared use plan has been provided and the Provisional Use process has been followed through, one is approved for more antennas, more towers, etc. as long as the regulations of the Ordinance are met.

Commissioner Volpe pointed out that engineers have addressed the issue of tower failures, and he suggested the need for clarification on this issue exists.

Commissioner Hesse moved, seconded by Commissioner Shanahan and carried 8/0, to close the public hearing.

County Attorney Cuyler pointed out the need to announce the date

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and time for the next public hearing on this item.

Following discussion regarding the date for the next hearing, Commissioner Goodnight acknowledged that this is the first of two public hearings and reported that the next hearing will be held September 9, 1991 at 5:05 P.M.

There being no further business for the Good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by Order of the Chair - Time: 10:24 P.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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SPECIAL DISTRICTS UNDER ITS
CONTROL

Patricia Anne Goodnight
PATRICIA ANNE GOODNIGHT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
JAMES C. GILES, CLERK

James C. Giles, D.C.

These minutes approved by the Board on 11/5/91
as presented or as corrected _____

Naples, Florida, September 9, 1991

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County of Collier, and also acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals and as the governing board(s) of such special districts as have been created according to law and having conducted business herein, met on this date at 5:05 P.M. in **SPECIAL SESSION** in Building "F" of the Government Complex, East Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Patricia Anne Goodnight

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Michael J. Volpe

Richard S. Shanahan
Max A. Hasse, Jr.
Burt L. Saunders

ALSO PRESENT: Annette Guevin and Wanda Arrighi, Deputy Clerks; Neil Dorrill, County Manager; Tom Olliff, Assistant to the County Manager; Ken Cuyler, County Attorney; Marjorie Student, Assistant County Attorney; Frank Brutt, Community Development Services Administrator; Ken Baginski, Planning Services Manager; Bryan Milk, Planner; and Sue Filson, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

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Item #3A

ORDINANCE 91-84 RE PETITION ZO-91-4, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLLIER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE 82-2, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF COLLIER COUNTY BY AMENDING SECTION 8, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY ADDING SUBSECTION 8.10A, COMMUNICATION TOWERS - ADOPTED WITH CHANGES

Legal notice having been published in the Naples Daily News on September 3, 1991, as evidenced by Affidavit of Publication filed with the Clerk, public hearing was opened to consider Petition ZO-91-4, filed by the Community Development Division, requesting an amendment to the Collier County Zoning Ordinance 82-2, the Comprehensive Zoning Regulations for the Unincorporated Area of Collier County by amending Section 8, Supplementary District Regulations by adding Subsection 8.10A, Communication Towers.

Commissioner Goodnight noted this is the second public hearing in consideration of Petition ZO-91-4.

Planner Milk recalled on August 21st, the Board of County Commissioners suggested minor revisions and clarification of certain issues raised during the public hearing. He advised the revisions are illustrated and summarized in the Executive Summary. He provided the Board with an updated ordinance containing further revisions to pages 2 and 9 being requested by Staff. (Copy on file with the Clerk to the Board.) He indicated the changes on pages 2 and 9 eliminate the term "microcell" from the ordinance. He explained Staff has provided the opportunity to build monopole communication towers within residential zoning districts and finds it unnecessary to define in any ordinance, two of the same tower structure types, given the development regulations as set forth in the Communication Tower Ordinance. He mentioned Staff has also provided changes to the Urban Land Use area within the ordinance to specify that for towers in the RSF-1 through RSF-6, RMF-6 and E-Estates zoning districts, only certain development regulations apply.

In answer to Commissioner Hasse, Planner Milk advised only a monopole tower can be built and cannot exceed 75 feet in height including

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attached antenna. He said that restriction applies to RSF-1 through RSF-6, RMF-6 and E-Estate zoning districts. He indicated a monopole communication tower may be requested up to 150 feet in RMF-12, RMF-16, RT, VR, MHSD, MHRP and TTRVC zoning districts. He added in agricultural, commercial and industrial zoning districts, there are no height maximums, however, setbacks are required if the tower exceeds 185 feet in height.

Commissioner Hasse referred to the concerns of the Collier Mosquito Control District regarding the height of communications towers.

Planner Milk pointed out the District is concerned with the proliferation of towers in and around the urban area and not so much within the industrial or tower farm sites in existence this date. He said this ordinance does not address a prohibition on towers over 200 feet in the urban area, rather, it directs towers of certain heights to certain residential, industrial or commercial districts.

In answer to Commissioner Shanahan, Planner Milk indicated the Mosquito District continues to have concerns, however, they are more comfortable with the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Volpe inquired under what circumstances would an applicant be required to apply for a Provisional Use (PU) for a communications tower? Planner Milk replied under all circumstances, if the intended tower exceeds 20 feet above the ground or is not a ham radio tower, a PU must be applied for in every residential zoning district. He said if the request is for a tower higher than 185 feet, the applicant must show that all possibilities have been researched of sharing either a tower or a tower site within a six mile radius.

Frank Van Essen, Director of the Collier Mosquito Control District, pointed out he is not concerned about towers under 200 feet or if new towers are clustered either in the industrial areas or areas where a number of towers already exist. He said if there will be a proliferation of towers in areas in addition to where they already exist, they should be limited to 200 feet in height. He requested

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the following language be added to the intent and purpose section of the ordinance, "and to allow for the safe operation of night flying aircraft for mosquito control missions".

In answer to Commissioner Hasse, Planner Milk explained there are no distance requirements from one tower to the next. He said if a self-supporting tower is requested on the same site where one already exists, it would be allowed as long as the engineering integrity of each tower is provided and it is designed to certain wind loads.

Ray Brill stated having been in the tower business for many years, he has installed towers all over the United States. He said there is no justification for allowing towers of any height in any of the residential areas for any reason. He advised towers should not be allowed on agricultural property of less than 20 acres. He also recommended that tower bases be installed at least 18 inches above the road, the flood plain or the ground elevation, whichever is higher. He said this will prevent the towers from standing in water.

Commissioner Shanahan asked if consideration was given to excluding towers from residential areas?

Planner Milk responded in the affirmative, adding the first four or five drafts of the ordinance excluded towers in all residential districts. He said based on the workshops conducted, information was provided indicating towers are needed in the residential areas to pick up the capacity to transmit to larger towers. He explained Staff is proposing to be flexible and limit it to the monopole and certain heights to accommodate that requirement.

Pat Rodinsky, representing Trinity Place, commented regarding the 330-foot GTE tower in that residential area. She said they have submitted many photographs, petitions and documentation regarding that tower. She reported having attended every meeting and listened to all the information presented with regard to the safety of the tower and lack of any danger associated with it, and she does not believe any of it. She said she has been verbally promised by Staff that due to the negative siting problems at the GTE site behind Trinity Place and the

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fact that this 330-foot tower sits in and is covered by water, that there will be no new towers at this location. She stated, in fact, more towers are planned for this area 400 feet closer to the residents of Trinity Place. She urged the Board of County Commissioners to include the addition of single-family residences zoned A-2 consisting of less than 20 acres for the same reasons the Estates zoning was added.

Paul Rodinsky reiterated comments made by the previous speaker.

In response to Commissioner Volpe, Planner Milk stated the justification for the 1,000-foot restriction in residential areas is primarily for aesthetics rather than safety.

Frank Heaton, with Cellular One, stated the Collier Mosquito Control District has indicated it does not have a problem with all six of his firm's proposed 280-foot towers that have PU applications on file with the County. With respect to the lightning safety of a tower, he said, he has built towers within 100 feet of residences and has never yet had any adverse consequences. He noted there is no guaranty with regard to lightning, however, his firm takes every known precaution to prevent lightning from damaging their own property and in the context of that, it should prevent effects on any other property. He disagreed with the proposed ordinance and suggested that it be started over.

Commissioner Saunders questioned if limiting towers to a maximum of 200 feet in height presents a problem to the communications industry?

Mr. Heaton indicated his belief that reliable radio propagation would be reduced if the height is reduced and it will lead to the communications industry requiring additional tower sites in Collier County that would otherwise not be required.

Commissioner Saunders asked what problems would be created for the communications industry if future towers were prohibited in residential areas?

Mr. Heaton advised generally speaking, they can usually find an

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area that meets their need that is not residential.

Mark Lamoureux suggested the ordinance be revised to incorporate more clarifying language on those towers already in existence that may be considered non-conforming once the new ordinance is in place. He requested language be included that deals with a situation where existing structures are blown down during a hurricane and whether they can be rebuilt afterwards on the same site. He indicated concerns with the shared use provision which forces an applicant to overdesign his structure in order to rent space to a future tenant, as well as publishing the rents in advance.

Bruce Anderson, Attorney for Cellular One Collier/Hendry, distributed a memorandum containing proposed amendments to the ordinance. (Copy on file with the Clerk to the Board.) He requested the Board either vest the pending PU applications on file or consider the amendments referred to in the memorandum. With regard to tower sharing, he said, there needs to be an incentive to spend the extra money to create additional capacity when it is uncertain whether or not the space will be rented. He stated the proposed amendments offer that incentive, which would authorize towers not to exceed 185 feet as a principal use in certain districts. He added if a tower will be subject to 500-foot locational restrictions, and if the tower is in excess of 185 feet up to a maximum of 300 feet, it would still be eligible to come in as a PU application. He requested analysis be done to determine the locations affected and how many sites would remain available given the 1000-foot restriction.

Commissioner Volpe commented the County is trying to enact a general law and Mr. Anderson's client has designed a specific system. He said the Board cannot enact an ordinance designed around that client's communications system.

Mr. Anderson agreed, but requested some consideration be given to recognizing the applications which were filed based on the current law.

**** Deputy Clerk Arrighi replaced Deputy Clerk Guevin at this time ****

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In response to Commissioner Saunders, Mr. Palmer informed that in surveying other County's for this type of ordinance, he has found none that address the specifics that this ordinance does. He advised that the proposed ordinance has been changed numerous times in order to accommodate the Industry to allow it to function properly. He advised that staff is satisfied that the proposed ordinance will not be unduly restrictive, and he added that Industry should be able to function sufficiently within the constitutional constraints.

Commissioner Hasse questioned whether the proposed ordinance will protect the citizens of the County? Mr. Palmer affirmed that it does.

Mr. Palmer explained that the proposed ordinance will allow only monopole tower in residential areas of up to a height of 75 feet in a six unit acre or less area and up to 150 feet in other designated areas. He pointed out that the height limitations for industrial towers is the same as for amateur radio towers.

In response to comments by Commissioner Volpe, Mr. Palmer cited that the Federal Communications Commission has passed federal and State statutes that prohibit local governments from unduly restricting amateur radio antennas, and they make no distinction whether the antennas are accessory or primary use. He related that the restrictions for the residential areas were included for the purpose of aesthetics. He added that the proposed ordinance also provides that a tower can be constructed in a residential area only if it can be proven that as a matter of engineering necessity it must be placed in that location. He affirmed that testimony has been presented that a communications system could be designed which would eliminate the need of placing any tower in a residential area; however, it was also noted that it would require more tower to be constructed throughout the County.

Robert Kersteen, with GTE Mobilnet, referred to a handout he presented to the Commissioners (not provided for the record) which suggest a few minor changes to the proposed ordinance. He specified that two of the suggested changes can be found on pages 9 and 12 which

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recommend a maximum height for the towers of 125 feet rather than 75 feet. He noted another change, found on page 5, is to delete the failure characteristics of the tower. On page 11 he recommended that a structural analysis of the guide towers be provided every two years and of the self-supported towers every four years. He commented that the last change is found on page 12 which recommends a copy of each inspection report be filed rather than each annual inspection report.

In reference to their structure which is located in the "Old Marco" area, Mr. Kersteen advised that rather than build a new tower the Company opted to buy an existing one; however, they only own the tower not the property which prevents them from draining the water the tower is standing in. He added that there is no plan to construct another tower at this site. Regarding the comments on lightning strikes, Mr. Kersteen advised that they have had no equipment failures at the "Old Marco" site due to lightning.

Mr. Kersteen explained that with the coming of the personal communication system which will replace the portable phones in the future, it will be necessary to place monopoles within residential areas.

Leroy Pate, a registered professional engineer in the State of Florida with a specialty in tower design and construction, explained the wind design loads on a tower and stated that if a tower is designed and constructed with the proper codes and standards there is a considerable factor of safety involved. He asserted that with these safety factors the failure characteristics provided in the proposed ordinance are superfluous.

Mr. Pate also emphasized that contrary to what is indicated in the proposed ordinance on page 6, a 185 foot to 300 foot tower cannot be designed and constructed to support additional antennae without additional costs, and suggested that the capacity of the tower should be left to the owner of the tower.

Mr. Pate suggested one last change which is in reference to the frequency of inspections. He recommended that on page 11, paragraph

11)(e), the tension requirement be every three years and on page 12, paragraph 12, the inspections be required every three years also.

Steve Mathues, representing the Department of General Services of Tallahassee, expressed his concern regarding the implication that the proposed ordinance will prohibit any tower over 200 feet. He explained that by limiting towers to this height it would become difficult to provide communication coverage seaward as well as throughout the Everglades. He suggested the continual use of provisional uses for towers.

Frank Van Essen of the Mosquito Control District clarified that he is only concerned about the height of the towers that will be in the District, and requested that if the proposed ordinance is adopted and does allow towers over 200 feet, Mosquito Control would appreciate the opportunity to review the locations of the proposed towers.

Commissioner Goodnight questioned what is permitted in the agricultural areas? Planner Milk explained that the proposed ordinance does not specify criteria for agricultural, commercial or industrial areas because there are no regulations regarding the height of a tower in those districts.

In response to Commissioner Shanahan, Mr. Milk affirmed that staff agrees with the two and four year inspection restriction. In regards to the allocation that the Corkscrew site would not allow a 280 foot tower, Mr. Milk asserted that this is a false statement because the E-Estates area does provide for a provisional use for an essential service.

Commissioner Volpe moved, seconded by Commissioner Saunders and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Goodnight commented that it is important that the Board review the locations in the rural areas where the subscribers are planning to build their communication towers. She indicated that in regards to the agricultural area there needs to be more than a 1000 foot setback criteria established as well as criteria created that would allow a tower as a permitted use in A-2 and commercial areas.

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She related that she sees no reason for a tower to be constructed over 200 feet in urban areas; however, she does understand that in the rural areas there is a need for higher towers.

Commissioner Shanahan noted that there should be an appeal process available for people who wish to challenge the decision.

Commissioner Saunders suggested that he review the recommended changes of the proposed ordinance for the benefit of the Board. He reported the first change to be on page one under the Intent and Purpose section to provide some recognition for the necessity to promote and protect the safety of the Mosquito Control operations. The consensus of the Board was to include this provision in the ordinance.

Commissioner Saunders continued to the suggestion found on page five, and indicated that he did not find it necessary to provide for failure characteristics of the tower. Assistant County Attorney Palmer related that the failure characteristics are an important criteria in order to promote sharing of towers for antennas. Commissioner Saunders pointed out that sections 3)(a), (b), and (c) appear to require the same vital information for potential problems created by the failure of a tower. Mr. Palmer disagreed and added that the burden of impacts would be shifted to the site owner. The consensus of the Board was to delete Section 3)(d) which provides for failure characteristics.

Commissioner Saunders referred to page 8, subpart 5) and questioned who would determine what is practicable as mentioned in the sentence, "To the extent practicable, the proposed rents ..." Planner Milk explained that the intent of this terminology is to allow staff the ability to analyze what is fare based on the market. The consensus of the Board was to leave the wording as it currently appears.

Commissioner Saunders commented that in reference to page 11, paragraph 11), he has no problem with changing the inspection period to two years for guide structures and four years for others. The consensus of the Board was in approval of this change.

Commissioner Saunders added that on page 12, paragraph 12), he

agrees to strike the word annual in the first line to which the Board concurred.

Commissioner Saunders stated that a major suggestion is to eliminate all towers in the residential properties zoned up to RSF-6.

Commissioner Volpe suggested that tower should be prohibited in all residential areas and limit them to commercial and industrial zoning and agricultural areas of more than 20 acres with a maximum height of 200 feet in the three areas. He noted that there are variance procedures in the ordinance which will address the concerns of the public communication systems.

Planner Milk questioned what this means to the ham radio operators because the ordinance does provide for them and allows up to a 75 foot tower for ham radio operators. Commissioner Volpe explained that the accessory use provision would address this concern. Mr. Milk concurred.

Commissioner Volpe recommended that when there is a previously approved provisional use for an essential service, then a communication tower should be permitted even if it does not meet the other criteria.

Commissioner Saunders commented that a limit of 200 feet for a tower in the urban areas is too restrictive. Commissioner Shanahan countered by stating that there is the opportunity for appeal, therefore, sees no reason for not limiting the towers to 200 feet.

Commissioner Goodnight argued that for permitted use zoning in the urban area there should be a 200 foot height limitation on towers; however, no restriction is needed for provisional uses in the urban area because these provisional uses are reviewed by the Board prior to any construction. The consensus of the Board was in approval of this suggestion.

In response to the question by Commissioner Saunders as to whether existing towers or damaged towers should be grandfathered into the ordinance, Mr. Milk advised that with the adoption of the proposed ordinance there will be towers and tower sites that will become non-

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conforming, and a non-conforming tower and/or site cannot be increased or expanded upon without going through the non-conforming use application variance which will allow the Board to determine if a tower can be rebuilt or added to. Commissioner Goodnight affirmed that the Board wants the ability to review the non-conforming use applications for towers where 51% or more of it has been destroyed.

Commissioner Saunders questioned what the feeling of the Board is in regards to the separation of tower from various zoning districts being restricted to 500 feet rather than 1000 feet? The consensus of the Board was to leave the separation at 1000 feet.

Commissioner Goodnight recommended that in agricultural rural areas the height of the towers could be constructed as high as 280 feet as a principle permitted use on a 20 acre site; however, any tower proposed higher than 280 feet would need to be brought before the Board as a provisional use.

In response to Commissioner Volpe, Mr. Milk affirmed that towers in the rural estates area could be provided through a provisional use with a restricted height of 75 feet. He requested to correct for the record that the proposed site for a tower at Corkscrew would be subject to the Estates residential restrictions.

Jean Burkner of Mosquito Control expressed her concern for safety regarding allowing towers over 200 feet and requested that a provision be made in the ordinance requiring that Mosquito Control have the opportunity to review all application for requests of towers over 200 feet. Commissioner Saunders concurred that this request be made part of the ordinance.

Mr. Milk asked for clarification of the permitted uses for commercial and industrial areas. Commissioner Saunders responded that in the commercial and industrial areas towers of 200 feet or less will be a permitted use and over 200 feet will be a provisional use.

County Attorney Cuyler asserted that in regards to the suggested provisional use language, it should be clarified that the term, essential services, is limited to a communication facility as a normal use

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for the property. The Board agreed to have County Attorney Cuyler make this change.

Commissioner Saunders moved, seconded by Commissioner Shanahan and carried unanimously, that the Ordinance as numbered and titled below be adopted with the noted changes and entered into Ordinance Book No. 46:

ORDINANCE 91-84

AND ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 82-2, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF COLLIER COUNTY BY AMENDING SECTION 8, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION 8.10A, COMMUNICATION TOWERS, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

There being no further business for the Good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by Order of the Chair - Time: 7:45 P.M.

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PATRICIA ANNE GOODNIGHT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
JAMES C. GILES, CLERK

William Shanahan, D.C.

These minutes approved by the Board on 12/17/91
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ANSI/TIA-222 Maintenance and Condition Assessment of Telecommunication Towers

What is ANSI/TIA-222 and why is it important for the telecommunications industry? ANSI/TIA-222 is the “Structural Standard for Antenna Supporting Structures and Antennas”. ANSI/TIA-222 is critically important to the telecommunications industry for many reasons. Some of which are as follows:

- Direct link to the International Building Code (IBC);
- Provides guidelines for the procurement of structures;
- Establishes design parameters for structures; and
- Provides criteria for Maintenance and Condition Assessment of these structures.

This Planning Advisory Notice (PAN) focuses primarily on Section 14 of the ANSI/TIA-222 Standard. Section 14 covers minimum criteria for a proper Maintenance and Condition Assessment of antenna supporting structures. The current version of ANSI/TIA-222 is G-2, however, throughout this PAN, we will also be referencing the draft version of ANSI/TIA-222-H to communicate upcoming changes in Section 14. In addition to Section 14, Annex J (**Normative**) provides checklists for maintenance and condition assessment, field mapping of appurtenances and structural components as well as charts for determining twist and out of plumb on guyed towers. We will also touch on Annex K, as it brings tension, twist, and plumb together. To add clarity, a

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Normative designation simply means that Annex J carries the same weight and merit as the body of the Standard. An annex allows the Committee to provide information as a narrative or list when it is more effective than using the language limitations placed upon the body of the standard such as the scope, requirements, and the maintenance and condition assessment cycles.

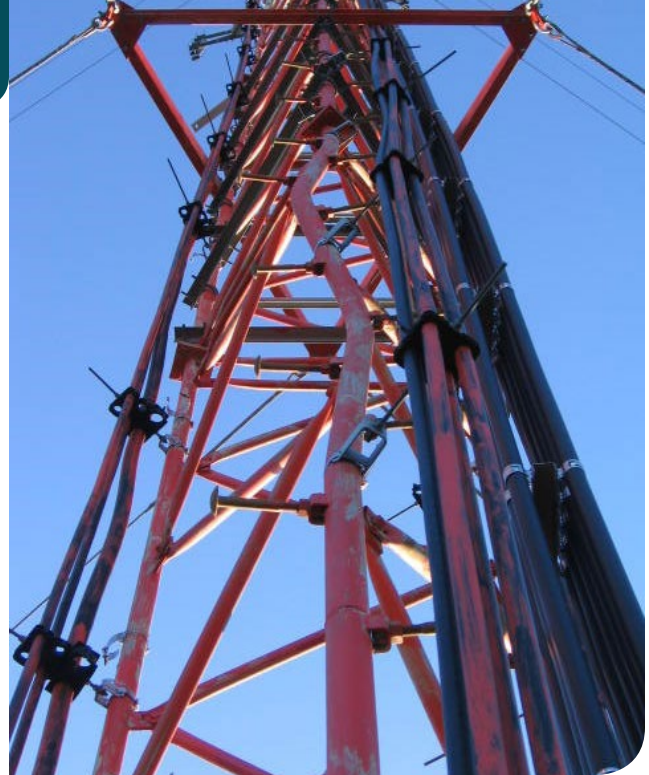
Revision H clarifies issues around safety climbs and inspection. ANSI/TIA-222-G Section 14 (**Scope**) states “This section addresses the maintenance and condition assessment of structures.” The following note is included in ANSI/TIA-222-H – “Maintenance and condition assessment requirements for safety climb systems are not within the scope of the Standard.” The safety climb system is an appurtenance while on the structure and does not become a safety climb system until a competent person uses it as part of a fall protection plan. So, while the safety climb may be assessed as a part of a maintenance and condition assessment of the structure it should not be considered usable as fall protection until inspected by a competent person as part of a complete fall protection plan. This logic also applies to any structural member (tower leg, diagonal, etc.) or connection considered for fall protection use by the competent person as part of their fall protection plan.

Proposed language in Revision H helps clarify recommended Intervals in section 14.4:

Maintenance and condition assessment recommendations are as follows:

1. Three-year intervals for guyed masts and five-year intervals for self-supporting structures.

Note: The intervals recommended are based on industry experience for communication structures designed and installed per EIA or ANSI/TIA-222 Standards. More frequent inspection intervals were found to be unwarranted.



2. After severe wind and/or ice storms or other extreme conditions.
3. Shorter inspection intervals may be required for Risk Category III or IV structures and structures in coastal regions, in corrosive environments, and in areas subject to frequent vandalism.

It is important to note that these are recommended intervals that tower owners or engineers use to formulate a site-specific maintenance and condition assessment plan. The recommended intervals can change based on factors such as age of the structure and/or how often they are assessed and maintained. There are cases, based on the location and type of structure, as well as other factors that the maintenance and assessment cycle may be extended beyond five years. The inverse is also true. For example, a guyed tower located in corrosive environment may require intervals that are more frequent. It is up to the owner and their engineering professionals to use the TIA recommendations to create a program that incorporates site-specific information such as the structure type, location and the environment.

Note two (2), in Section 14.4 (Rev H) recommends that assessments after extreme weather events could be warranted. For example, in the event of a category five (V) hurricane, tower owners and carriers typically choose to deploy teams to determine the extent of damage to their wireless infrastructure.

Maintenance is emphasized by being the first word of the title for this section as it is a critical component. Typically, references are made to TIA maintenance and condition assessments as inspections only. This is a misinterpretation of Section 14, as it is very important

to understand the critical nature of the word “Maintenance” as it is an actionable item. Depending on the types of maintenance issues discovered during a condition assessment, it is the expectation that the structure will be maintained in accordance with the owner’s maintenance plan to assure structural integrity. Items discovered, that could adversely affect the structure, should be brought to the tower owners attention immediately so its engineers and operations teams can determine what maintenance or repairs, if any, are required. To perform a condition assessment (inspection) without performing a proper maintenance review is contrary to the intent of the Standard.

Annex J is a guideline and checklist for the maintenance and condition assessment.

ANSI/TIA-222-G-2 Annex J: Maintenance and Condition Assessment **(Normative)** – The preamble reads as follows:

“This annex provides checklists for: (a) maintenance and condition assessment and (b) field mapping of structures and appurtenances.

Note: This annex does not provide means and methods for RF protection.”

Tower owners and their engineering support team(s) typically use Annex J as the baseline when creating site-specific maintenance and condition programs. ANSI/TIA-222 is a consensus standard based on best practices and comprised of committees, such as TIA TR-14. These individuals are subject matter experts voluntarily contributing their time and talent to the industry. Each subsequent ANSI/TIA Standard has been an improvement over the last. ANSI/TIA-222-H is no exception and TIA expects that earlier revisions will be superseded, except for the purposes outlined in the current published Standard. It is the TR-14 member’s expectation that the development of ANSI/TIA-222-H will help the entire industry.

Some of the critical areas covered in ANSI/TIA-222-H Annex J:



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J.1 – Maintenance and Condition Assessment

- A. Structure Condition
- B. Finish
- C. Lighting
- D. Grounding
- E. Appurtenances such as Mounts, Antennas and Lines
- F. Other Appurtenances (walkways, platforms, sensors, floodlights, etc.)
- G. Base Insulator Condition for AM Towers (AM detuning kits, fiberglass rods on broadcast towers, Phillystran, etc.)
- H. Guys
- I. Concrete Foundations
- J. Structure Alignment
- K. Previous Modifications to Structure

Annex J provides an excellent guide for tower owners and engineers to establish a site-specific condition and maintenance program. A properly managed maintenance and condition assessment program ensures that the structure is maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and helps with the long-term performance of the structure. The annex also provides some base line information on mapping that should be considered by engineers when a mapping is required. The following is an overview of some of the subject area covered and in an upcoming PAN we will go into further detail on section J.2.

Section J.2 Provides guidelines for following:

- A. Mapping of Appurtenances
 - 1. Mounting Systems
- B. Mapping of Structural Members and Connections
 - 1. Self-Supporting Latticed Structures
 - 2. Guyed Masts
 - 3. Pole Structures
 - 4. Connections
- C. Tolerances
- D. Twist and Out-of-Plumb determination for Towers

Understanding Annex K (**Informative**) is recommended because it addresses the measurement of the guy wire tensions. Any adjustment to the tensions of the guy wires can also have an impact on the twist and plumb on the tower. Annex K provides the engineering equations and content related to measuring guy tensions, however it does not address the means and methods related to this type of work. As discussed in other PANs, ANSI/ASSE A10.48 should be considered for the means and methods. Annex K provides two basic methods for measuring guy wire tensions:

- A. Direct Method (load cell)
- B. Indirect Methods
 - 1. Pulse Method
 - 2. Tangent Intercept Method

Note that the approval of shunt dynamometers is a new addition as a method for measuring guy tensions for Revision H.

Once ANSI/TIA-222-H is approved (see process below), the PAN committee will delve further into these two annexes. Currently the TR-14 task group is finalizing the draft. Once the draft is finalized, the full committee will vote to approve. Once approved by the full committee there will be a public ANSI ballot/vote that will ultimately lead to the publication of ANSI/TIA-222-H - *Structural Standard for Antenna Supporting Structures and Antennas and Small Wind Turbine Structures*. ■

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with the FAA Advisory Circulars referenced in §17.23. If an antenna installation is of such a nature that its painting and lighting in accordance with these specifications are confusing, or endanger rather than assist airmen, or are otherwise inadequate, the Commission will specify the type of painting and lighting or other marking to be used in the individual situation.

[32 FR 11269, Aug. 3, 1967, as amended at 61 FR 4363, Feb. 6, 1996]

§ 17.23 Specifications for painting and lighting antenna structures.

Unless otherwise specified by the Commission, each new or altered antenna structure to be registered on or after January 1, 1996, must conform to the FAA's painting and lighting recommendations set forth on the structure's FAA determination of "no hazard," as referenced in the following FAA Advisory Circulars: AC 70/7460-1J, "Obstruction Marking and Lighting," effective January 1, 1996, and AC 150/5345-43E, "Specification for Obstruction Lighting Equipment," dated October 19, 1995. These documents are incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a). The documents contain FAA recommendations for painting and lighting structures which pose a potential hazard to air navigation. For purposes of this part, the specifications, standards, and general requirements stated in these documents are mandatory. The Advisory Circulars listed are available for inspection at the Commission Headquarters in Washington, DC, or may be obtained from Department of Transportation, Property Use and Storage Section, Subsequent Distribution Office, M483.6, Ardmore East Business Center, 3341 Q 75th Avenue, Landover, MD 20785, telephone (301) 322-4961, facsimile (301) 386-5394. Copies are also available for public inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

[64 FR 27474, May 20, 1999, as amended at 69 FR 18803, Apr. 9, 2004]

AVIATION RED OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING [RESERVED]

§§ 17.24-17.43 [Reserved]

§ 17.45 Temporary warning lights.

During construction of an antenna structure, for which red obstruction lighting is required, at least two 116- or 125-watt lamps (A21/TS) enclosed in aviation red obstruction light globes, shall be installed at the uppermost point of the structure. The intensity of each lamp shall not be less than 32.5 candelas. In addition, as the height of the structure exceeds each level at which permanent obstruction lights will be required, two similar lights shall be installed at each such level. These temporary warning lights shall be displayed nightly from sunset to sunrise until the permanent obstruction lights have been installed and placed in operation, and shall be positioned so as to insure unobstructed visibility of at least one of the lights at any normal angle of approach. If practical, the permanent obstruction lights may be installed and operated at each required level as construction progresses.

[32 FR 11273, Aug. 3, 1967, as amended at 39 FR 26157, July 17, 1974; 42 FR 54826, Oct. 11, 1977]

§ 17.47 Inspection of antenna structure lights and associated control equipment.

The owner of any antenna structure which is registered with the Commission and has been assigned lighting specifications referenced in this part:

- (a)(1) Shall make an observation of the antenna structure's lights at least once each 24 hours either visually or by observing an automatic properly maintained indicator designed to register any failure of such lights, to insure that all such lights are functioning properly as required; or alternatively,
- (2) Shall provide and properly maintain an automatic alarm system designed to detect any failure of such lights and to provide indication of such failure to the owner.

(b) Shall inspect at intervals not to exceed 3 months all automatic or mechanical control devices, indicators, and alarm systems associated with the

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antenna structure lighting to insure that such apparatus is functioning properly.

[61 FR 4363, Feb. 6, 1996]

§ 17.48 Notification of extinguishment or improper functioning of lights.

The owner of any antenna structure which is registered with the Commission and has been assigned lighting specifications referenced in this part:

(a) Shall report immediately by telephone or telegraph to the nearest Flight Service Station or office of the Federal Aviation Administration any observed or otherwise known extinguishment or improper functioning of any top steady burning light or any flashing obstruction light, regardless of its position on the antenna structure, not corrected within 30 minutes. Such reports shall set forth the condition of the light or lights, the circumstances which caused the failure, the probable date for restoration of service, the FCC Antenna Structure Registration Number, the height of the structure (AGL and AMSL if known) and the name, title, address, and telephone number of the person making the report. Further notification by telephone or telegraph shall be given immediately upon resumption of normal operation of the light or lights.

(b) An extinguishment or improper functioning of a steady burning side intermediate light or lights, shall be corrected as soon as possible, but notification to the FAA of such extinguishment or improper functioning is not required.

[32 FR 11273, Aug. 3, 1967, as amended at 39 FR 26157, July 17, 1974; 40 FR 30267, July 18, 1975; 61 FR 4364, Feb. 6, 1996]

§ 17.49 Recording of antenna structure light inspections in the owner record.

The owner of each antenna structure which is registered with the Commission and has been assigned lighting specifications referenced in this part must maintain a record of any observed or otherwise known extinguishment or improper functioning of a structure light and include the following information for each such event:

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(a) The nature of such extinguishment or improper functioning.

(b) The date and time the extinguishment or improper operation was observed or otherwise noted.

(c) Date and time of FAA notification, if applicable.

(d) The date, time and nature of adjustments, repairs, or replacements made.

[48 FR 38477, Aug. 24, 1983, as amended at 61 FR 4364, Feb. 6, 1996]

§ 17.50 Cleaning and repainting.

Antenna structures requiring painting under this part shall be cleaned or repainted as often as necessary to maintain good visibility.

[61 FR 4364, Feb. 6, 1996]

§ 17.51 Time when lights should be exhibited.

(a) All red obstruction lighting shall be exhibited from sunset to sunrise unless otherwise specified.

(b) All high intensity and medium intensity obstruction lighting shall be exhibited continuously unless otherwise specified.

[40 FR 30267, July 18, 1975, as amended at 61 FR 4364, Feb. 6, 1996]

§ 17.53 Lighting equipment and paint.

The lighting equipment, color or filters, and shade of paint referred to in the specifications are further defined in the following government and/or Army-Navy aeronautical specifications, bulletins, and drawings (lamps are referred to by standard numbers):

Outside white	TT-P-102 ¹ (Color No. 17875, FS-595).
Aviation surface orange	TT-P-59 ¹ (Color No. 12197, FS-595).
Aviation surface orange, enamel.	TT-E-489 ¹ (Color No. 12197, FS-595).
Aviation red obstruction light—color.	MIL-C-25050 ² .
Flashing beacons	CAA-446 ³ Code Beacons, 300 mm.
Do	MIL-6273 ² .
Double and single obstruction light.	L-810 ³ (FAA AC No. 150/5345-2 ⁴).
Do	MIL-L-7830 ² .
High intensity white obstruction light.	FAA/DOD L-856 (FAA AC No. 150/5345-43B ⁴).
116-Watt lamp	No. 116 A21/TS (6,000 h).
125-Watt lamp	No. 125 A21/TS (6,000 h).
620-Watt lamp	No. 620 PS-40 (3,000 h).



LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PETITION

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

This amendment makes several changes to lighting standards related to commercial development in order to limit certain types of lighting that may be distracting or out of character with the surrounding community.

LDC SECTION TO BE AMENDED

1.08.02 Definitions
5.05.08 Architectural and Site Design Standards
5.05.11 Carwashes Abutting Residential Zoning Districts

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

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BACKGROUND

Lighting technology advances have led to the development of architectural lighting that includes a wide variety of designs and colors (See Exhibit A). Recently, some new construction projects in the county have included multi-colored, flashing light displays. These installations have caused concern for being distracting and a nuisance to motorists and the surrounding neighborhood.

On February 26, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) directed staff to draft an ordinance to address certain types of lighting on buildings that can become a nuisance, or which may be out of character with the surrounding community. Staff has also received complaints from the public regarding lighting of mechanical equipment at car washes. This amendment addresses three lighting issues:

1. Clarifies the difference between accent lighting and architectural lighting,
2. Adds exterior building color standards to the architectural and site design standards, and
3. Prohibits lighting on buildings or car wash equipment that changes color, flashes, or alternates.

Collier County’s definition of accent lighting is limited to “strands or tubes of lighting that outline a structure.” This form of lighting is prohibited by the sign code in LDC Section 5.06.00. This prohibition was intended to be limited to “exposed” strands or tubes of lighting. However, there are some forms of lighting that outline a structure but do not include exposed lighting, and therefore should not be prohibited (See Exhibit B). This amendment clarifies the definition and prohibition of accent lighting to only include exposed lighting.

Collier County’s existing architectural standards include limitations on exterior building colors based on color saturation and lightness level (See Exhibit C). This amendment adds the illumination of windows or walls to the building color standards in LDC Section 5.05.08 F.7 in order to apply the same limitations on building colors that are applied to building materials and finish paints to lighting colors as well.

The addition of building illumination standards to the Site Design and Architectural standards is consistent with the approach of several other communities. Standards related to colors of architectural lighting, or whether lights change color, flash, or alternate, are found throughout Florida (See Exhibit D).

Additionally, signage is not permitted to include lights that change color, flash, or alternate. This amendment applies a similar standard to building facades by adding building illumination standards to the architectural and site design standards in LDC Section 5.05.08 F.7, and to the lighting of car wash equipment at carwashes abutting residential zoning districts in LDC Section 5.05.11.

FISCAL & OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

This amendment may result in businesses that are to become non-conforming with lighting restrictions. Businesses will bear any cost associated with removing or replacing previously installed lighting. This amendment will also require lighting colors to be shown on architectural plans and reviewed by County staff. There are no anticipated fiscal impacts to Collier County associated with this amendment.

GMP CONSISTENCY

The Growth Management Plan's (GMP) land use elements (Future Land Use Element, Golden Gate Area Master Plan, Immokalee Area Master Plan) contain subdistricts and overlays that identify allowable uses, densities and intensities; some contain development standards, but most do not. No Elements of the GMP address or restrict lighting in the detail addressed in this LDCA. The LDC may be more restrictive than the GMP but not less restrictive. Based upon the above analysis, the proposed LDC amendment may be deemed consistent with the GMP.

EXHIBITS: A) Architectural Lighting Examples; B) Accent Lighting Examples; C) Collier County Architectural Color Chart; and D) Architectural and Accent Lighting in Other Communities

Amend the LDC as follows:

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2 **1.08.02 – Definitions**

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4 *Abut or abutting:* To share a common property line or boundary at any one point.

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6 *Accent lighting:* ~~Strands~~ Exposed strands or tubes of lighting that outline a structure, or to
7 maintain a common architectural theme to attract attention to any business, service, or other
8 related functions.

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12 **5.05.08 – Architectural and Site Design Standards**

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16 F. Site design standards. Compliance with the standards set forth in this section must be
17 demonstrated by submittal of architectural drawings and a site development plan in
18 accordance with the Administrative Code and LDC section 10.02.03.

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22 7. Lighting. See LDC sections 4.05.02 D and 6.06.03 for additional requirements.

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24 a. Purpose and intent. All building sites and projects, including outparcels,
25 shall be designed to provide safe, convenient, and efficient lighting for
26 pedestrians and vehicles. Lighting must be designed in a consistent and
27 coordinated manner for the entire site. The lighting and lighting fixtures
28 must be integrated and designed so as to enhance the visual impact of the
29 project on the community and blend with the landscape.

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31 b. Shielding standards. Lighting must be designed so as to prevent direct
32 glare, light spillage and hazardous interference with automotive and
33 pedestrian traffic on adjoining streets and all adjacent properties. Light
34 sources must be concealed or shielded.

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36 c. Height standards. Lighting fixtures within the parking lot must be a
37 maximum of 25 feet in height, and 15 feet in height for the non-vehicular
38 pedestrian areas.

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40 d. Design standards. Lighting must be used to provide safety while accenting
41 key architectural elements and to emphasize landscape features. Light
42 fixtures must complement the design of the project. This can be
43 accomplished through style, material or color.

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45 i. The illumination of windows or walls, using a mix of three or more
46 colors, or with lights that change color, flash, or alternate is
47 prohibited. The illumination of windows or walls with less than three
48 colors with colors above level 8 saturation (chroma) or below
49 lightness level 3 on the Collier County Architectural Color Charts is
50 limited to no more than 10 percent of a façade or the total roof area.

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2 e. Illumination. Background spaces, such as parking lots, shall be illuminated
3 as unobtrusively as possible to meet the functional needs of safe circulation
4 and of protecting people and property. Foreground spaces, including
5 building entrances and plaza seating areas, must utilize local lighting that
6 defines the space.
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10 **5.05.11 - Carwashes Abutting Residential Zoning Districts**

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- 12 A. Carwashes designed to serve vehicles exceeding a capacity rating of one ton shall not be
- 13 allowed.
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- 15 B. Minimum yards.
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- 17 1. Front yard setback: fifty (50) feet.
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- 19 2. Side yard setback: forty (40) feet.
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- 21 3. Rear yard setback: forty (40) feet.
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- 23 C. A carwash shall not be located on a lot with less than 150 feet of frontage on a dedicated
- 24 street or highway.
- 25
- 26 D. Minimum lot size is 18,000 square feet.
- 27
- 28 E. If a carwash, vacuum station, or compressed air station abuts a residential district, a
- 29 masonry or equivalent wall constructed with a decorative finish, six (6) feet in height shall
- 30 be erected along the lot line opposite the residential district and the lot lines perpendicular
- 31 to the lot lines opposite the residential district for a distance not less than fifteen (15) feet.
- 32 The wall shall be located within a landscaped buffer as specified in section 4.06.00. All
- 33 walls shall be protected by a barrier to prevent vehicles from contacting them.
- 34
- 35 F. The building shall maintain a consistent architectural theme along each building façade.
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- 37 G. A carwash shall be subject to Ordinance No. 90-17, Collier County Noise Control
- 38 Ordinance [Code ch. 54, art. IV].
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- 40 H. The washing and polishing operations for all car washing facilities, including self-service
- 41 car washing facilities, shall be enclosed on at least two sides and shall be covered by a
- 42 roof. Vacuuming facilities may be located outside the building, but may not be located in
- 43 any required yard area.
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- 45 I. Carwashes abutting residential districts shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
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- 47 J. The illumination of car wash equipment with lights that change color, flash, or alternate is
- 48 prohibited.

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Exhibit A –Architectural Lighting Examples








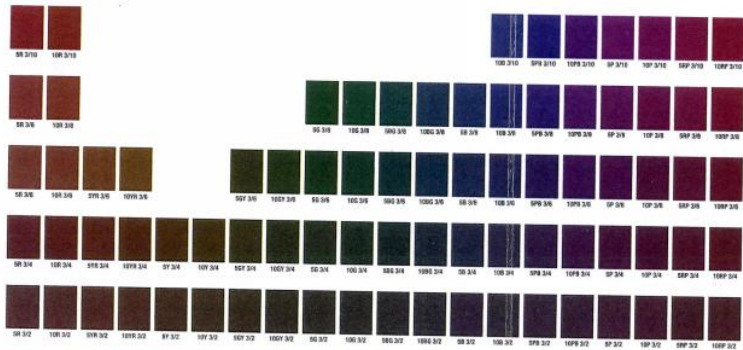
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Exhibit B –Accent Lighting Examples

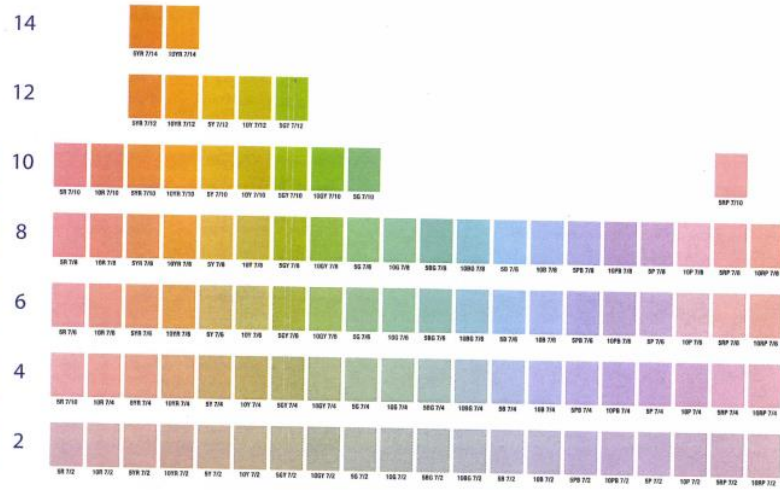
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Exhibit C – Collier County Architectural Color Chart

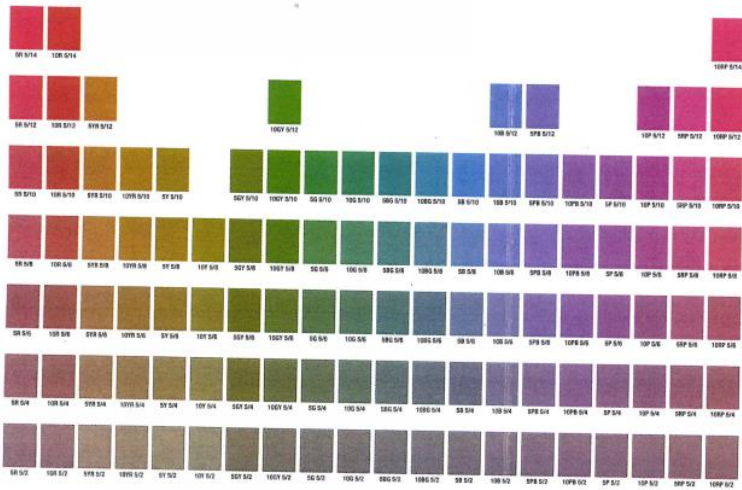
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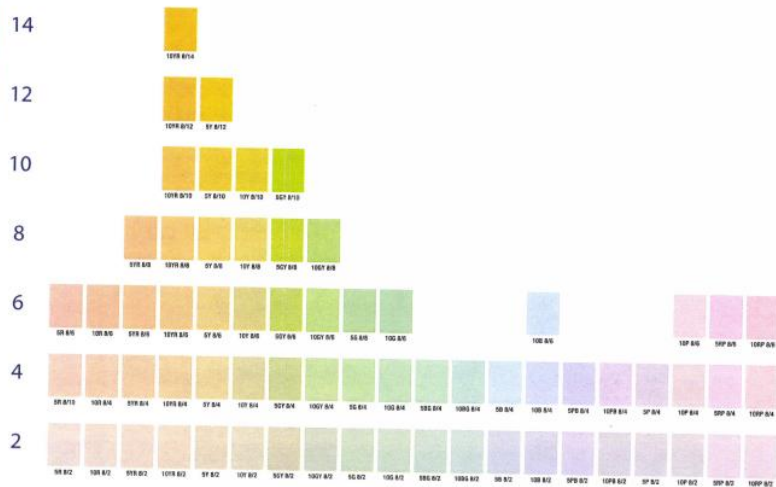
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Lightness Level 5 Chart



Lightness Level 8 Chart



Collier County Architectural Color Chart, Copyright 2011 © Nick Hale

Exhibit D – Architectural & Accent Lighting in Other Communities

Community and Citation	Architectural and Accent Lighting Standards (Bold emphasis added)
<p>City of Sunrise <i>16-140 (4)</i></p>	<p>(4) <i>Building façade</i> lighting. Exterior building lighting shall be in accordance with the following requirements:</p> <p>a. Floodlights, spotlights, or any other similar lighting shall not be used to illuminate buildings, structures, or other site features unless approved as an integral architectural element on the site plan. On-site lighting may be used to accent architectural elements but not used to illuminate an entire façade of a building. Temporary lighting such as strip lighting is prohibited unless in accordance with subsection (b) below. Where accent lighting is used, the maximum illumination on any vertical surface or angular roof surface shall not exceed 5.0 average maintained footcandles. Building façade and accent lighting will not be approved unless the light fixtures are compatible in design, and located, aimed, and shielded so that light is directed only onto the building facade and spillover light is minimized.</p> <p>b. Holiday lights and decorations are prohibited except between November 15 and January 5 provided they do not cause excessive glare that creates a public safety hazard.</p>
<p>Brevard County <i>62-2257</i></p>	<p>(4) Accent lighting is hereby defined as the lighting of area(s) within a site which emphasizes key architectural elements of the site's building(s), particular objects such as a piece of art or retail displays, or landscaped areas without creating shadows or hot spots resulting in uneven site lighting conditions. All lighting fixtures (cut-off or non cut-off) utilized to provide accent lighting shall be so designated on the site's engineered site plan. Accent lighting fixtures providing illumination for specific portions of a building's wall area are known as wall-washers. Wall-washer light fixtures are cut-off or non cut-off lighting fixtures normally mounted at ground level and aimed at an upward angle to cast illumination upon an adjacent building's wall. Up-lighting is the term used to describe the lighting of objects located above the horizontal plane of the lighting fixture. Down-lighting is the term used to describe the lighting of objects located below the horizontal plane of the lighting fixture. Accent lighting fixtures which utilize up-lighting or are used to illuminate landscape vegetation shall be limited to a maximum 5.0 foot-candles lighting threshold in order to limit the adverse impacts of light pollution (illumination of the night sky). Accent lighting fixtures which utilize down-lighting shall be limited to a reduced 35.0 foot-candle maximum lighting threshold in order to limit the adverse impacts of glare and reflection.</p>
<p>City of St. Petersburg <i>16.90.020 (3)</i></p>	<p>(3) Accent lighting. Accent lighting is lighting that is designed to emphasize the shape, texture, finish, or color of a portion of an exterior wall or an architectural feature.</p>

Exhibit D – Architectural & Accent Lighting in Other Communities

<p>Lee County 34-2</p>	<p>Non-essential lighting means lighting that is not necessary for an intended purpose after the purpose has been served. For example, lighting for a business sign, architectural accent lighting, and parking lot lighting, may be considered essential during business or activity hours, but is considered non-essential once the activity or business day has concluded.</p>
<p>City of Palm Beach Gardens 78-751</p>	<p>Accent lighting means any lighting that is used to enhance, highlight, or define specific elements of landscaping, art, or architecture.</p>
<p>City of Miami Gardens 34-417 (4)</p>	<p>(4) Building and accent lighting.</p> <p>a. Lighting of buildings. All exterior building lighting, including entry, facade, rooftop, security, and accent lighting shall conform to the requirements provided below:</p> <p>1. Permitted lighting. Exterior lighting may be used to illuminate a building and its grounds for safety purposes, so long as the lighting is done in a manner that is aesthetically pleasing compatible with the overall surroundings, and in compliance with this section.</p> <p>2. Compatibility. Lighting shall be installed in a manner that is compatible with the neighborhood and adjacent development, and protects dark skies.</p> <p>3. Fixtures. All fixtures used in exterior building lighting are to be selected for functional and aesthetic value. Light fixtures shall not be directly beamed upward or toward adjacent properties and pedestrian areas.</p> <p>4. Accent lighting for nonresidential and multifamily buildings. Accent lighting for architectural and/or aesthetic purposes is permitted subject to the following restrictions:</p> <p>(i) All upward-aimed lights shall be fully shielded from projecting into the sky by eaves, roofs, or overhangs.</p> <p>(ii) Strings of lights or other similar accent lighting may be installed on trees and landscaping and on buildings below the roofline provided: Light strings shall not be suspended horizontally between any buildings, walls, fences, trees, or shrubs. Strings of light shall contain only low wattage clear bulbs (less than 100 lumens) without interior or exterior frosting, colors or reflectors.</p> <p>(iii) Integration with form. Lighting which mimics the architectural lines of the building or part of the building, unless otherwise allowed in this section, shall only be permitted by approval of an administrative petition.</p>
<p>City of Daytona Beach 6.9 D</p>	<p>D. Prohibited Lighting. The following exterior lighting is prohibited:</p> <p>1. Light fixtures that imitate an official highway or traffic control light or sign;</p> <p>2. Light fixtures in the direct line of vision with any traffic control light or sign;</p>

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<p>& 6.10 M</p>	<p>3. Light fixtures that have a flashing or intermittent pattern of illumination, except electronic message center signage permitted in accordance with Section 6.10.J.7, Electronic Message Center Signs;</p> <p>4. Privately-owned light fixtures located in the public right-of-way; and</p> <p>5. Searchlights, except when used by Federal, State or local authorities.</p> <p>* * * * *</p> <p>M. Architectural Accent Lighting.</p> <p>1. Architectural accent lighting is nonblinking fiber optic, neon, or incandescent light applied as an architectural enhancement to accent the roof edge or details of a commercial building. Fiber optics may change color but not so rapidly as to simulate blinking lights.</p> <p>2. All architectural accent lighting shall meet the following requirements.</p> <p>a. The lighting shall be designed as an integral architectural element of the building and accent significant architectural aspects of the building.</p> <p>b. The color of the accent lighting shall be harmonious with the building, surrounding buildings, and the site.</p> <p>3. In Redevelopment Areas, architectural accent lighting shall be subject to approval of the Redevelopment Board for the area. In all other areas of the City, architectural accent lighting shall be subject to review and approval by City staff.</p>
<p>City of Palm Springs 34-332</p>	<p>Accent lighting of a building facade for architectural, aesthetic, or decorative purposes is permitted subject to the following restrictions:</p> <p>(1) All upward-aimed lights shall be fully shielded from projecting into the sky by eaves, roofs, overhangs, artwork, or architectural elements.</p> <p>(2) Strings of lights or other similar accent lighting may be installed on trees and landscaping and on buildings below the roofline provided:</p> <p>a. Strings of lights shall not be suspended horizontally between any buildings, walls, fences, trees, or shrubs.</p> <p>b. Strings of light shall contain only low wattage clear bulbs (less than 100 lumens) without interior or exterior frosting, colors, or reflectors.</p> <p>(3) Integration with form. Lighting following the form of the building or part of the building, unless otherwise permitted in this section, shall only be permitted as a component of site plan/architectural approval by the village council.</p>

Exhibit D – Architectural & Accent Lighting in Other Communities

<p>City of Casselberry 3-10.2 B</p>	<p>Accent lighting. Decorative lights used to draw attention to particular features or objects such as plants, trees, walls, fountains, or buildings. Such lights shall be aimed to accentuate shadows or to highlight a particular object at night. Accent lights shall not impact safety and security, such as masking steps or ledges, or produce glare such that a person or property owner cannot see properly. They shall be limited to low voltage systems of 12 volts or 24 volts. The lighting should aesthetically enhance the overall site and not create glare or light trespass.</p>
<p>City of South Miami 20-3.6 (U)(D)</p>	<p>(D) Definitions as used in this section. 1. Accent lighting means any directional lighting which emphasizes a particular object or draws attention to a particular area.</p>
<p>City of Lake Park 5-10</p>	<p>Sec. 5-10. - Exterior architectural lighting. A. General. The term "exterior lighting," as used in this section, shall mean any variety of lighting forming an integral part of a building. Such lighting shall meet the following requirements and shall be subject to final approval by the jurisdiction. B. Limitations. Exterior lighting shall not: 1. Flash, revolve, flutter or be animated; 2. Obstruct the vision of pedestrians. 3. Project into or over any public street right-of-way including the sidewalk; 4. Obstruct or interfere with any door, fire exit, stairway, ladder or opening intended to provide light, air, ingress or egress; 5. Constitute a traffic hazard or be a detriment to traffic safety.</p>

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Changes to Previously Reviewed Chapters

Chapters 2 & 3	
Entire Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross-references to Chapter 1, where additional details can be found, were added within the <i>Initiation</i> and <i>Completeness and Processing of Application</i> sections;• ‘Affidavit of Authorization’, and ‘Electronic Copies of All Documents’ have been added to all application types where previously missing; and• All Public Notice Sign Templates have been removed, and the sign templates will now be found within Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code.
Chapter 4	
Ch. 4 A. – Architectural Plans	Clarified roof plan requirements for architectural drawings.
Ch. 4 H. – Sign Permit	Site Plan requirements for a wall sign previously referenced another section. The cross-reference was removed, and site plan information is now included.
Ch. 4 I.2 – Site Development Plan	DSAC-LDR proposed that lighting plan requirements be consistent with the LDC. Staff can confirm that the Administrative Code language is accurate. A LDC amendment to change the credential requirements are not supported by staff, as an amendment to accomplish this change was proposed in the past and did not get carried forward to adoption.

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A. Architectural Plans

Reference	LDC sections 5.05.08 and 10.02.03 .
Applicability	Architectural review is required for buildings, structures, and projects as described in LDC sub section 5.05.08 B . ↔ See Chapter 6 F. of the Administrative Code to request an Alternative Architectural Design.
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting may be required as a component of the submittal of the Site Development Plan, Site Development Plan Amendment, Site Improvement Plan, Alternative Architectural Design Standards Plan, or Building Permit application, as applicable.
Initiation	The applicant submits architectural plans to the Development Review Division in conjunction with the Site Development Plan, Site Development Plan Amendment, Site Improvement Plan, Alternative Architectural Design Standards Plan, or Building Permit application, as applicable.
Application Contents	<p>The application must include the following:</p> <p><u>Submittal Credentials:</u> Pursuant to LDC section 5.05.08, architectural drawings shall be signed and sealed by a licensed architect registered in the State of Florida.</p> <p><u>The architectural drawings must include the following, as applicable:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Scaled elevations for all sides of the building at a minimum of 1/8 in. scale.2. Floor plans of each proposed building with dimensions.3. <u>If rooftop-mounted equipment is proposed, a roof plan showing equipment screens or parapets scaled wall section from top of roof to grade.</u>4. Renderings to show materials, color scheme and/or paint chips, and roof color samples, in particular for elevations with multiple colors and/or for colors restricted by the LDC.5. For projects subject to LDC subsection 5.05.08 CD.3 Façade/wall height transition elements must include site sections showing the relationship to adjacent structures.6. <u>A scaled wall section from top of roof to grade.</u>
Completeness and Processing of Application	The Architectural Plans are processed in conjunction with the Site Development Plan, Site Development Plan Amendment, Site Improvement Plan, Alternative Architectural Design Standards Plan, or Building Permit application, as applicable.
Notice	No notice is required.
Public Hearing	No public hearing is required.
Decision maker	The County Manager or designee.
Review Process	The Architectural Plans will be reviewed by the Development Review Division as part of the Site Development Plan, Site Improvement Plan, Alternative Architectural Design Standards Plan, or Building Permit application.

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H. Sign Permit

Reference	LDC section <u>5.06.00</u> .
Applicability	This procedure applies to any construction, installation, rebuilding, reconstruction, relocation, alteration, or change in the sign, including a change in the graphics or message of any sign.
Pre-application	A pre-application meeting is not required.
Initiation	<p>The applicant files a Sign Permit application with the Operations & Regulatory Management Department<u>Division</u>.</p> <p>The Sign Permit can be downloaded from the Collier County website by following this link: http://www.colliergov.net/index.aspx?page=3428.</p> <p><u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u></p>
Application Contents	<p>Submittal Credentials: All drawings, plans, and specifications for pole signs, projecting signs, and any ground sign over 32 square feet or 8 feet in height shall be submitted by a Florida certified design professional.</p> <p>The application must include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applicant contact information.Notarized approval letter from property owner or management company.The legal description and the street address of the property upon which the sign is to be erected.The dimensions of the sign including height.The graphics/message to be placed on the sign face.If the sign or sign graphics/message is illuminated or electronically operated, the technical means by which this is to be accomplished.

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Additional Requirements for Wall Signs In addition to the application contents mentioned above, applications for a Wall Sign must also include the following, pursuant to **LDC** section **5.06.11**:

1. Two copies of the Construction Drawings, including:
 - **a.** Method of attachment or Engineering;
 - **b.** Color rendering; and
 - **c.** Dimensions of signage.
2. Two copies of the Elevation Drawings, including:
 - **a.** Identifying the height and width of the unit or building;
 - **b.** Placement of sign on elevation;
 - **c.** 10 percent clear area; and
 - **d.** If more than 1 wall sign is applied for, a site plan showing location if more than 1 wall sign is applied for, including the following: ~~See Freestanding Sign site plan requirements below.~~
 - **i.** Showing placement of sign;
 - **ii.** Showing setbacks from sign to property lines;
 - **iii.** Showing road frontage dimensions; and
 - **iv.** Showing location.

Additional Requirements for Freestanding Signs In addition to the application contents mentioned above, applications for a Freestanding Sign must also include the following, pursuant to **LDC** section **5.06.11**:

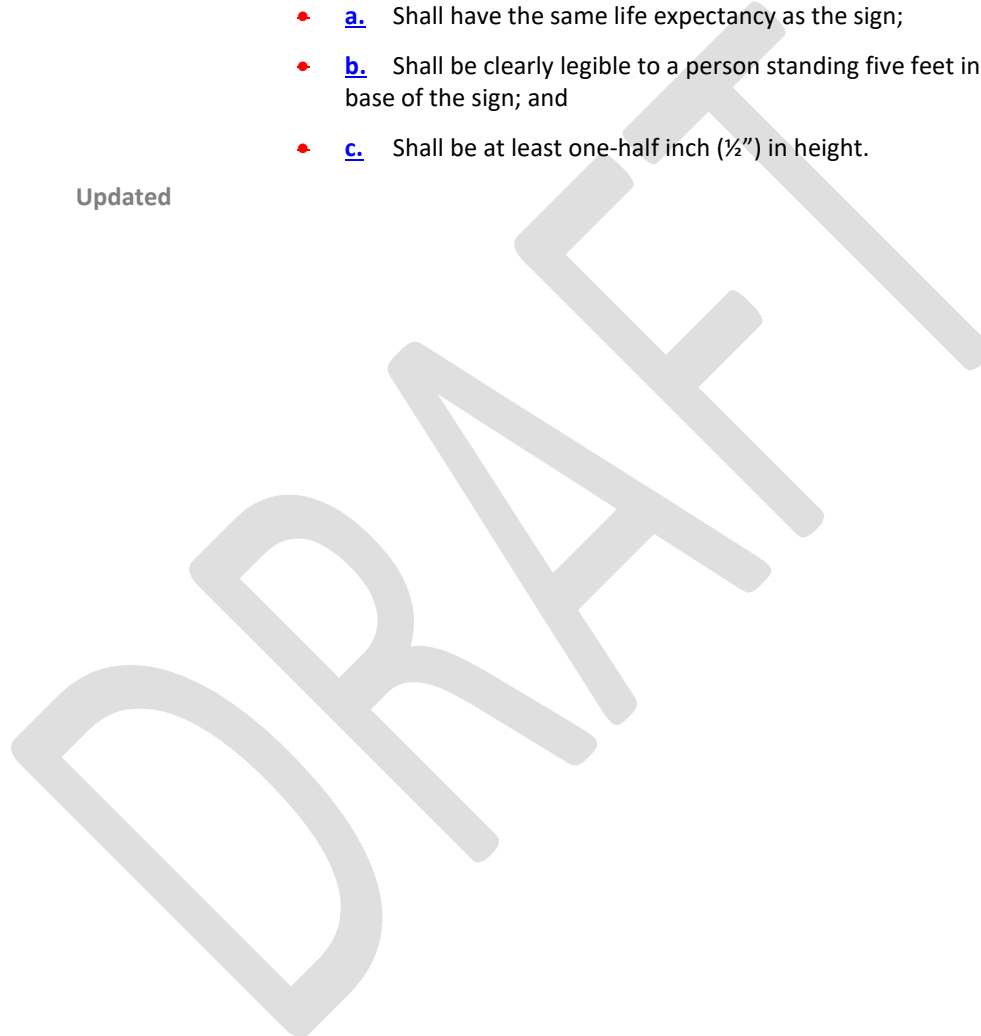
1. Two copies of the Construction Drawings, including:
 - **a.** Method of attachment or Engineering;
 - **b.** Color rendering; and
 - **c.** Dimensions of signage.
2. Two copies of the Site Plans, including:
 - **a.** Showing placement of sign;
 - **b.** Showing setbacks from sign to property lines;
 - **c.** Showing road frontage dimensions; and
 - **d.** Showing location.

Completeness and Processing of Application ~~The Operations and Regulatory Management Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the applicant will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the applicant that the permit is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number assigned to the permit. This permit tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition.~~
See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.

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- Notice** No notice is required.
- Public Hearing** No public hearing is required.
- Decision maker** The County Manager or designee.
- Review Process** The Operations and Regulatory Management ~~Department~~Division will review the application utilizing the criteria identified in LDC section 5.06.00.
- Permit Number Displayed** Following approval, only the current permit number shall be displayed or affixed at the base of the sign structure, and
- a. Shall have the same life expectancy as the sign;
 - b. Shall be clearly legible to a person standing five feet in front of the base of the sign; and
 - c. Shall be at least one-half inch (½") in height.

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I.2. Site Development Plans (SDP)

Reference	LDC section 10.02.03 and other provisions of the LDC.
Applicability	All development is subject to this subchapter, unless it is exempt pursuant to LDC sub section 10.02.03 A.3.
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is required unless waived by the County Manager or designee at the request of the applicant , pursuant to LDC sub section 10.02.03 D.
Initiation	The applicant files an “ <i>Application for Site Development Plan</i> ” with the Development Review Division. <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u>
Application Contents	*Please note: Provided the only item that has proposed to change since last review* <u>15. Lighting plans signed and sealed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Florida, or by the utility provider.</u>

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2019 Administrative Code Updates

All Chapters	
	<p>Non-substantive changes have been made, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor grammar updates; • Terminology updates; • Division name updates; • In the case of where a bulleted list is present, the bullets have been replaced with letters; • Cross-references to Chapter 1, where additional details can be found, were added within the <i>Initiation</i> and <i>Completeness and Processing of Application</i> sections; • ‘Property Ownership Disclosure Form’ has been added to the <i>Application Contents</i> section for all application types that have a public hearing; and • ‘Affidavit of Authorization’, and ‘Electronic Copies of All Documents’ have been added to all application types where these items are missing.
Chapter 6 – Waivers, Exemptions, and Reductions	
Ch. 6 A. – Administrative Fence/Wall Waiver (AFW)	Added information to the <i>Applicability</i> section to clarify the scenarios in which an AFW can be utilized, and for consistency with the LDC.
Ch. 6 B. – Administrative Parking Reduction (APR)	Updated LDC section references. Added ‘copy of most current approved SDP or SIP’, and ‘copy of approved Zoning Certificate’ to the <i>Application Contents</i> for consistency with existing application.
Ch. 6 E. – Alcohol Distance Waiver	The <i>Notice</i> and <i>Application Contents</i> sections have been updated to include the required Agent Letter information.
Ch. 6 F. – Alternative Architectural Design	Updated LDC section references.
Ch. 6 G. – Facilities with Fuel Pumps Waiver (Previously ‘Automobile Service Station Waiver’)	Updated the title of this process for consistency with the LDC. The <i>Notice</i> and <i>Application Contents</i> sections have been updated to include the required Agent Letter information.
Ch. 6 H. – Nonconforming Use Change (NUC)	The <i>Notice</i> section was updated to include the Mailed Notice and Sign requirements.
Ch. 6 J. – Post Take Plan	The Agent Letter information within the <i>Application Contents</i> has been removed, as an Agent Letter notification is not required. The Sign requirement within the <i>Additional Notice</i> section has been removed as the LDC does not require a sign.
Chapter 7 – Supplementary Submittal Requirements for Land Use Applications	
	No substantive changes have been made.
Chapter 8 – Public Notice	
Ch. 8 B. – Neighborhood Information Meeting	<i>Conduct of Meeting</i> has been revised to clarify Collier County staff’s role as observers for NIMs. <i>Meeting Follow-Up</i> has been

	revised to require the written NIM summary be submitted prior to scheduling a public hearing.
Ch. 8 E. – Posting of a Sign	Added a <i>Sign Template</i> section that details the items required on a public notice sign.
Chapter 9 – Office of the Hearing Examiner-Procedures	
	The <i>Assignment</i> section has been updated to revise petition names for consistency with the LDC, and to remove the PUD Extension process.
Chapter 10 – Where to Find Current Information	
	No substantive changes have been made.
Chapter 11 – Contact Information	
	No substantive changes have been made.
Chapter 12 – Acronyms	
	No substantive changes have been made.
Chapter 13 – Glossary	
	Added a Florida Statute reference to the Newspaper Advertisement definition.
Chapter 14 – Appendix A.	
	No substantive changes have been made.

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The following applications and approvals listed in this Chapter provide waivers, exemptions, and reductions from the standards identified in the LDC. Some petitions require a public hearing for approval.

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A. Administrative Fence/Wall Waiver (AFW)

Reference	LDC sub section 5.03.02 F.D.2 and LDC section <u>5.03.02 H.4.a.</u>
Applicability	This procedure applies to a request to administratively approve <u>the following:</u> an alternative to the fence or wall design requirements, where there is a non-residential development on the adjoining parcel or abutting right-of-way. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>1. A variance from the height limitations of fences and walls in commercial and industrial zoning districts; or</u><u>2. An alternative to the fence or wall design requirements between residential and nonresidential development, where there is a local street that lies contiguous to the rear of a residence or some other physical separation exists between the residential development and the nonresidential development.</u>
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is not required.
Initiation	The applicant files an “Administrative Fence Waiver/ <u>Variance</u> ” application with the Planning & Zoning Department <u>Division</u> <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u>
Application Contents	The application must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applicant contact information.Property information, including;<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Section, township and range;• <u>b.</u> Subdivision, unit, lot and block; and• <u>c.</u> Address of subject site.A narrative description of the site and a detailed explanation of the alternative proposal to meet the intent of the LDC.Illustrations, landscape plans, photos, and other illustrative materials that support the applicant’s proposal.<u>5. Affidavit of Authorization.</u><u>6. Electronic copies of all documents.</u>
Completeness and Processing of Application	The Planning & Zoning Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the applicant will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the applicant that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., XX201200000) assigned to the petition. This petition tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition. <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.</u>
Notice	No notice is required.
Public Hearing	No public hearing is required.

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Decision maker The County Manager or designee.

Review Process The ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division will review the application, identify whether additional materials are needed and approve, approve with conditions or deny the Administrative Fence/Wall Waiver.

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B. Administrative Parking Reduction (APR)

Reference	LDC sub section <u>4.05.04 F.24.</u>
Applicability	This procedure applies to the process where the County Manager or designee may determine the minimum parking requirements for a use which is not specifically identified in the LDC or for which an applicant has provided evidence that a specific use is of such a unique nature that the applicable minimum parking ratio listed in the LDC should not be applied.
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is not required.
Initiation	The applicant files an “Administrative Parking Reduction” application with the Planning & Zoning Department <u>Division</u> . <u>⇨ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u>
Application Contents	The application must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applicant contact information.Property information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Section, township and range;• <u>b.</u> Subdivision, lot and block; and• <u>c.</u> Address of subject site.Type of business.Hours of operation.Signed and sealed survey.6. Addressing checklist.To determine the minimum parking requirements for a use which is not specifically identified in the LDC or for which an applicant has provided evidence that a specific use is of such a unique nature that the applicable minimum parking ratio listed in the LDC should not be applied, then the applicant may be required to submit the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Parking generation studies;• <u>b.</u> Evidence of parking ratios applied by other counties and municipalities for the specific use;• <u>c.</u> Reserved parking pursuant to LDC section <u>4.04.05</u>; and• <u>d.</u> Other conditions and safeguards deemed to be appropriate to protect the public health, safety and welfare.<u>8. Affidavit of Authorization.</u><u>9. Copy of most current approved SDP or SIP, if applicable.</u><u>10. Copy of approved Zoning Certificate, if applicable.</u>

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Completeness and Processing of Application	The Planning & Zoning Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the applicant will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the applicant that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., XX201200000) assigned to the petition. This petition tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition. ↔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.
Notice	No notice is required.
Public Hearing	No public hearing is required.
Decision maker	The County Manager or designee.
Review Process	The Planning & Zoning Department <u>Division</u> will review the application, identify whether additional materials are needed and prepare a letter of approval or denial utilizing the criteria identified in the LDC sub section 4.05.04 F.24 .
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C. Administrative Parking Exemption

Reference	LDC sub sections <u>4.05.02 K.1-2.</u>
Applicability	This procedure applies to a request for relief from various requirements of the minimum parking requirements established by the LDC, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Allowing off-site parking on non-contiguous lots under the same ownership, and/or2. Allowing off-site parking on contiguous lots under different ownership (shared parking).
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is not required but may be requested to determine if the exemption request may be fulfilled administratively.
Initiation	The applicant files an “ <i>Application for Public Hearing for Parking Exemption</i> ” with the Planning & Zoning Department <u>Division</u> . <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u>
Application Contents	The application must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applicant contact information.2. Property information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Legal description; and• <u>b.</u> Principal site property information and off-site parking area information, with the following included:<ol style="list-style-type: none">• <u>i.</u> Property identification number;• <u>ii.</u> Section, township and range;• <u>iii.</u> Subdivision, unit, lot and block, or metes and bounds description;• <u>iv.</u> Address of subject site and general location; and• <u>v.</u> Size of property in feet and acres.3. The name and mailing address of all registered Home Owners Association’s that could be affected by the application.4. Disclosure of ownership<u>Property Ownership Disclosure Form.</u>5. Project information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Zoning classification of proposed off-site parking lot;• <u>b.</u> Zoning and type of land use of the property that the Parking Exemption is proposed to serve;• <u>c.</u> Total number of parking spaces required for the project;• <u>d.</u> Number of parking spaces proposed to be located off-site;

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- e. Whether the proposed parking lot is separated from the permitted use by a collector or arterial roadway, and the roadway name; and
 - f. Whether the permitted use is proposed to share required parking with another permitted use.
6. A narrative statement describing the request with specific reference to the criteria noted in **LDC** ~~sub~~section **4.05.02 K.1.-2.**, and any backup materials or documentation.
7. Pre-application meeting notes, if applicable.
8. **Addressing checklist.**
9. If required, a Boundary Survey (completed within the last six months, maximum 1 in. to 400 ft. scale) that is abstracted, signed, sealed and prepared by a Florida registered land surveyor. The boundary survey must include the following:
- a. The location and dimensions of all property lines, existing streets or roads, easements, rights-of-way, and areas dedicated to the public; and
 - b. An Attorney's Opinion of Title or by a sworn statement from the **property owners** stating that they have provided sufficient information to the surveyor to allow the accurate depiction of the information on the survey.
10. A conceptual site plan drawn to a maximum 1 in. to 400 ft. scale. The plan must measure 24 in. x 36 in. along with a reduced 8½ in. x 11 in. copy. The site plan shall show the following information:
- a. All existing and proposed structures and their dimensions;
 - b. Provisions for existing and/or proposed ingress and egress (including pedestrian ingress and egress to the site and the structure(s) on site);
 - c. All existing and/or proposed parking and loading areas (including a matrix that indicates required and provided parking and loading, including required parking for the disabled);
 - d. Required yards, open space and preserve areas; and
 - e. Proposed and/or existing landscaping and buffering as may be required by the County.
11. Owner/agent affidavit as to the correctness of the application.
12. A copy of the last recorded deed, contract for sale or agreement for sale, or a notarized statement of ownership clearly
13. Map of Property Location.
14. 10-Year Lease Agreement, if required by the approval criteria.
15. **Electronic copies of all documents.**
16. Affidavit of Authorization.

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Completeness and Processing of Application	The Planning & Zoning Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the applicant will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the applicant that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., XX201200000) assigned to the petition. This petition tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition. <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.</u>
Notice	No notice is required.
Public Hearing	No public hearing is required.
Decision maker	The County Manager or designee.
Review Process	The Planning & Zoning Department <u>Division</u> will review the application and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the applications utilizing the criteria identified in LDC subsection 4.05.02 K.1 or K.2.
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D. Administrative Variance (AVA)

Reference	LDC section <u>9.04.04</u> .
Applicability	This procedure applies to a request for an administrative approval for minor after-the-fact yard encroachments for principal and accessory structures, pursuant to the specific classifications outlined in LDC section <u>9.04.04</u> .
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is not required.
Initiation	The applicant files an “ <i>Administrative Variance for Minor After-The-Fact Yard Encroachments</i> Submittal Instructions And Application Form ” <u>application</u> with the Planning & Zoning Department <u>Division</u> . <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u>
Application Contents	The application must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Applicant contact information.Disclosure of ownership.Property information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>a.</u> Legal description;<u>b.</u> Section, township and range;<u>c.</u> Subdivision, unit, lot and block; and<u>d.</u> Address of subject site and general location.Details of variance request, including the following information:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>a.</u> Statement of what is requested and where on the site;<u>b.</u> Location and extent of encroachment, measured in tenths of feet;<u>c.</u> When the encroachment was discovered;<u>d.</u> How the encroachment was discovered; and<u>e.</u> Building permit numbers of encroaching structures.A signed and sealed copy of the survey identifying the encroachment.<u>Affidavit of Authorization.</u>
Completeness and Processing of Application	The Planning & Zoning Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the applicant will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the applicant that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., XX201200000) assigned to the petition. This petition tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition. <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.</u>
Notice	No notice is required.

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- Public Hearing** No public hearing is required.
- Decision maker** The County Manager or designee.
- Review Process** The ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division will review the application, identify whether additional materials are needed and approve, approve with conditions or deny the application based on the criteria in **LDC** section 9.04.04.
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E. Alcohol Distance Waiver

Reference	LDC sub section 5.05.01 A.6, LDC section 8.10.00, and LDC Public Notice sub section 10.03.06 U.
Applicability	This <u>procedure</u> provides for waiver of part or all of the minimum separation distance required between establishments whose primary function is the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption.
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is required.
Initiation	The applicant files a " Petition for Waiver from Separation Requirements for Establishments <u>Businesses</u> Selling Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premise Consumption" with the Planning & Zoning Department <u>Division</u> . <u>⇨ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u>
Application Contents	The application must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Applicant contact information.Property information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>a.</u> Legal description;<u>b.</u> Property identification number;<u>c.</u> Section, township and range;<u>d.</u> Subdivision, unit, lot and block, or metes and bounds description; and<u>e.</u> Address of subject site.Zoning information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>a.</u> Current zoning of subject property; and<u>b.</u> Adjacent zoning and land use.A statement describing the extent of the waiver requested, in linear feet, from the required 500-foot separation.A description of all proposed uses for the subject site/structure, including the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>a.</u> Total square footage of subject structure.<u>b.</u> Square footage dedicated to each proposed use.<u>c.</u> Proposed hours of operation.<u>d.</u> Indication of entertainment and type.<u>e.</u> A description addressing each of the criteria identified in LDC subsection 5.05.01 A.6.a.-etc.A signed and sealed survey or boundary sketch to scale, including reduced 8½ in. x 11 in. copies.

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7. Addressing checklist.
8. Owner/agent affidavit as to the correctness of the application.

9. Affidavit of Authorization.

10. Agent Letter Review. Following the initial staff review comments and prior to the second submittal, the following Agent Letter materials shall be submitted to the assigned Planner for review and approval:

- a. A list of the names and addresses of **property owners** to receive the Agent Letter; and
- b. Draft of the Agent Letter.

Completeness and Processing of Application ~~The Planning & Zoning Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the applicant will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the applicant that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., XX201200000) assigned to the petition. This petition tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition. ⇔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.~~

Notice Notification requirements are as follows. ⇔ See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.

1. Agent Letter: An Agent Letter shall be sent to property owners within 150 feet of the subject property following the initial staff review comments and prior to the second submittal. See Application Contents for review and approval of letter materials.
2. **Newspaper Advertisements:** The legal advertisement shall be published at least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. The advertisement shall include at a minimum:
 - a. Date, time, and location of the hearing; and
 - b. Description of the proposed land uses.

Public Hearing ~~1.~~ The Hearing Examiner shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing. ⇔ See Chapter 9 of the Administrative Code for the Office of the Hearing Examiner procedures.

Decision maker The Hearing Examiner may grant a waiver of part or the entire minimum distance requirement.

Review Process The ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division will review the application and identify whether additional materials are needed. Staff will prepare Staff Report, utilizing the criteria established in LDC section 5.05.01 A.6, to present to the Office of the Hearing Examiner for a decision.

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F. Alternative Architectural Design

Reference	LDC sub section 5.05.08 FG .
Applicability	<p>This section establishes a process to request deviations from the architectural and site design standards in LDC section 5.05.08. Any modification to an approved design requires re-review and approval by the County Manager or designee.</p> <p>The buildings and uses which qualify for an administrative deviation are identified in LDC subsection 5.05.08 FG.4</p>
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting may be required as a component of the submittal of the Site Development Plan, Site Development Plan Amendment, Site Improvement Plan, or Building Permit application, as applicable.
Initiation	The applicant files an “ <i>Alternative Architectural Design</i> ” application with the Planning & Zoning Department <u>Development Review Division</u> in conjunction with the associated site plan.
Application Contents	<p>In addition to the submittal requirements for Architectural Plans ⇔ <i>See Chapter 4 A. of the Administrative Code</i>, the application must include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Applicant contact information.The project name, zoning, building type, square footage and number of stories of the buildings to which the Alternative Architectural Design requirements would apply.The plans shall be clearly labeled as “Alternative Architectural Standards Design.”The plans must identify the section numbers from the LDC section 5.05.08 from which the deviation is being requested.A narrative statement that specifically identifies all standards of LDC section 5.05.08 from which the deviations are requested, and the justification for the request. This statement must also include a description of how the alternative plan accomplishes the purpose and intent of LDC section 5.05.08, without specifically complying with those standards identified.
Notice	No notice is required.
Public Hearing	No public hearing is required.
Decision maker	<ol style="list-style-type: none">The County Manger or designee may administratively may approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request for the Alternative Architectural Design plan(s) and corresponding site plan, in whole or in part, for a plan meeting the standards of LDC section 5.05.08.Approved deviations are allowed only as to the specific design and plan reviewed. Any modification to an approved design shall necessitate re-review and approval by the County Manager or designee.The County Manager or designee may seek the assistance of the Architectural Arbitration Board in rendering a decision.
Review Process	The County Manager or designee shall review the Alternative Architectural Design plan(s) and corresponding site plan in accordance with the review criteria identified in LDC sub section 5.05.08 FG .

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Appeals Pursuant to LDC ~~sub~~section 5.05.08 FG, the **applicant** may appeal the administrative decision to the Architectural Arbitration Board by making a written request to the ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Development Review Division.

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G. ~~Automobile Service Station Waiver~~ Facilities with Fuel Pumps Waiver

Reference	LDC sub section 5.05.05 B, LDC section 8.10.00, and LDC Public Notice sub section 10.03.06 U.
Applicability	This establishes a process to waive part or all of the minimum separation requirements for automobile service station sites <u>facilities with fuel pumps</u> from other automobile service station sites <u>facilities with fuel pumps</u> .
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is required.
Initiation	The applicant files a “ <i>Petition for Waiver from Separation Requirements for Automobile Service Stations<u>Facilities with Fuel Pumps</u></i> ” with the Planning & Zoning Department <u>Division</u> . <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u>
Application Contents	The application must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applicant contact information.Property information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Legal description;• <u>b.</u> Property identification number;• <u>c.</u> Section, township and range;• <u>d.</u> Subdivision, unit, lot and block, or metes and bounds description; and• <u>e.</u> Address of subject site.Zoning information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Current zoning of subject property; and• <u>b.</u> Adjacent zoning and land use.The extent of the waiver being requested (in linear feet) from the required separation.A narrative that describes why the waiver complies with the waiver criteria, pursuant to LDC section 5.05.05 B.1, and that addresses the factors to be considered by the Hearing Examiner.A site plan (measuring no larger than 24 in. x 36 in.) along with a conceptual site plan measuring 8½ in. x 11 in., that indicates the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> The dimensions of the subject property;• <u>b.</u> All vehicular points of ingress and egress and their relationship to the parking area and site circulation;• <u>c.</u> Demonstration of compliance with all requirements of the LDC including the location of the structures on site, landscaping, off-street parking, site circulation, architectural design guidelines, and signage;

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- d. The location of all proposed buffer areas and their dimensions; and
 - e. The layout of road(s) on which the proposed station fronts or to which access is provided, including the type of road(s), the number of lanes, and the location of intersections and turn lanes, median locations and median widths, for a 500 foot distance from the subject parcel.
7. A written market study analysis which justifies a need for the additional Automobile Service Station in the desired location.
 8. Environmental Data Requirements. ⇔ See LDC ~~subsection~~ 3.08.00 A.
 9. An Aerial photograph (taken within the previous 12 months at a minimum scale of 1 in. = 200 ft.), showing FLUFCS Codes, legend, and project boundary.
 10. **Addressing checklist.**
 11. Pre-application meeting notes.
 12. Warranty Deed.
 13. Letter of no objection from the United States Postal Service.
 14. Owner/agent affidavit as to the correctness of the application.
 15. **Electronic copy of all documents.**
 16. Affidavit of Authorization.
 17. Agent Letter Review. Following the initial staff review comments and prior to the second submittal, the following Agent Letter materials shall be submitted to the assigned Planner for review and approval:
 - a. A list of the names and addresses of **property owners** to receive the Agent Letter; and
 - b. Draft of the Agent Letter.

Completeness and Processing of Application

~~The Planning & Zoning Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the applicant will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the applicant that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., ASW-PL20120000000) assigned to the petition. This petition tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition. ⇔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.~~

Notice

Notification requirements are as follows. ⇔ See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.

1. Agent Letter: An Agent Letter shall be sent to property owners within 150 feet of the subject property following the initial staff review comments and prior to the second submittal. See Application Contents for review and approval of letter materials.

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2. Newspaper Advertisements: The legal advertisement shall be published at least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. The advertisement shall include at a minimum:

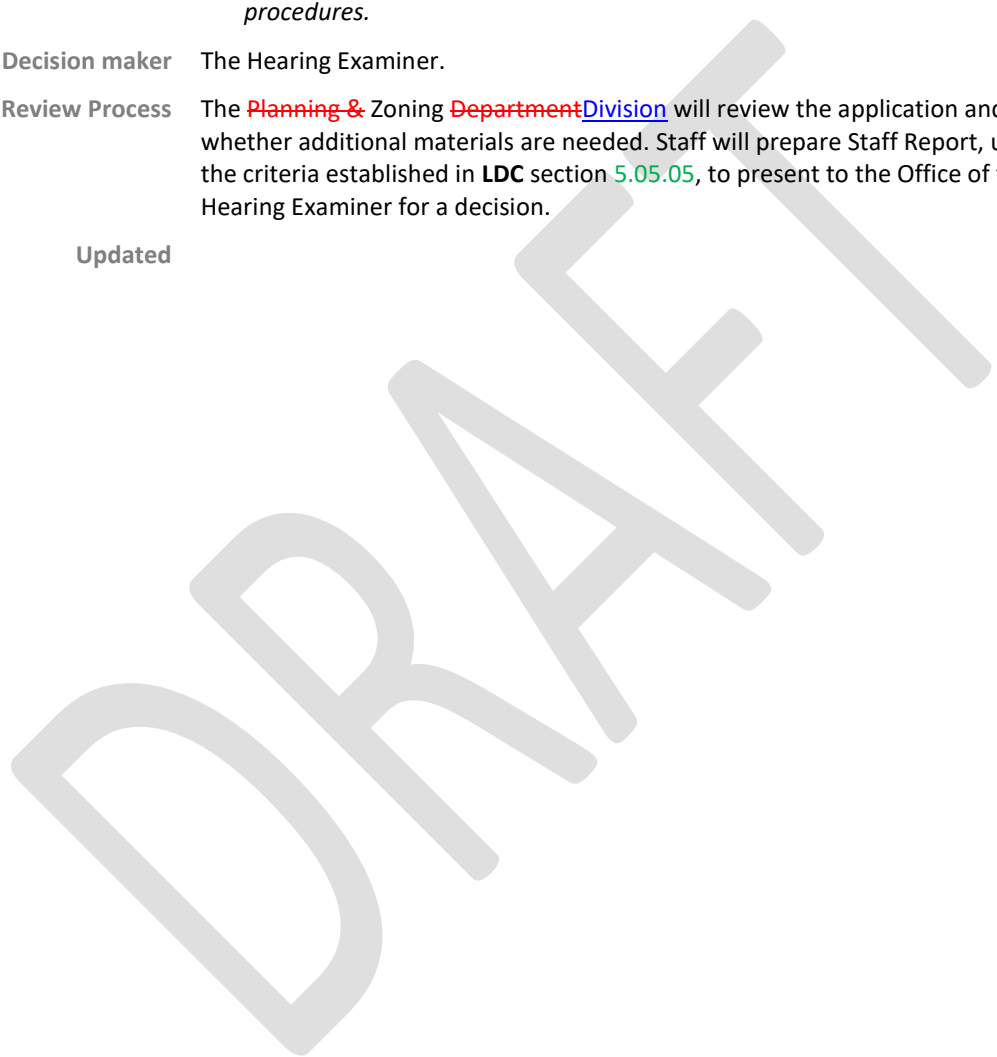
- Date, time, and location of the hearing; and
- Description of the proposed land uses.

Public Hearing ~~1.~~ The Hearing Examiner shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing. ↔ See Chapter 9 of the Administrative Code for the Office of the Hearing Examiner procedures.

Decision maker The Hearing Examiner.

Review Process The ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~ Division will review the application and identify whether additional materials are needed. Staff will prepare Staff Report, utilizing the criteria established in **LDC** section 5.05.05, to present to the Office of the Hearing Examiner for a decision.

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H. Nonconforming Use Change (NUC)

Reference	LDC sub section 9.03.02 D, LDC section 8.10.00 and LDC Public Notice sub section 10.03.06 UV .
Applicability	This process applies to a request to change a nonconforming use to another nonconforming use of the same character or a more restricted nonconforming use. New structures or additions to existing structures shall only be allowed for permitted or accessory uses on the site.
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is required.
Initiation	The applicant files a “ <i>Non-Conforming Use Change (NUC) Petition</i> ” with the Planning & Zoning Department <u>Division</u> . <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u>
Application Contents	The application must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applicant contact information.Property information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Legal description;• <u>b.</u> Property identification number;• <u>c.</u> Address of subject property;• <u>d.</u> Section, township and range;• <u>e.</u> Subdivision name, unit, block and lot number; and• <u>f.</u> Size of subject property, in acres.Zoning information, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Current zoning and land use of subject property; and• <u>b.</u> Adjacent zoning and land uses.Total number of parking spaces that exist on the site.5. Proof of ownership or interest in the property, such as a deed or contract to purchase.If the request proposes a number of possible nonconforming uses, list all of the proposed nonconforming uses and identify the following for each use:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> Total number of parking required for the proposed nonconforming use;• <u>b.</u> Hours of operation for proposed nonconforming use; and• <u>c.</u> Total square footage for the proposed nonconforming use building(s) and structure(s).

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7. If the request proposes a number of possible permitted and/or accessory uses, list all of the proposed uses and identify the following for each use:
 - [a.](#) Total square footage of the new or existing structures for the permitted and/or accessory uses;
 - [b.](#) Total number of parking required for the permitted and/or accessory uses; and
 - [c.](#) Hours of operation for proposed for the permitted and/or accessory uses.
8. A narrative statement identifying how the nonconforming use change complies with the standards in **LDC** ~~sub~~section **9.03.02 D.**, including:
 - [a.](#) How the proposed nonconforming use is equally or more appropriate to the zoning district than the existing nonconforming use;
 - [b.](#) The relation of the structure to surrounding properties, showing that adverse effect(s) on occupants and neighboring properties will not be greater than if the existing nonconforming use is continued; and
 - [c.](#) Any additional information supporting the proposed nonconforming use change.
9. A copy of the pre-application meeting notes.
10. Aerial photograph(s), taken within the previous 12 months at a minimum scale of 1 in. = 200 ft., showing FLUCCS codes, legend and project boundaries.
11. A site plan drawn to scale depicting:
 - [a.](#) North arrow, date, and scale of drawing;
 - [b.](#) Property boundaries and dimensions;
 - [c.](#) Current and proposed uses for each structure;
 - [d.](#) If permitted or accessory uses are proposed for the site, all setbacks and building heights shall be identified for any existing structures, proposed new structures, or proposed additions;
 - [e.](#) Parking areas and driveways; and
 - [f.](#) Location Map that includes the project location and major roadways in project vicinity.
12. Notarized owner/agent affidavit as to the correctness of the application.

[13. Affidavit of Authorization.](#)

[14. Property Ownership Disclosure Form.](#)

Completeness and Processing of Application

~~The Planning & Zoning Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the applicant will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the applicant that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., XX201200000) assigned to the petition. This petition tracking number should be noted on all future~~

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~~correspondence regarding the petition.~~ ↔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.

Notice Notification requirements are as follows. ↔ See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.

1. Mailed Notice: Written notice shall be sent to property owners in the notification area at least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing.
2. **Newspaper Advertisements:** The legal advertisement shall be published at least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. The advertisement shall include at a minimum:
 - Date, time, and location of the hearing; and
 - Clear explanation of the nonconforming use change.
3. Sign: Posted at least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing date. ↔ See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for sign template.

Public Hearing ~~1.~~ The Hearing Examiner shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing. ↔ See Chapter 9 of the Administrative Code for the Office of the Hearing Examiner procedures.

Decision maker The Hearing Examiner.

Review Process The ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division will review the application and identify whether additional materials are needed. Staff will prepare Staff Report, utilizing the criteria established in LDC section 9.03.02 D, to present to the Office of the Hearing Examiner for a decision.

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I. Site Plan with Deviations for Redevelopment Projects (-DR)

Reference LDC section 10.02.03 F and LDC Public Notice ~~sub~~section 10.03.06 R.

Applicability A site plan with deviations for redevelopment shall provide a means for a redevelopment project to seek dimensional deviations, excluding height, architectural deviations, and deviations from site features, such as but not limited to, landscaping, parking, and buffers, from the standards established in the LDC when the passing of time has rendered certain existing buildings, structures or site features nonconforming.

A site plan with deviations may be requested for the redevelopment of a site which meets the criteria for a site development plan, site development plan amendment or a site improvement plan as established in LDC section 10.02.03. Except for the requested deviations, the site plan shall comply with LDC section 10.02.03.

In accordance with LDC section 10.02.03 F, “Redevelopment” shall mean the renovation, restoration, or remodeling of a building or structure, or required infrastructure, in whole or in part, where the existing buildings, structures or infrastructure were legally built and installed.

Initiation The applicant files a “Site Plan with Deviations for Redevelopment-~~Application~~” application with the ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division.

↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.

Pre-Application A pre-application meeting is required.

Application Contents A site plan with deviations application must include the following, in addition to the Application Contents and Requirements for a site development plan, site development plan amendment or a site improvement plan. ↔ *See Chapter 4 I.2 – I.4 of the Administrative Code.*

Submittal Credentials: Pursuant to LDC section 10.02.03, the engineering plans shall be signed and sealed by the applicant’s professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Florida. For projects subject to LDC section 5.05.08, architectural drawings, shall be signed and sealed by a licensed architect, registered in the State of Florida. Landscape plans shall be signed and sealed by licensed landscape architect, registered in State of Florida.

Sheet size: The site improvement plan and the coversheet shall be prepared on a maximum size sheet measuring 24 inches by 36 inches, drawn to scale showing the areas affected by the amendment. The sheet must clearly show the change “clouded” and clearly delineate the area and scope of the work to be done.

The application must include the following:

1. A narrative of the redevelopment project and how it is consistent with the standards for approval, LDC section 10.02.03 F.8.
2. Description of each requested deviation and justification for each request. Requested deviations shall be clearly delineated in the petition. The LDC section for which the deviation seeks relief from shall be identified.

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3. Project enhancements to offset or minimize the deviations shall be clearly identified.

Completeness and Processing of Application

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Notice

Notification requirements are as follows. ⇔ See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.

1. **Mailed Notice:** Written notice shall be sent to **property owners in the notification area** at least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing.
2. **Newspaper Advertisement:** At least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. The legal advertisement shall include:
 - a. Date, time, and location of the hearing;
 - b. Application number and project name;
 - c. 2 in. x 3 in. map of project location;
 - d. Requested deviations and proposed project enhancements; and
 - e. Description of location.

Public Hearing

~~1.~~ The Hearing Examiner shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing. ⇔ See Chapter 9 of the Administrative Code for the Office of the Hearing Examiner procedures.

Decision maker

The Hearing Examiner.

Review Process

The ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division will review the application and identify whether additional materials are needed. Staff will prepare Staff Report, utilizing the criteria established in LDC section 10.02.03 F, to present to the Office of the Hearing Examiner for a decision.

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J. Post Take Plan

Reference LDC ~~sub~~section 9.03.07 D, LDC section 8.10.00, and LDC Public Notice ~~sub~~section 10.03.06 S.

Applicability An **applicant** may request a Post Take Plan in order to mitigate and/or eliminate the impacts, such as loss of parking, nonconforming setbacks and buffers which exceed the allowance under LDC sections 9.03.07 and 9.03.07 D.2, resulting from the public acquisition of a personal property for public purposes.

The Post Take Plan is not a SDP. However, changes requested by the **applicant** that do not result from the public acquisition will require an SDPA or SIP. For example, a building expansion unrelated to public acquisition would result in a SDPA or SIP.

Initiation The **applicant** files a “*Post Take Site Plan Application*” with the ~~Planning &~~ Zoning ~~Department~~Division.

↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.

Pre-Application A pre-application meeting is required.

Application Contents The application must include the following:

1. **Applicant contact information.**
2. **Addressing checklist.**
3. **Electronic copy of all documents.**
4. The project name.
5. Pre-application meeting notes.
6. Property information, including:
 - a. Legal description;
 - b. **Property identification number;**
 - c. Project name;
 - d. Section, township and range;
 - e. Subdivision, unit, lot and block, or metes and bounds description; and
 - f. Address of subject site and general location.
7. Zoning Information, including:
 - ~~C~~urrent zoning and land use of subject property.
8. The name of the existing circuit court case and number, if applicable.
9. Scaled drawing 24 in. x 36 in. in size, with one 8 ½ in. x 11 in. drawing depicting the following:

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- [a.](#) The name, address and phone number of the consulting firm(s) preparing the plans;
 - [b.](#) The total site acreage for both pre- and post-acquisition condition;
 - [c.](#) Legal description;
 - [d.](#) Zoning designation;
 - [e.](#) All existing improvements, clearly depicting those affected by the acquisition;
 - [f.](#) All proposed mitigating improvements and remedies;
 - [g.](#) The exact nature and dimension of any requested deviations;
 - [h.](#) The pre- and post-acquisition configuration of the lot or lots; and
 - [i.](#) The dimensions from the pre- and post-acquisition property line to all affected improvements.
10. A narrative description of the pre- and post-acquisition site conditions, noting impacts and all nonconformities created or exacerbated as a result of the acquisition, and any proposed mitigation and remedies.
11. A signed and sealed boundary or special purpose survey to ascertain or verify existing conditions. Pursuant to **LDC** ~~sub~~section **9.03.07 D.1**, the boundary or special purpose survey shall be prepared by a surveyor licensed to practice in the State of Florida.
12. The most recent available aerial of the site.
13. Owner/agent affidavit as to the correctness of the application.
- ~~14. Once the first set of review comments are posted, the following **mailed notice** documents shall be submitted to the assigned **planner**:~~
- ~~A list of the names and addresses of **property owners** to receive the **mailed notice**; and~~
 - ~~Draft of the **mailed notice** letter.~~
- [14. Affidavit of Authorization.](#)
- [15. Property Ownership Disclosure form.](#)

Completeness and Processing of Application

~~The Planning & Zoning Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the **applicant** will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the **applicant** that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., XX201200000) assigned to the petition. This petition tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition. ↻ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.~~

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Notice Notification requirements are as follows. ⇔ See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.

1. **Mailed Notice:** Written notice shall be sent to **property owners in the notification area** within 60 days of the date of the submittal of the application. The mailed notice shall include the following information:

- a. List of requested deviations;
- b. A brief narrative with justification for the deviations; and
- c. A copy of the Post Take Plan, in either an 11 in. x 17 in. or 8 ½ in. x 11 in. format.

Additional Notice- If Written Objection is Received

If a written objection is received from an abutting **property owner** within 30 days from the date in which the first **mailed notice** was sent, then the Post Take plan shall go before the Hearing Examiner.

The notice requirements for the public hearing are as follows: ⇔ *See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.*

1. **Mailed Notice:** Written notice shall be sent to **property owners in the notification area** at least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing.

- a. List of requested deviations;
- b. A brief narrative with justification for the deviations; and
- c. A copy of the Post Take Plan, in either an 11 in. x 17 in. or 8 ½ in x 11 in. format.

2. **Newspaper Advertisements:** The legal advertisement shall be published at least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. The advertisement shall include at a minimum:

- a. Date, time and location of the hearing;
- b. Description of the proposed land uses; and
- c. 2 in. x 3 in. map of the project location.

~~3. **Sign:** (see format below) Posted at least 15 days before the advertised Hearing Examiner hearing date.~~

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PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTING _____

PETITION NUMBER: _____

TO PERMIT: _____
(Request-Sufficiently clear to describe the project)

LOCATION: _____

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

CONTACT: _____

THE ABOVE TO BE HELD AT THE GROWTH
MANAGEMENT DIVISION BUILDING, 2800 N.
HORSESHOE DR., NAPLES, FL 34104 OR AS OTHERWISE
DESIGNATED.

Public Hearing If a written objection has been received from an abutting **property owner**, then the Hearing Examiner shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing.

Decision Maker The County Manager or designee or the Hearing Examiner.

Review Process

1. If a written objection has not been received from a notified **property owner** within 30 days from the date of the public notice, then the ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division may approve the Post Take Plan.
2. If a written objection has been received from a notified **property owner**, then the ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division will prepare a Staff Report to present to the Office of the Hearing Examiner for a decision.

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K. Vested Rights Determination

Reference ⇔ See **LDC** section **9.02.00**.

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L. Administrative Appeal of Preliminary Substantial Damage Determination

Reference	Florida Building Code and Code of Laws and Ordinances Chapter 62.
Applicability	This procedure allows a property owner to administratively appeal a preliminary substantial damage determination through the building permit process.
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is not required; however, a consultation with the Floodplain Management Section is recommended. Please contact: FloodInfoRequest@colliercountyfl.gov or the Flood Information Hotline at: 239-252-2942
Initiation	The applicant files a building permit application along with the materials noted below. <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.</u>
Application Contents	Application materials can be found on the Collier County Building Plan Review and Inspection application forms and submittal requirements webpage. The application must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Building Permit application, to include in the Description of Work, all repair work, and other improvements to the structure.2. Owner-Builder Affidavit, if applicable.3. Construction plans of the structure (hand drawn is sufficient), with notes identifying the areas to be repaired, and the materials to be used.4. Removal, Replacement and Repair of Mobile/Manufactured Homes Post Event form.5. Substantial Improvement or Repair of Substantial Damage Packet and Cost Estimate Worksheet found on the Growth Management Building website, noted above.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>a.</u> The Affidavits must be signed by the property owner and notarized.• <u>b.</u> The Cost Estimate worksheet must include all repair work, other improvements, and any open building permit applications or issued building permits.• <u>c.</u> Please note: The property owner is responsible for collecting all subcontractor bids and quotes and compiling them for one cost estimate worksheet. Incremental repair work is not permitted; all repairs must be permitted and calculated under one permit.
Completeness and Processing of Application	The building permit is to be submitted for review and will be provided a building permit number (i.e. PRBD201200000). The completed application packet must be accompanied with the required fee. The permit number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the permit. <u>↔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.</u>
Notice	No notice is required.

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- Public Hearing** No public hearing is required.
- Decision maker** The County Manager or designee.
- Review Process** The Building Plan Review and Inspection Division will review the application, identify whether additional materials are needed, and review the application for compliance with the Florida Building Code and **Code of Laws and Ordinances** Chapter 62.

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Chapter 7. Supplementary Submittal Requirements for Land Use Applications

The following are supplemental submittal requirements which may be requested for the submission of a land use application.

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A. Environmental Data Requirements for PUD Zoning and Conditional Uses

Reference	LDC section <u>3.08.00</u> . Code of Laws Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 23 (Environmental Advisory Council) Conservation and Coastal Management Element (CCME) GMP Policy 6.1.8.
Applicability	The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) shall consist of the Environmental Data Requirements identified in LDC section <u>3.08.00</u> and shall be submitted for PUD Zoning and Conditional Use petitions. Pursuant to LDC sub section <u>3.08.00</u> , the environmental data shall be prepared by an individual with academic credentials and experience in the area of environmental sciences or natural resource management. Academic credentials and experience shall be a bachelor's or higher degree in one of the biological sciences with at least two years of ecological or biological professional experience in the State of Florida.
Application Contents	Applicants shall collate and package applicable Environmental Data into a single EIS packet, prior to the public hearings and after all applicable staff reviews are complete. Copies of the Environmental Impact Statement shall be provided to the County Manager or designee prior to public hearings.
Completeness and Processing	The completeness and processing review of the environmental data shall be conducted at the time of the land use petition review.
Notice	N/A
Public Hearing	N/A
Decision maker	N/A
Review Process	The EIS shall consist of previously reviewed environmental data materials. The County Manager or designee may require additional data or information necessary to evaluate the project's compliance with LDC and GMP requirements.
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B. Traffic Impact Study (TIS)

Reference	LDC section <u>6.02.03</u> and Collier County Resolution 2006-299 ↔ <i>For the TIS Guidelines and Procedures, refer to:</i> http://www.colliergov.net/Index.aspx?page=566
Applicability	A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) is required for any rezoning, conditional use, or where it is listed in the Application Contents for a specific process in the Administrative Code or LDC. The Planning & Zoning Department <u>Capital Project Planning, Impact Fees, and Program Management Division</u> may waive the TIS requirement at the pre-application meeting if it determines that the proposed development's traffic impacts are not significant.
Application Contents	↔ <i>See the TIS Guidelines, referenced above.</i>
Completeness and Processing	The completeness and processing review of the TIS shall be conducted at the time of the land use petition review.
Notice	N/A
Public Hearing	N/A
Decision maker	The County Manager or designee.
Review Process	The Transportation Planning Section <u>Capital Project Planning, Impact Fees, and Program Management Division</u> shall review the TIS as part of the land use petition application based on the criteria in the TIS Guidelines and Resolution 2006-299.
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C. PUD Annual Monitoring Report

Reference	LDC sub section 10.02.13 F.
Applicability	This procedure applies to PUDs to ensure that the approved project densities, intensities, and commitments are consistent with the development's approved Ordinance and Traffic Impact Study.
Pre-Application	A pre-application meeting is not required.
Initiation	If the PUD is active, the applicant files a PUD Monitoring report with the Engineering Department <u>Capital Project Planning, Impact Fees, and Program Management Division</u> on an annual basis, on or before each anniversary date of the PUD approval by the BCC. ↔ See LDC sub section 10.02.13 F.1.a for PUD tracts or parcels that are built out. ↔ See LDC sub section 10.02.13 F.7 for Traffic Count Monitoring requirements.
Application Contents	The monitoring report must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applicant contact information.2. Number of units, by residential type; square footage commercial and other permitted uses which are approved and complete and any on-site or off-site commitments completed and approved as of the due date of the monitoring report.3. Current PUD master plan showing infrastructure, projects/developments, plats, parcels, and other pertinent information, including on-site or off-site commitments.4. Copies of all required monitoring reports completed in past year (i.e., traffic, wellfield, etc.).5. Status of commitments in PUD document, including projected completion dates if then established.6. Other information as may be required by County Manager or designee.7. Owner/agent affidavit as to the correctness of the application.
Completeness and Processing of Application	The Engineering Department <u>Capital Project Planning, Impact Fees, and Program Management Division</u> tracks the Monitoring Reports submitted in <u>the</u> Commitment Tracking System, found here: http://bccvweb01/ctsv/projectoverview.aspx <u>https://bccportal02/cts/ProjectSearch.</u>
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D. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

Reference	LDC section 6.01.05
Applicability	A Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is required, for new and existing development and construction, such as Site Development Plans and Final Subdivision Plats.
Plan Contents	Each plan shall be prepared in accordance with the following standards: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The most recent edition of the State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual, June 2007.2. Turbidity values surrounding discharge from projects shall not violate water quality criteria contained in 62-302.530(69) Florida Administrative Code.
Completeness and Processing	The Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall be submitted in conjunction with all applicable land use applications.
Notice	No notice is required.
Public Hearing	No public hearing is required.
Decision Maker	The County Manager or designee.
Review Process	The Engineering Services Department Development Review Division shall review the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan concurrent with all applicable land use applications.
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Chapter 8. Public Notice

A. Generally

Many land use decisions in the County require public notice to the general community and/or the surrounding neighborhoods regarding an **applicant's** development plans. Each Administrative Code section describes the types of notice required, if any, for a petition or a permit. This section identifies the different types of public notice procedures and specific information necessary to fulfill the notice requirement.

The following are the types of public notice that may be required:

- **Neighborhood Information Meeting (NIM)**
- **Mailed Written Notice**
- **Newspaper Advertisement**
- **Posting of a Sign**

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B. Neighborhood Information Meeting

- Applicability**
1. A **Neighborhood Informational Meeting ("NIM")** shall be conducted when:
 - a. The initial staff review and comment on the application has been completed; and
 - b. At least 15 days before the first public hearing is held, whether it is the Planning Commission, Hearing Examiner, the BCC, or the BZA.
 2. In addition to the above, the following shall also apply for small-scale amendments and other site-specific comprehensive plan amendments:
 - a. The **NIM** is required before the Planning Commission transmittal hearing.
 - b. A second **NIM** is required if the County Manager or designee determines that a substantial change has occurred to a proposed site-specific comprehensive plan amendment following the BCC's transmittal hearing. The **applicant** must hold the second **NIM** before the Planning Commission adoption hearing.
 3. If the **applicant's** petition activity extends beyond 1 year from the date of the first **NIM**, a second **NIM** will be required and shall be noticed in accordance with this chapter.

Notice Requirements

The **NIM** shall be noticed as follows:

1. **Mailed Notice:** Written notice shall be sent to **property owners in notification area** at least 15 days before the **NIM** meeting.
 - The **applicant** shall also provide written notice of the **NIM** to **property owners**, condominium, and civic associations whose members may be affected by the proposed land use change and who have formally requested the County to be notified.
2. **Newspaper Advertisement:** The legal advertisement shall be published at least 15 days before the **NIM** meeting in a newspaper of general circulation. The advertisement shall include at a minimum:
 - a. Date, time, and location of the **NIM** meeting;
 - b. Petition name, number and **applicant** contact info;
 - c. Purpose of the **NIM** meeting;
 - d. Description of the proposed land uses; and
 - e. 2 in. x 3 in. map of the project location.

Location The **applicant** must arrange the location of the meeting. The location must be reasonably convenient to the **property owners** who receive the required notice. The facilities must be of sufficient size to accommodate the expected attendance.

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Conduct of Meeting The Collier County staff **planner** assigned to attend the pre-application meeting, or designee, must also attend the **NIM** for observational purposes~~and will serve as the facilitator of the meeting. However, t~~The **applicant** is expected to make a presentation of how they intend to develop the subject property. The **applicant** is required to audio or video tape the proceedings of the meeting and to provide a copy to the ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division.

The **applicant** must provide the following at the **NIM** meeting for review and comment:

- a. The proposed uses and density of the project;
- b. The proposed Master Plan; and
- c. The current **LDC** zoning district uses and development regulations.

Meeting Follow-Up 1. After a **NIM** is completed, the **applicant** will submit a written summary of the **NIM** and any commitments that have been made to the assigned planner. The written summary must be submitted prior to scheduling a public hearing. These commitments will:

- a. Become part of the record of the proceedings;
- b. Be included in the staff report for any subsequent review and approval bodies; and
- c. Be considered for inclusion in the conditions of approval of any applicable development order.

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C. Mailed Notice

Applicability For applicable land use petitions, a **mailed notice** shall be as follows.

Notice Requirements Mailed written notices shall be sent by regular mail to **property owners in the notification area** listed below. Names and addresses of **property owners** shall be those listed on the latest ad valorem tax rolls of the County. The ~~County must send mailed notice~~ must be sent out at least 15 days before the hearing for all applications, except as identified otherwise in the Administrative Code.

The **applicant** must provide a copy of the list of all parties noticed by the required notification deadline to the ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~ Division staff.

The written notice must include:

- a. Date, time, and location of the **NIM** meeting or public hearing;
- b. Description of the proposed land uses; and
- c. 2 in. x 3 in. map of the project location.

For a conditional use, rezoning, PUD, PUD extension, or variance, the notice must also include:

- a. A clear description of the proposed land uses;
- b. A clear description of the applicable development standards;
- c. Intensity or density in terms of total floor area of commercial or industrial space and dwelling units per acre for residential projects;
- d. A clear description of the institutional or recreational uses when part of the development strategy; and
- e. The substance of the proposed ordinance or resolution (rezoning only).

For a site plan with deviations for redevelopment projects, the notice must also include:

- ~~T~~he type of deviation sought.

The ~~e~~clerk to the BCC will make a copy of all notices available for public inspection during ~~the~~ regular business hours.

Recipients of Mailed Written Notice **Property owners in the notification area** are described below and shall be based on the latest tax rolls of Collier County and any other persons or entities who have formally requested notification from the County:

→ Urban
designated area
of the future land

The notification area includes:

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**use element of
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management
plan**

1. All property owners within 500 feet of the property lines of the subject property.
2. If any of the land in the area listed in paragraph 1 is owned by the same person or entity who owns the subject property, the 500-foot distance is measured from the boundaries of the entire ownership or PUD.
3. The maximum notification area is ½ mile (2,640 feet) from the subject property.

→ **All other areas**

The notification area includes:

1. All property owners within 1,000 feet of the property lines of the subject property.
2. If any of the land in the area listed in paragraph 1 is owned by the same person or entity who owns the subject property, the 1,000-foot distance is measured from the boundaries of the entire ownership or PUD.
3. The maximum notification area is ½ mile (2,640 feet) from the subject property.

→ **Associations**

Notification shall also be sent to **property owners** and condominium and civic associations whose members are impacted by the proposed land use changes and who have formally requested the County to be notified. A list of such organizations shall be provided and maintained by the County, but the **applicant** must bear the responsibility of insuring all parties are notified.

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D. Newspaper Advertisement

Applicability For applicable land use petitions, the ~~legal~~ **newspaper advertisement** shall be as follows.

A copy of the **newspaper advertisement** shall be kept available for public inspection during regular business hours of the Office of Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners. The notice of proposed enactment shall include where the proposed ordinance or resolution may be inspected by the public. The notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance or resolution.

Placement and Content The ~~legal~~ **newspaper advertisement** shall be published at least 15 days before each advertised public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. The advertisement shall include at a minimum:

- a. Date, time, and location of the hearing;
- b. Petition name, number and **applicant** contact info;
- c. Description of the proposed land uses; and
- d. 2 in. x 3 in. map of the project location, as applicable.

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E. Posting of a Sign

Applicability For applicable land use petitions, the posting of a sign shall be as follows.

Timing The sign shall be posted at least 15 days before the Hearing Examiner, Planning Commission, or the BCC acting as the BZA hearing.

Sign Requirements The sign copy must occupy the total area of the sign. The requirements for the size, location, and proof of posting and removal of the sign are as follows:

1. Properties ~~<less than or equal to~~ 1 acre: The sign shall measure at least 1 and ½ square feet in area. The sign is erected by the ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division on behalf of the **applicant**.
2. Properties ~~>greater than~~ 1 acre: The sign shall measure at least 32 square feet in area. The sign is erected by the **applicant**. At least 1 sign is placed on each external boundary that fronts a street. If the external boundaries along a street exceed 1,320 linear feet, signs are placed equidistant from one another with a maximum spacing of 1,000 linear feet. However, the number of signs along an exterior boundary fronting a street cannot exceed 4 signs.
3. All properties:
 - a. The sign must be located in full view of the public on each street side of the subject property.
 - b. Where the subject property is landlocked or for some other reason the signs cannot be posted directly on the subject property, then the sign or signs are erected along the nearest street right-of-way, with an attached notation indicating generally the distance and direction to the subject property.
 - c. The **applicant** must provide evidence to the ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~Division that the sign(s) were erected by furnishing photographs of the sign(s) that show the date of their erection at least 10 days before the scheduled public hearing.

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Sign Template Unless otherwise specified, the sign must adhere to the following templates:

1. Properties less than or equal to 1 acre:

<p>[Petition Type] Petition No. 2019000XXXX [CCPC or HEX]: [Date] - 9 a.m. [Building Name] [Address] [Planner Name]: 239-252-XXXX</p>
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2. Properties greater than 1 acre:

<p>PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE [Project Name] [Petition Type] Petition No. 2019000XXXX [HEX, CCPC, BCC, and/or BZA]: [Date/Time] [Building Name] [Address] [Planner Name]: 239-252-XXXX</p>
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3. For Dock Facility Extensions:

a. Properties less than or equal to 1 acre:

Dock Facility Extension
To allow a [###]-foot protrusion
Petition No. 2019000XXXX

[CCPC or HEX]: [Date] - 9 a.m.
[Building Name]
[Address]
[Planner Name]: 239-252-XXXX

b. Properties greater than 1 acre:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
[Project Name] Dock Facility Extension
To allow a [###]-foot protrusion
Petition No. 2019000XXXX

[CCPC or HEX]: [Date] - 9:00 a.m.
[Building Name]
[Address]
[Planner Name]: 239-252-XXXX

Removal of Sign The signs shall remain in place until any of the following occur:

1. Final action is taken on the application; or
2. The Planning & Zoning Department ~~Division~~ receives written notification that the **applicant** is withdrawing or indefinitely continuing the application.

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F. Stakeholder Outreach Meeting for Golf Course Conversions (SOM)

Reference LDC sections 5.05.15 and LDC Public Notice section 10.03.06.

↔ See Chapter 4.N for Intent to Convert Applications for the Application Contents Required for Presentations at SOMs.

Purpose Stakeholder Outreach Meetings (SOMs) are intended to engage stakeholders early in the design of a golf course conversion project and to encourage collaboration and consensus between the applicant and the stakeholders on the proposed conversion.

Applicability This process applies to applicants seeking to convert a constructed golf course to a non-golf course use. A minimum of two in-person meetings and one web-based visual survey are required. This section shall be used in connection with LDC section 5.05.15.

Initiation The SOMs may be held after the “Intent to Convert” application has been received by the County and deemed sufficient by staff to proceed. It is encouraged that SOMs take place in a timely manner so as to support stakeholder involvement.

SOM Notice Requirements Each SOM shall be noticed as follows:

1. **Newspaper Advertisements:** The legal advertisement shall be published at least 15 days before the SOM in a newspaper of general circulation. The advertisement shall include at a minimum:
 - a. Date, time, and location of the SOM;
 - b. Petition name, number and applicant contact info;
 - c. Notice of the intention to convert the golf course to a non-golf course use;
 - d. Brief description of the proposed uses; and
 - e. 2 in. x 3 in. map of the project location.
2. **Mailed Notice:** For the purposes of this **mailed notice** requirement, written notice shall be sent to property owners located within 1,000 feet from the property line of the golf course at least 15 days before the first SOM. The mailed notice shall include the following:
 - a. Date, time, and location of each SOM included in the **mailed notice**;
 - b. Petition name, number and applicant contact info;
 - c. Notice of the intention to convert the golf course to another use;
 - d. A brief description of the proposed uses;
 - e. A statement describing that the applicant is seeking input through a stakeholder outreach process;
 - f. The user-friendly web address where the meeting materials, such as the Developers Alternatives Statement, can be accessed;

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- g. A brief description of the visual survey and the user-friendly web address where the survey can be accessed; and
- h. The dates that the web-based visual survey will be available online.

Location The **applicant** must arrange the location of the meeting. The location must be reasonably convenient to the **property owners** who receive the required notice. The facilities must be of sufficient size to accommodate expected attendance.

Timeframe SOMs must be held between November 1st and April 1st.

Conduct of SOMs A minimum of two SOMs shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

- a. An assigned County planner shall attend the SOMs and observe the process. The planner shall note any commitment made by the applicant during the meetings.
- b. Meeting Conduct: The applicant shall conduct the meetings as follows:
 - ⊖ i. Use at least one public outreach method during the in-person meetings as described below; and
 - ⊖ ii. The applicant shall facilitate dialogue and encourage input on the conceptual development plan from the stakeholders regarding the types of development the stakeholders consider compatible with the neighborhood, and the types of land uses they would support to be added to the neighborhood.
- c. Presentation: The **applicant** must provide the following at the **SOM** for review and comment:
 - ⊖ i. The current **LDC** zoning district uses and development regulations;
 - ⊖ ii. Information about the purpose of the meeting, including the goals and objectives of the conversion project;
 - ⊖ iii. A copy of the Developer's Alternatives Statement shall be made available at the SOM, as described in **LDC** section 5.05.15 C.2;
 - ⊖ iv. Visuals depicting the conceptual development plan(s) and the greenway; and
 - ⊖ v. The list of deviations requested, as described in **LDC** section 5.05.15 C.4.a-b.
- d. Public Outreach Methods: The **applicant** shall use one or more of the following at the Stakeholder Outreach Meetings to engage stakeholders:
 - ⊖ i. Charrette. This public outreach method is a collaborative design and planning workshop that occurs over multiple days. Through a charrette, the **applicant** designs the conceptual development plan and greenway with stakeholders' input. During a charrette, stakeholders are given the opportunity to identify values,

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needs, and desired outcomes regarding the project. Through a series of engagement activities the conceptual development plan and greenway are designed and refined. Throughout the sessions, stakeholders have an opportunity to analyze the project, address and resolve issues, and comment on multiple iterations of the project.

- ⊖ ii. Participatory Mapping. This public outreach method produces maps using stakeholder knowledge and input. To start, the applicant hosts a workshop and shares information about the project through exhibits such as poster boards, written or electronic materials, etc. Participants are then given sticky dots, markers, or other tactile/visualization tools in conjunction with maps of the conceptual development plan and greenway to identify options to address compatibility, adverse impacts, or types of desirable usable open space for the project. For example: stakeholders are asked to place red dots on the map where there is a perceived pedestrian hazard and place a green dot where they support additional tree plantings in the greenway.
- ⊖ iii. Group Polling. This public outreach method polls participants at the meeting and provides instant results. The poll can include a wide range of topics about the project, such as density, greenway uses, vehicle/pedestrian transportation networks, etc. The **applicant** provides sticky dots or uses electronic devices to conduct the polling.
- ⊖ iv. Visioning Exercise. This public outreach method invites stakeholders to describe their core values and vision for their community. In a workshop setting, the **applicant** presents a wide variety of reports, maps, photos, and other information about the project. The **applicant** then poses questions to the participants, such as, but not limited to the following:
 - 1) “What do people want to preserve in the community?”
 - 2) “What do people want to create in the community?”
 - 3) “What do people want to change in the community?”

The applicant collects the responses and works with the participants to create a vision statement for the project that incorporates the goals, concerns, and values of the community.

Web-based Visual Survey Requirements	The web-based visual survey is intended to increase engagement with stakeholders. The survey should engage the stakeholders in the design of the project and assist in determining what stakeholders find important to the neighborhood, what is considered compatible with the neighborhood, and what types of land uses they support adding to the neighborhood.
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- a. The survey shall provide visual representations of the proposed development, in particular the types of land uses proposed, streetscapes, public spaces, design characteristics, and depictions of the greenway design;
- b. The survey questions shall be worded so as to elicit responses to the stakeholders' preferences or support for the visual representations.
- c. The survey shall allow for additional comment(s) to be made by the stakeholders.

SOM Report After the SOMs and the web-based survey are complete, the **applicant** will submit a report of the SOM to the County, including the following information:

- a. A list of attendees, a description of the public outreach methods used, photos from the meetings demonstrating the outreach process, results from outreach methods described above;
- b. Copies of the materials used during the meeting, including any materials created at the meeting, such as any participatory mapping or related documents;
- c. A verbatim transcript of the meetings and an audio (mp3 or WAV format) or video recording in a format accessible or viewable by the County;
- d. A point-counterpoint list, identifying the input from the stakeholders and how and why it was or was not incorporated into the application. Input from stakeholders may be categorized by topic and the applicant may provide a single response to each topic in narrative format; and
- e. The report shall be organized such that the issues and ideas provided by the stakeholders that are incorporated in the application are clearly labeled in the point-counterpoint list and in the conversion application.

Meeting Follow-up After each SOM is completed and prior to the submittal of a conversion application, the applicant will submit to the assigned planner a written summary of the SOM and any commitment that has been made. Any commitment made during the meeting will:

- a. Become part of the record of the proceedings;
- b. Be included in the staff report for any subsequent conversion application; and
- c. Be considered for inclusion into the conditions of approval of any subsequent development order.

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Reference LDC section [8.10.00](#), **Code of Laws and Ordinances** section 2-83 through 2-90, and Ordinance No. 2013-25.

Applicability The Hearing Examiner hears and makes final decisions pursuant to the **Code of Laws and Ordinances** section 2-83 through 2-90 and Ordinance No. 2013-25.

A minor conditional use is one which does not require environmental review under Section 2-1191 *et seq.* of the **Code of Laws and Ordinances** and which is not a case of great public interest or concern as determined in the discretion of the Hearing Examiner or as requested by a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

If the Hearing Examiner recuses, disqualifies himself or herself, or does not otherwise hear a particular case where the Hearing Examiner makes the final decision, these cases shall be heard by the Planning Commission in an advisory capacity and then forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for the final decision.

Assignment Once the application is submitted to the County and deemed complete pursuant to Chapters 1 through 7 of the Administrative Code, as applicable, the following petitions shall be assigned to the Hearing Examiner:

1. Administrative Type III Appeal.
2. Alcohol Distance Waiver.
3. Appeal of an Official Interpretation of the LDC.
4. ~~Automobile Service Station Waiver~~ [Facilities with Fuel Pumps Waiver](#).
5. Boat Dock Facility Extension, including Boat Lift Canopy Deviations.
6. Minor Conditional Use.
7. Minor Conditional Use Re-Review.
8. Minor Conditional Use Extension.
9. Non-Conforming Use Change and Non-Conforming Use Alteration.
10. Parking Exemption with a Public Hearing.
11. Post Take Plan, if applicable.
- ~~12. PUD Extension.~~
- ~~13.~~ PUD Insubstantial Changes, including Minor Text Changes.
- ~~13.~~ PUD Minor Change to Remove an Affordable Housing Contribution.
- ~~14.~~ Sign Variance.
- ~~15.~~ Site Plan with Deviations for Redevelopment Projects.

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~~167.~~ Stewardship Receiving Area (SRA) Insubstantial Changes, including Minor Text Changes.

~~168.~~ Variance.

~~179.~~ Zoning Verification Letter – PUD Comparable Use Determination.

Hearing Examiner Review Upon completion of the staff report by the assigned **planner** pursuant to Chapters 1 through 7 of the Administrative Code, as applicable, five copies of the staff report and application materials shall be forwarded to the Hearing Examiner for all matters assigned to the Hearing Examiner.

Pre-Hearing Conference The Hearing Examiner may have ex parte communications with any party or person.

Motions for Disqualification Unless good cause is shown, all motions for disqualification of the Hearing Examiner shall be filed no later than ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled public hearing before the Hearing Examiner. The motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit stating particular grounds, which shall be limited to those for which a judge may be disqualified. The affidavit must state facts sufficient to show that the movant has a well-founded fear that the movant will not receive a fair and impartial hearing. Unless denied as untimely, the motion shall be ruled on by the Hearing Examiner before whom the case is pending. If the motion and affidavit are found legally sufficient, the Hearing Examiner shall disqualify himself or herself, after which the matter will be set for hearing as provided for in the Land Development Code for such particular action. The Hearing Examiner may also recuse or disqualify himself or herself at any time in accordance with Ord. 2013-25.

Notice Public notice is required for all Hearing Examiner hearings.

⇔ *See the specific Administrative Code section for the public notice requirements necessary for the petition.*

⇔ *See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.*

Public Hearing – Participants The participants before the Hearing Examiner shall be the applicant, County staff, County agencies, proponents and opponents, inclusive of the public, and witnesses with relevant testimony. The proponent shall be defined as a participant in favor of the application, exclusive of the applicant; whereas, the opponent shall be defined as a participant against the application. Both definitions are inclusive of the public and any other parties of record. All participants will testify under oath.

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Public Hearing – Rules of Procedure

1. Due Process. For hearings, basic due process requires that the parties have notice of the hearing and an opportunity to be heard. Parties must be able to present evidence and be informed of all the facts upon which the County acts. The term “parties” to any proceeding are the Applicant and the County (or their representatives) and does not include public participants or their representatives.
2. Evidence. Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. Any part of the evidence may be received in written form, and all testimony shall be under oath. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence but it shall not be sufficient, in itself, to support a finding by the Hearing Examiner unless it would be admissible over objections in a civil action.
3. Application of rules. The Hearing Examiner is responsible for ensuring these rules are applied equally and consistently to all evidence and testimony presented by the parties and public participants.
4. Burden of Proof. The applicant has the burden of proof to show by competent and substantial evidence that the proposed request conforms to the LDC and the GMP.
5. Expert Witness. A witness may be qualified by the Hearing Examiner as an expert through specialized knowledge, training, experience or education, which is not limited to academic, scientific or technical knowledge.

Public Hearing – Order of Proceedings

1. Hearings will be conducted in an informal but courteous and professional manner. To the extent possible and at the Hearing Examiner’s discretion, the order of proceedings will be as follows:
 - a. Hearing Examiner’s explanation of rights and responsibilities of all interested persons as well as an explanation of future proceedings that may occur in relation to the matter to be heard.
 - b. The announcement of the matter to be heard and if applicable, Hearing Examiner discloses all ex parte communications.
 - c. Presentation of request or appeal by applicant, appellant, or representative.
 - d. Presentation of County’s position.
 - e. Public participation and comment.
 - f. Rebuttal and closing statement by applicant, appellant or representative. Rebuttal testimony may not be used to provide new information.
2. Questioning shall be confined as closely as possible to the scope of direct testimony. The Hearing Examiner may call and question witnesses as he or she deems necessary and appropriate. The Hearing Examiner shall decide all questions of procedure and will raise questions and provide comments at any time during the hearing.

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Public Hearing – Matters to be considered by the Hearing Examiner – The Hearing Examiner shall not be limited to the evidence presented by Applicant or County at the hearing. The Hearing Examiner may consider any additional relevant evidence including, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. The history of the subject parcel.
2. Applicable regulations and development standards promulgated.
3. Applicable goals, objectives, and policies contained in the Comprehensive Plan.
4. Reports and recommendations filed by reviewing agencies.
5. Physical characteristics of the subject parcel and surrounding lands.
6. Impact on the surrounding transportation network.
7. Availability and capacity of public services.
8. Nature of and impacts on surrounding land use.
9. Environmental impact of the proposed development activity.
10. Application of criteria in LDC relating to the requested petition.
11. Site visit.
12. All such additional relevant evidence shall be made part of the record at the hearing.

Public Hearing – Findings and Decision of the Hearing Examiner

1. The decision of the Hearing Examiner shall be in writing and include:
 - a. Summary of proposed development activity and the evidence presented.
 - b. Findings of fact and conclusions of law, including compliance or noncompliance of the proposed development activity with applicable provisions of the Growth Management Plan (GMP) and the Land Development Code (LDC).
 - c. A decision to grant, grant with conditions or deny the application with reasons therefore specified, including any recommended conditions.
2. Persons wishing to receive a copy of the decision by mail may supply County staff with their name, address and a stamped, self-addressed envelope for that purpose.

Public Hearing – Record of hearing before the Hearing Examiner

1. A verbatim transcript of all public hearings before the Hearing Examiner shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Board and also transcribed by an official court reporter. Any person may request and obtain a transcript of the record from the court reporter at their own expense.
2. The record of the hearing before the Hearing Examiner shall consist of:

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- a. The application and accompanying documents.
- b. Staff reports and recommendations.
- c. All exhibits and documentary evidence.
- d. The decision of the Hearing Examiner.
- e. Verbatim transcript of the proceedings.

Public Hearing – Decisions to be Filed Decisions shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

Public Hearing – Decision of the Hearing Examiner A copy of the decision of the Hearing Examiner is required to be filed with the Clerk of the Board within 30 working days after the conclusion of the public hearing before the Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner will deliver all decisions by electronic mail or regular mail.

Public Hearing – Decisions to Notated on Zoning Map Decisions of the Hearing Examiner shall be noted for information purposes on the zoning map for variances, conditional uses, and boat dock extensions.

Public Hearing – Reconsideration of matter by the Hearing Examiner

1. On motion by a party, the Hearing Examiner may grant a rehearing on an application for the following reasons:
 - a. Mistake, inadvertence or excusable neglect;
 - b. Newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been discovered in time for the original hearing; or
 - c. Fraud, misrepresentation or other misconduct of an adverse party.
2. The motion for reconsideration by a party shall be made prior to the deadline for filing an appeal. The filing of such a motion tolls the time for filing an appeal. The time for filing an appeal shall begin anew in full upon the Hearing Examiner's denial of such a motion.

Public Hearing – Continuance(s) Continuance(s) of the public hearing shall be permitted for good cause as determined by the Hearing Examiner. If the continuance of the public hearing is to a specific date and time, then re-advertisement of the hearing shall not be required.

Public Hearing – Appeal of the Decision by the Hearing Examiner

1. Within 30 days after the Hearing Examiner's written determination has been rendered, either the County or the landowner may appeal the determination to the Board of County Commissioners. Any additional fee for a landowner-initiated appeal must accompany the appeal. At the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners will review the record created by the Hearing Examiner's proceedings, but the Board may by majority vote accept evidence not presented to the Hearing Examiner.

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2. The Board of County Commissioners may:
- a. Affirm the Hearing Examiner’s determination, with or without modifications or conditions; or
 - b. Reject the Hearing Examiner’s determination, except that the Board may not modify the determination or impose conditions, or reject the Hearing Examiner’s determination unless the Board expressly finds that one or more of the Hearing Examiner’s findings of fact or conclusions of law is not supported by competent substantial evidence in the official record, or that the Hearing Examiner’s determination otherwise specifically failed to properly apply one or more of the criterion in the LDC or GMP.

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Chapter 10. Where to Find Current Information

This Administrative Code references a number of documents that are important to the development process. All of these documents are available at the [Planning & Zoning Department Development Services](#) offices, or online at the references listed below. These documents include:

Document	Description	Reference
Collier County Growth Management Plan (“GMP”)	The GMP establishes the County’s official policies for land development. All land development regulations and permits must be consistent with the GMP.	Online at http://www.colliergov.net/Index.aspx?page=257
Collier County Land Development Code (LDC)	The LDC includes the regulations that implement the GMP. The processes in the Administrative Code are based on the LDC.	Online at http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=13992&stateId=9&stateName=Florida <i>(see discussion below)</i>
Zoning Map	The Zoning Map shows the boundaries of the County’s zoning districts.	Online at https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/i-want-to/view/zoning-maps
Code of Laws and Ordinances of Collier County, Florida (“Code of Laws”)	The Code of Laws consolidates the County’s laws – its general and permanent ordinances. Several provisions of the Code of Laws are implemented by procedures in the Administrative Code.	Online at http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10578&stateId=9&stateName=Florida
Florida Statutes	These include the state constitution and state laws. The Administrative Code includes various references to the state statutes.	Online at http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm

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~~Department~~ [Growth Management Department website](#)

This includes [individual division website links, information on popular services, organization charts, background information](#), applications, contacts, and other information relating to land development in Collier County.

Online at <https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/departments/growth-management-department>. You can download [Zoning and Land Use Application](#) forms at <http://www.colliergov.net/index.aspx?page=3384>

Growth Management Department (GMD) Fee Schedule (~~September 23, 2008~~)

These are the fees that an **applicant** must pay when filing an application under the Administrative Code. The fees offset the cost of administering the **LDC**. The County will not accept an application unless the required fee is paid.

Online at <http://www.colliergov.net/index.aspx?page=128>
Applicants should check the website before filing an application, because the fees change from time to time.

The **Land Development Code (LDC)** is codified on the Municipal Code Corporation's website at www.municode.com. Click "Online Library," then click "Florida," then click "Collier County," and then click the "Collier County **Land Development Code**." The codified ordinance may not be current. To find ordinances that have amended the **LDC** since its most recent codification, go the Collier County Clerk's website at <https://www.collierclerk.com/records-search> – click "Board Minutes and Records," then "Accept," and then click "~~BMR~~," "[Browse](#) Boards, Minutes and Records," then "BMR Validated Ordinances." Members of the general public may find it difficult to search through the minutes to locate an **LDC** provision they are interested in. A member of the ~~Planning & Zoning~~ [Department](#) [Division](#) staff can assist you with finding the most current ordinances that affect development in your neighborhood or of your property.

Printed copies of the **LDC**, Growth Management Plan, and forms are available for purchase at the Growth Management Department building, located at 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL.

Chapter 11. Contact Information

Contact information is available on the County website. When an application is filed with the ~~Planning & Zoning Department~~[applicable division](#), the appropriate staff member is assigned to the application. Staff will conduct a Completeness and Processing and will contact the **applicant** about whether the filing is in order. The **applicant** can contact the assigned staff member throughout the various steps of each process.

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Chapter 12. Acronyms

A – Rural Agricultural Zoning District

ACOE – Army Corps of Engineers

ACP – Agricultural Clearing Permit

ACSC – Area of Critical State Concern

ADT – Average Daily Trips

ASI – Area of Significant Influence

BCC – Board of Collier County Commissioners

BD – Boat Dock Petition

BMUD – Bayshore Drive Mixed Used District

BP – Business Park District

BZA – Board of Zoning Appeals

C-1 – Commercial Professional General Office District

C-2 – Commercial Convenience District

C-3 – Commercial Intermediate District

C-4 – General Commercial District

C-5 – Heavy Commercial District

CCME – Conservation and Coastal Management Element

CCPC – Collier County Planning Commission

CCSL(P) – Coastal Construction Setback Line (Permit)

CDD – Community Development District

CEB – Code Enforcement Board

CF – Community Facility

CIE – Capital Improvement Element

CIP – Capital Improvement Program

CMO – Corridor Management Overlay

C.O. – Certificate of Occupancy

CON – Conservation Zoning District

CRD – Compact Rural Development

CSP – Conceptual Site Plan

CU – Conditional Use

DBH – Diameter at Breast Height

DEO – Department of Economic Opportunity

D.O. – Development Order

DRI – Development of Regional Impact

DSWT – Dry Season Water Table

E – Estates Zoning District

EAC – Environmental Advisory Council

EIS – Environmental Impact Statement

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

EXP – Excavation Permit

FAC – Florida Administrative Code

FDEP – Florida Department of Environmental Protection

FDOT – Florida Department of Transportation

FFWCC – Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

FIAM – Financial Impact Analysis Module

FIHS – Florida Interstate Highway System

FLUCFCS - Land Use Cover and Forms Classification System

FLUE – Future Land Use Element

FLUM – Future Land Use Map

FP – Final Plat

FS – Florida Statutes

FSA – Flow way Stewardship Area

GC – Golf Course

GGAMP – Golden Gate Area Master Plan

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GGPPOCO – Golden Gate Pkwy Professional Office Commercial Overlay District	RCW – Red Cockaded Woodpecker
GMP – Growth Management Plan	RFMU – Rural Fringe Mixed Use District
GPCD – Gallons Per Capita per Day	RLS – Request for Legal Service
GT – Gopher Tortoise	RLSA(O) – Rural Lands Stewardship Area (Overlay)
GWP – Ground Water Protection Zone	RMF – Residential Multi-Family Districts
GZO – Goodland Zoning Overlay	RNC – Residential Neighborhood Commercial Subdistrict
HSA – Habitat Stewardship Area	R.O.W. – Right of Way
I – Industrial Zoning District	RSF – Residential Single-Family
ICBSD – Immokalee Central Business Subdistrict	SBCO – Santa Barbara Commercial Overlay District
LDC – Land Development Code	SBR – School Board Review
LOS – Level of Service	SDP – Site Development Plan
LPA – Local Planning Agency	S/F – Single Family Use/Zoning
LSPA – Littoral Shelf Planting Area	SFWMD – South Florida Water Management District
M/F – Multi-family Use or Zoning	SIP – Site Improvement Plan
MH – Mobile Home	SLR – Sound Level Reduction
MHO – Mobile Home Overlay	SRA – Stewardship Receiving Area
MLW – Mean Low Water	SSA – Stewardship Sending Area
MPP – Manatee Protection Plan	ST – Special Treatment Zoning Overlay
NBMO – North Belle Meade Overlay	ST-NAR – Special Treatment-Natural Aquifer Recharge
NC – Neighborhood Commercial District	SWFRPC – Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
NRPA – Natural Resource Protection Area	TCEA – Transportation Concurrency Exception Areas
O.C. – On Center	TCMA – Transportation Concurrency Management Areas
P – Public Use District	TDR – Transfer of Development Rights
PPL – Plans and Plat	TP – Turtle Permit
PSI – Pounds Per Square Inch	TTRVC – Travel Trailer Recreational Vehicle Campground
PSP – Preliminary Subdivision Plat	USFWS – United States Fish & Wildlife Service
PUD – Planned Unit Development	
RSF – Residential Single-Family Districts	

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VOB – Vehicle on the Beach Permit

VRSFP – Vegetation Removal & Site Fill Permit

VR – Village Residential Zoning District

W – Waterfront District

VRP – Vegetation Removal Permit

WRA – Water Retention Area (within RLSA)

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Addressing Checklist	An addressing checklist is a form that must be signed by a member of the Addressing Staff. This form indicates the petition type, the legal description, folio/ property identification number , the street address, location information, and a survey for unplatted properties. The addressing checklist form can be found on the Collier County website, on the Zoning and Land Use Application page.
Applicant	A person or entity who files an application with the Growth Management Department, including their representative or agent.
Applicant Contact Information	The applicant contact information should include, but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant/owner or agent's:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Name;○ Address;○ Phone number;○ Email address; and○ The name of the firm where the agent is employed, if applicable.
Architect	A natural person who is licensed under F.S. Chapter 481, Part I to engage in the practice of architecture.
Engineer	A person who is licensed to engage in the practice of engineering under F.S. Chapter 471, and who practices principally in the design and construction of public works or infrastructure.
Collier County Code of Laws & Ordinances	The general codification of the general and permanent ordinances of Collier County, Florida. The Code of Laws and Ordinances is available online at www.municode.com .
Electronic Copies of all Documents	An electronic version of all plans and documents, in PDF or Word format, on a CDROM as part of the submittal package.
Landscape Architect	A person who holds a license to practice landscape architecture in the State of Florida under the authority of F.S. Chapter 481, Part II.

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Land Development Code (LDC)	The Collier County Land Development Code 2004-41. The LDC is available online at www.municode.com .
Mailed Notice	↔ See LDC section 10.03.05 B.
NIM	↔ See LDC section 10.03.05 A.
Newspaper Advertisement	↔ See LDC section 10.03.05 C., and in accordance with F.S. section 125.66
Official Zoning Atlas	The map that shows the location and boundaries of the zoning districts established by the LDC section 2.02.01.
Planner	A person who is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).
Proof of Ownership	A copy of the recorded deed, contract for sale or agreement for sale, or a notarized statement of ownership clearly demonstrating ownership and control of the subject lot or parcel of land. The application shall also present a notarized letter of authorization from the property owner(s) designating the applicant as the agent acting on behalf of the owner(s).
Property Identification Number	The folio number that identifies a property or the parcels that are assigned by the Collier County Property Appraiser.
Property Owner	The owner of the property that is subject to an application for development approval, or the designated agent or attorney.
Property Owners in the Notification Area	Persons or entities who own property in the area that are subject to a mailed written notice of a hearing, pursuant to LDC section 10.03.05 B. , ↔ See <i>Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional information.</i>
PUD Ordinance and Development Commitment Information	<p>The following list of documents and materials shall be provided for the following land use applications, including, but not limited to: SDPs, SDPAs, PPLs, and PUDAs. The Planning & Zoning Department shall review the PUD materials concurrent with all applicable land use applications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. PUD ordinance and any amendments.2. A copy of the latest approved agreements.3. An itemized list of all commitments identified within the agreement/ordinance and a corresponding detailed status report of the commitments.4. Notarized affidavit from the owner/authorized agent that certifies all commitments within the agreements or PUD are compliant or not applicable at this time, or that work identified in the application being submitted fulfills the outstanding commitments.

5. An up to date site drawing illustrating (except for DRIs):
 - [a.](#) All on-site and off-site infrastructure identified as a commitments which have been completed or are pending such as turn lanes, entrance lighting signalization, right-of-way dedication, water management, well fields, conservation easements, sidewalks, interconnections, etc.
 - [b.](#) Other information as may be required by the County Manager or designee that is consistent with the monitoring of agreements and PUD ordinances.

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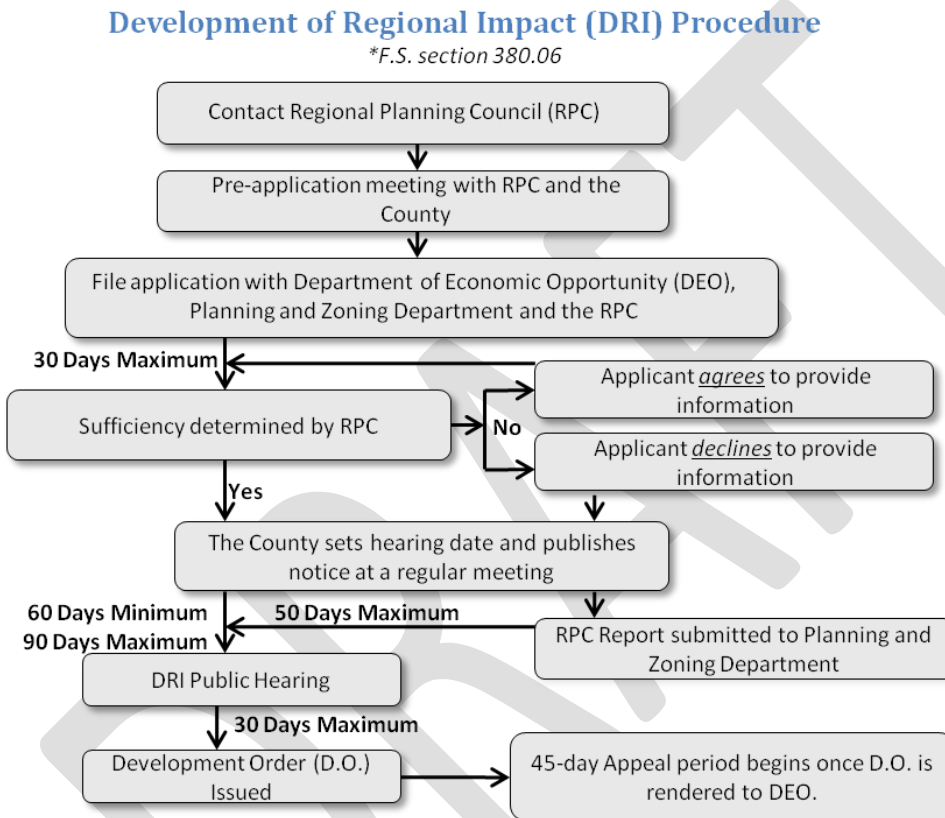
↔ See **LDC** section [10.03.05 D](#).

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Chapter 14. Appendices

Appendix A.

The following is a flow chart identifying the State, Regional and Local Review Procedure.





LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PETITION

PL20190001185

ORIGIN

Growth Management Department

HEARING DATES

BCC TBD
 CCPC TBD
 DSAC TBD
 DSAC-LDR 06/18/2019

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

This amendment facilitates the creation of a new Administrative Code section for Stewardship Receiving Area (SRA) petitions by adding procedural requirements to the Administrative Code. There are no substantive changes intended as a part of this amendment.

LDC SECTION TO BE AMENDED

4.08.07 SRA Designation

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

DSAC-LDR
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DSAC
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CCPC
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BACKGROUND

Collier County Staff is currently undergoing a comprehensive update to the Collier County Administrative Code for Land Development (Administrative Code). As a part of this update, a new section will be added with submittal requirements and procedures for SRA applications.

This amendment provides cross-references to provisions which will be located in the Administrative Code. Additional minor changes to remove gendered pronouns, update an outdated divisional reference, and correct a code citation are also included. There are no substantive changes intended as a part of this amendment.

FISCAL & OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

This amendment will provide more guidance to applicants and staff as to the submittal requirements for SRA applications. There are no anticipated fiscal or operational impacts associated with this amendment.

GMP CONSISTENCY

This amendment is deemed consistent with the Future Land Use Element of the GMP.

EXHIBITS: A) Proposed Administrative Code

Amend the LDC as follows:

4.08.07 – SRA Designation

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D. SRA Designation Application Package. A Designation Application Package to support a request to designate land(s) within the RLSA District as an SRA shall be made pursuant to the regulations of the RLSA District Regulations. The SRA Application Package shall include the following:

1. SRA Designation Application. An application shall be submitted by a landowner or ~~his/her~~ the landowner's agent, hereafter "applicant," to request the designation of an SRA within the RLSA District. The ~~A~~ application shall be submitted to the County ~~m~~Manager or ~~his~~ designee, on a form provided. The application shall be accompanied by the documentation as required by this Section and the Administrative Code.

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5. SRA Master Plan. A Master Plan shall be prepared and submitted by the applicant as part of the SRA Application for Designation of an SRA. The SRA Master Plan shall be consistent with the requirements of Section 4.08.07 G. and the Administrative Code.

6. SRA Development Document. A Development Document shall be prepared and submitted by the applicant as part of the SRA Application for Designation of an SRA. The SRA Development Document shall be consistent with the requirements of Section 4.08.07 H. and the Administrative Code.

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9. Stewardship Credit Use and Reconciliation Application. A Credit Use and Reconciliation Application shall be submitted as part of an SRA Designation Application in order to track the transfer of credits from SSA(s) to SRA(s). The Stewardship Credit Use and Reconciliation Application shall be in a form provided by the County Manager, or ~~his~~ designee. The application package shall contain the following:

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E. SRA Application Review Process.

1. Pre-Application Conference with County Staff: Prior to the submission of a formal application for SRA designation, the applicant shall attend a pre-application conference with the County Manager or ~~his~~ designee and other county staff, agencies, and officials involved in the review and processing of such applications and related materials. If an SRA designation application will be filed concurrent with an SSA application, only one pre-application conference shall be required. This pre-application conference should address, but not be limited to, such matters as:

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4 2. Application Package Submittal and Processing Fees. The required number of SRA
5 Applications and the associated processing fee shall be submitted to the County
6 Manager or ~~his~~ designee. The contents of said application package shall be in
7 accordance with LDC Section 4.08.07 D. and the Administrative Code.

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9 ~~3. Application Deemed Sufficient for Review. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the~~
10 ~~SRA Application, the County manager or his designee shall notify the applicant in~~
11 ~~writing that the application is deemed sufficient for agency review or advise what~~
12 ~~additional information is needed to find the application sufficient. If required, the~~
13 ~~applicant shall submit additional information. Within twenty (20) days of receipt of~~
14 ~~the additional information, the County Manager or his designee shall notify the~~
15 ~~applicant in writing that the application is deemed sufficient, or, what additional or~~
16 ~~revised information is required. If necessary, the County Manager shall again~~
17 ~~inform the applicant in writing of information needed, and the timeframe outlined~~
18 ~~herein shall occur until the application is found sufficient for review.~~

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20 45. Review by County Reviewing Agencies: Once the SRA application is deemed
21 sufficient, the County Manager or ~~his~~ designee will distribute it to specific County
22 review staff.

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24 56. Staff Review. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of a sufficient application, County
25 staff shall review the submittal documents and provide comments, questions,
26 and clarification items to the applicant. If deemed necessary by County staff or
27 the applicant, a meeting shall be held to address outstanding issues and
28 confirm public hearing dates.

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30 67. Staff Report. Within ninety (90) days from the receipt of a sufficient application,
31 County staff shall prepare a written report containing their review findings and a
32 recommendation of approval, approval with conditions or denial. This timeframe
33 may be extended upon agreement of County staff and the applicant.

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35 78. Public notice and required hearings shall be as established in LDC section
36 10.03.06 M.

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40 F. SRA Application Approval Process.

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44 4. SRA Amendments. Amendments to the SRA shall be considered in the same
45 manner as described in this Section for the establishment of an SRA, except as
46 follows:

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48 a. Waiver of Required SRA Application Package Component(s). A waiver
49 may be granted by the County Manager or ~~his~~ designee, if at the time of
50 the pre-application conference, in the determination of the County Manager

1 or designee, the original SRA Designation Application component(s) is
 2 (are) not materially altered by the amendment or an updated component is
 3 not needed to evaluate the amendment. The County Manager or designee
 4 shall determine what application components and associated
 5 documentation are required in order to adequately evaluate the
 6 amendment request.

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10 c. Insubstantial change determination. An insubstantial change includes any
 11 change that is not considered a substantial or minor change. An
 12 insubstantial change to an approved SRA Development Document or
 13 master plan shall be based upon an evaluation of LDC ~~subsection~~ 4.08.07
 14 F.4.b., above and shall require the review and approval of the Hearing
 15 Examiner or Planning Commission. The approval shall be based on the
 16 findings and criteria used for the original application and be an action taken
 17 at a regularly scheduled meeting.

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 19 (1) The applicant shall provide the ~~Planning and Zoning Department~~
 20 ~~Director~~ County Manager or designee documentation which
 21 adequately describes the proposed changes as described in the
 22 Administrative Code.

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 24 d. Approval of Minor Changes by County Manager or Designee. The County
 25 Manager or designee shall be authorized to approve minor changes and
 26 refinements to an SRA Master Plan or Development Document upon
 27 written request of the applicant. Minor changes and refinements shall be
 28 reviewed by appropriate County staff to ensure that said changes and
 29 refinements are otherwise in compliance with all applicable County
 30 ordinances and regulations prior to the County Manager or designee's
 31 consideration for approval. The following limitations shall apply to such
 32 requests:

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36 G. Master Plan. To address the specifics of each SRA, a master plan of each SRA will be
 37 prepared and submitted to Collier County as a part of the petition for designation as an
 38 SRA. The master plan will demonstrate that the SRA complies with all applicable GMP
 39 policies and the RLSA District and is designed so that incompatible land uses are directed
 40 away from lands identified as FSAs, HSAs, WRAs, and Conservation Lands on the RLSA
 41 Overlay Map.

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 43 1. Master Plan Requirements. A master plan shall accompany an SRA Designation
 44 Application to address the specifics of each SRA. The master plan shall
 45 demonstrate that the SRA is designed so that incompatible land uses are directed
 46 away from lands identified as FSAs, HSAs, WRAs and Conservation Lands on the
 47 RSLA Overlay Map. The plan shall be designed by an urban planner who
 48 possesses an AICP certification, together with at least one of the following:

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 50 a. A professional engineer (P.E.) with expertise in the area of civil engineering
 51 licensed by the State of Florida;

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- b. A qualified environmental consultant ~~per Chapter 10 of the LDC~~LDC section 3.08.00 A.2.; or
- c. A practicing architect licensed by the State of Florida.

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H. Development Document. Data supporting the SRA Master Plan, and describing the SRA application, shall be in the form of a Development Document that shall consist of the information listed below and in the Administrative Code, unless determined at the required pre-application conference to be unnecessary to describe the development strategy.

- 1. The document shall be prepared by an urban planner who possesses an AICP certification, together with at least one of the following:
 - a. A professional engineer (P.E.) with expertise in the area of civil engineering licensed by the State of Florida;
 - b. A qualified environmental consultant ~~per Chapter 10 of the LDC~~LDC section 3.08.00 A.2.; or
 - c. A practicing landscape architect licensed by the State of Florida.

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Exhibit A – Proposed Administrative Code

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C. Stewardship receiving area (SRA)

C.1. SRA Designation

Reference [LDC section 4.08.07, LDC Public Notice section 10.03.06 M and F.S. § 163.3202.](#)

↔ [See LDC subsection 4.08.07 B for Establishment and Transfer of Stewardship Credits](#)

Applicability [This procedure applies to a request for the designation of a SRA.](#)

Pre-Application [A pre-application meeting is required. The pre-application meeting with the Zoning Division may address, but is not limited to, the matters set forth in LDC section 4.08.07 E.1.](#)

Initiation [The applicant files a “Stewardship Receiving Area \(SRA\) Designation Application” with the Zoning Division.](#)

↔ [See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.](#)

Application Contents [The application must include the following information:](#)

- [1. Applicant contact information.](#)
- [2. Addressing checklist.](#)
- [3. Name of project.](#)
- [4. Property Ownership Disclosure form.](#)
- [5. The date the subject property was acquired or leased \(including the term of the lease\). If the applicant has an option to buy, indicate the date of the option, the date the option terminates, and anticipated closing date.](#)
- [6. Property information, including:
 - \[a. Section, township and range;\]\(#\)
 - \[b. Zoning districts;\]\(#\)
 - \[c. General location and cross streets;\]\(#\)
 - \[d. Property identification numbers;\]\(#\)
 - \[e. Total area of project in acres; and\]\(#\)
 - \[f. Previously approved or pending petition numbers affecting the property.\]\(#\)](#)
- [7. Adjacent zoning and land use designations.](#)
- [8. A list of consultants, including name, phone number, and mailing address.](#)
- [9. Stewardship Credit Use and Reconciliation Application. ↔ See Stewardship Credit Use and Reconciliation Application Contents below.](#)
- [10. A Stewardship Receiving Area Credit Agreement as described in LDC section 4.08.07 D.11.b.](#)

Exhibit A – Proposed Administrative Code

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11. The SRA Development Document, with all required Exhibits. ⇔ See SRA Development Document Contents below.

14. An SRA Public Facilities Impact Assessment Report as described in LDC section 4.08.07 K.

15. An SRA Economic Assessment Report as described in LDC section 4.08.07 L.

16. Electronic copy of all documents.

17. Affidavit of Authorization.

Stewardship Credit Use and Reconciliation Application Contents The Stewardship Credit Use and Reconciliation Application shall contain the following, pursuant to LDC section 4.08.07 D.9.:

1. The legal description of, or descriptive reference to, the SRA to which the Stewardship Credits are being transferred.

2. Total number of acres within the proposed SRA and the total number of acres of the proposed SRA within the ACSC (if any).

3. Number of acres within the SRA designated “public use” that do not require the redemption of Stewardship Credits in order to be entitled (does not consume credits).

4. Number of acres of “excess” open spaces within the SRA that do not require the consumption of credits.

5. Number of acres of WRAs inside the SRA boundary but not included in the SRA designation.

6. Number of acres within the SRA that consume credits.

7. The number of Stewardship Credits being transferred to (consumed by) the SRA and documentation that the applicant has acquired or has a contractual right to acquire those Stewardship Credits.

8. The number of acres to which credits are to be transferred (consumed) multiplied by 8 Credits/ acre equals the number of Credits to be transferred (consumed).

9. A descriptive reference to one or more approved or pending SSA Designation Applications from which the Stewardship Credits are being obtained. Submit copies of SSA Stewardship Credit Agreement and related documentation, including:

a. SSA Application Number;

b. Pending companion SRA Application Number;

c. SSA Designation Resolution (or Resolution Number);

d. SSA Credit Agreement (Stewardship Agreement); and

e. Stewardship Credits Database Report.

10. A descriptive reference to any previously approved Stewardship Credit Use and Reconciliation Applications that pertain to the referenced SSA(s) from which the Stewardship Credits are being obtained.

11. A summary table in a form provided by Collier County that identifies the exchange of all Stewardship Credits that involve the SRA and all of the associated SSAs from which the Stewardship Credits are being obtained.

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SRA Development Document Contents The SRA Development Document shall be prepared by a **planner**, together with at least one of the following: a professional **engineer** (P.E.) with expertise in the area of civil engineering licensed by the State of Florida, a qualified environmental consultant per **LDC** section 3.08.00 A.2., or a practicing landscape architect licensed by the State of Florida.

The Development Document shall include, as applicable, the following information pursuant to **LDC** section 4.08.07 H.:

1. Title page to include name of project.
2. Index/table of contents.
3. Exhibit A. Identification of all proposed land uses within each tract or increment describing: acreage; proposed number of dwelling units; proposed density and percentage of the total development represented by each type of use; or in the case of commercial, industrial, institutional or office, the acreage and maximum gross leasable floor area within the individual tracts or increments.
4. Exhibit B. Design standards for each type of land use proposed within the SRA. Design standards shall be consistent with the Design Criteria contained in **LDC** section 4.08.07 J.
5. Exhibit C. SRA Master Plan. ⇔ See *SRA Master Plan Contents below*.
6. Exhibit D. Legal description of the SRA boundary, and for any WRAs encompassed by the SRA.
7. Exhibit E. The Development Document, including any amendments, may request deviations from the **LDC**. The Development Document application shall identify all proposed deviations including justification and any proposed alternatives. See **LDC** section 4.08.07 J.8 for the deviation requirements and criteria.
8. Exhibit F. Planning and Commitment information, with the following included:
 - a. The proposed schedule of development, and the sequence of phasing or incremental development within the SRA, if applicable;
 - b. The location and nature of all existing or proposed public facilities (or sites), such as schools, parks, fire stations and the like;
 - c. A plan for the provision of all needed utilities to and within the SRA; including (as appropriate) water supply, sanitary sewer collection and treatment system, stormwater collection and management system, pursuant to related county regulations and ordinances;
 - d. Agreements, provisions, or covenants, which govern the use, maintenance, and continued protection of the SRA and any of its common areas or facilities; and
 - e. Development commitments for all infrastructure.
9. Exhibit G. A Natural Resource Index Assessment. ⇔ See *Natural Resource Index Assessment Contents below*.
10. Exhibit H. Development Document amendment provisions.
11. Exhibit I. Property Information, with the following information included:
 - a. Statement of compliance with the RSLA Overlay and the RLSA District Regulations.

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- b. General location map showing the location of the site within the boundaries of the RLSA Overlay Map and in relation to other designated SRAs and such external facilities as highways.
 - c. Property ownership and general description of site (including statement of unified ownership).
 - d. Description of project development.
 - e. The overall acreage of the SRA that requires the consumption of Stewardship Credits and proposed gross density for the SRA.
12. Typical cross sections for all arterial, collector, and local streets, public or private, within the proposed SRA.
13. When determined necessary to adequately assess the compatibility of proposed uses within the SRA to existing land uses, their relationship to agriculture uses, open space, recreation facilities, or to assess requests for deviations from the Design Criteria standards, the County Manager or designee may request schematic architectural drawings (floor plans, elevations, perspectives) for all proposed structures and improvements, as appropriate.
14. Development Document amendment provisions.
15. Documentation or attestation of professional credentials of individuals preparing the development document.

SRA Master Plan Contents

The SRA Master Plan shall be designed by a **planner**, together with at least one of the following: A professional **engineer** (P.E.) with expertise in the area of civil engineering licensed by the State of Florida, a qualified environmental consultant per **LDC** section 3.08.00 A.2., or a practicing **architect** licensed by the State of Florida.

At a minimum, the Master Plan shall include the following, pursuant to **LDC** section 4.08.07 G.:

- 1. The title of the project and name of the developer.
- 2. Scale, date, north arrows.
- 3. Location map that identifies the relationship of the SRA to the entire RLSA District, including other designated SRAs.
- 4. Boundaries of the subject property. Indicating all existing roadways within and adjacent to the site, watercourses, easements, section lines, and other important physical features within and adjoining the proposed development.
- 5. Identification of all proposed tracts or increments within the SRA such as, but not limited to: residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, conservation/ preservation, lakes and/or other water management facilities, the location and function of all areas proposed for dedication or to be reserved for community and/or public use, and areas proposed for recreational uses including golf courses and related facilities.
- 6. Identification, location and quantification of all wetland preservation, buffer areas, and open space areas.
- 7. The location and size (as appropriate) of all proposed drainage, water, sewer, and other utility provisions.
- 8. The location of all proposed major internal rights of way and pedestrian access ways;

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9. Typical cross sections for all arterial, collector, and local streets, public or private, within the proposed SRA.
10. Identification of any WRAs that are contiguous to or incorporated within the boundaries of the SRA.
11. Documentation or attestation of professional credentials of individuals preparing the master plan.

Natural Resource Index Assessment Contents

The Assessment shall include an analysis that quantifies the number of acres by Index Values, pursuant to LDC section 4.08.07 D.3. The Assessment shall:

1. Identify all lands within the proposed SRA that have an Index Value greater than 1.2.
2. Verify that the Index Value scores assigned during the RLSA Study are still valid through recent aerial photography or satellite imagery or agency-approved mapping, or other documentation, as verified by field inspections.
3. If the Index Value scores assigned during the RLSA Study are no longer valid, document the current Index Value of the land.
4. Quantify the acreage of agricultural lands, by type, being converted.
5. Quantify the acreage of non-agricultural acreage, by type, being converted.
6. Quantify the acreage of all lands by type within the proposed SRA that have an Index Value greater than 1.2.
7. Quantify the acreage of all lands, by type, being designated as SRA within the ACSC, if any.
8. Demonstrate compliance with the Suitability Criteria contained in LDC section 4.08.07 A.1.
9. Natural Resource Index Assessment Support Documentation pursuant to LDC section 4.08.07 D.4, including:
 - a. Legal Description, including sketch or survey;
 - b. Acreage calculations of lands being put into the SRA, including acreage calculations of WRAs (if any) within SRA boundary but not included in SRA designation;
 - c. RLSA Overlay Map delineating the area of the RLSA District being designated as an SRA;
 - d. Aerial photograph delineating the area being designated as an SRA;
 - e. Natural Resource Index Map of area being designated as an SRA;
 - f. FLUCFCS map(s) delineating the area being designated as an SRA;
 - g. Listed species map(s) delineating the area being designated as an SRA;
 - h. Soils map(s) delineating the area being designated as an SRA; and
 - i. Documentation to support a change in the related Natural Resource Index Value(s), if appropriate.

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Completeness and Processing of Application [↔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.](#)

[After the application is filed, pre-hearing conferences may be held between the applicant, the applicant's agents, county officials, and county staff prior to the public hearing.](#)

Review Timeframe [Within thirty \(30\) days of receipt of the SRA Application, the applicant will be notified in writing that the application is complete and sufficient for review. If required, the applicant shall submit additional information.](#)

[Within twenty \(20\) working days of receipt of the additional information the applicant will be notified if the application is complete.](#)

[Staff review and written comments shall be submitted to the applicant sixty \(60\) days after sufficiency has been determined.](#)

[Staff shall provide a written report containing their findings and recommendations of approval, approval with conditions or denial within ninety \(90\) days after sufficiency is determined.](#)

Notice [Notification requirements are as follows. ↔ See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.](#)

- [1. **NIM:** The **NIM** shall be completed at least 15 days before the advertised Planning Commission hearing. The **NIM** shall be advertised and a mailed written notice shall be given to **property owners in the notification area** at least 15 days prior to the **NIM** meeting.](#)
- [2. **Mailed Notice:** Written notice shall be sent to **property owners in the notification area** at least 15 days before the advertised Planning Commission hearing.](#)
- [3. **Newspaper Advertisements:** The legal advertisement shall be published at least 15 days before each advertised public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. The advertisement shall include at a minimum:
 - \[a. Date, time, and location of the hearing;\]\(#\)
 - \[b. Title of the proposed resolution;\]\(#\)
 - \[c. Location\\(s\\) within the County where the proposed resolution and agreement may be inspected by the public;\]\(#\)
 - \[d. General description of the proposed land uses;\]\(#\)
 - \[e. 2 in. x 3 in. map of the project location; and\]\(#\)
 - \[f. Notification that interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed resolution.\]\(#\)](#)

- Public Hearing**
- [1. The EAC shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing, if required.](#)
 - [2. The Planning Commission shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing.](#)
 - [3. The BCC shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing.](#)

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Decision maker [The BCC, following recommendations from both the EAC, if required, and the Planning Commission.](#)

Review Process [The Zoning Division will review the application and identify whether additional materials are needed. Staff will prepare a report pursuant to LDC section 4.08.07 E.](#)

[Staff will schedule a hearing date before the Planning Commission to present the petition. Following the Planning Commission’s review, Staff will prepare an Executive Summary and will schedule a hearing date before the BCC to present the petition.](#)

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Amend the LDC as follows:

10.02.03 - Requirements for Site Development, Site Improvement Plans and Amendments thereof

A. Generally.

1. Purpose. The intent of this section is to ensure compliance with the appropriate land development regulations prior to the issuance of a building permit. This section is further intended to ensure that the proposed development complies with fundamental planning and design principles such as: consistency with the county's growth management plan; the layout, arrangement of buildings, architectural design and open spaces; the configuration of the traffic circulation system, including driveways, traffic calming devices, parking areas and emergency access; the availability and capacity of drainage and utility facilities; and, overall compatibility with adjacent development within the jurisdiction of Collier County and consideration of natural resources and proposed impacts on those resources.

2. Applicability. All development, except as identified in LDC section 10.02.03 A.3, is subject to the provisions of this section.

a. No building permit or certificate of occupancy shall be issued except in compliance with the following:~~approved site development plan, site improvement plan, amendment thereof, or pursuant to an approved Early Construction Authorization permit.~~

i. Approved site development plan or site improvement plan, and amendment thereof;

ii. Approved nominal application process; or

iii. Approved early construction authorization permit.

b. No final local development order shall be issued or renewed for any regulated development that would allow development or change in use in violation of the LDC.

c. All final local development orders issued in violation of the LDC are deemed invalid, and shall not confirm or vest any development right or property interest on the owner/operator or regulated development.

d. Violation of the terms identified in the approved site development plan, site improvement plan, and amendments thereof shall constitute a violation of the LDC.

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E. Site Improvement Plan Requirements (SIP).

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1. Criteria for site improvement plan review. A site improvement plan may be reviewed if the development proposal meets all of the following criteria:
 - a. The project involves a site which is currently improved with principal structures, parking facilities, water and sewer services, and defined ingress/egress.
 - b. The proposed use will not require an expansion of the existing impervious areas to a degree which would require an engineering review or otherwise affect on-site surface water management facilities as may be documented by waiver letters from the South Florida Water Management District or Collier County where applicable.
 - c. Written documentation from appropriate agencies acknowledging that water and sewer services are available at the site and are adequate to serve the proposed use.
 - d. Public utility ancillary systems in Collier County will be permitted as insubstantial changes to the Site Development Plan or Site Improvement Plan approved for the water treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant or other facility to which the public utility ancillary systems are subordinate, provided that the requirements of Section 5.05.12 are met. More than one (1) ancillary use may be permitted with one (1) application provided that all uses are connected by the same pipeline. The insubstantial change submittal shall include a signed and sealed boundary survey of the property or lease parcel; a copy of recorded deed or lease agreement; a recent aerial photograph of the project area; a master plan showing all public utility ancillary systems subordinate to the main water treatment plant, wastewater treatment facility, or irrigation quality (IQ) system; and a site plan prepared on a twenty-four inch by thirty-six inch sheet drawn to scale and setting forth the following information:
 - i. The project title, utility owner, address and telephone number.
 - ii. Legal description, scale, and north arrow.
 - iii. Zoning designation of the subject site(s) and adjacent sites and the proposed use of the subject site.
 - iv. Location, configuration and dimensions of all building and lot improvements.
 - v. Location and dimension of access point(s) to the site.
 - vi. Location of existing and proposed landscaping with specifications as to size, quantity and type of vegetation.
 - vii. All required and provided setbacks and separations between structures in matrix form.

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viii. Any additional relevant information as may be required by the County Manager or designee.

e. The change does not otherwise qualify for a Nominal Application Process (NAP), identified in LDC section 10.02.03 G.3.

~~23.~~ Application for site improvement plans. A pre-application meeting shall be conducted by the County Manager or designee, prior to the submission of any site improvement plan for review. This meeting may be waived by the County Manager or designee upon the request of the applicant.

- a. The Administrative Code shall establish the process and submittal requirements for site improvement plans.
- b. Projects subject to the provisions of LDC section 5.05.08 shall submit architectural drawings that are signed and sealed by a licensed architect registered in the State of Florida.
- c. The engineering plans shall be signed and sealed by the applicant's professional engineer, licensed to practice in the State of Florida.
- d. The landscaping plans shall be signed and sealed by the applicant's landscape architect, registered in the State of Florida.

~~34.~~ Site improvement plan completion. Upon completion of the required improvements associated with a site improvement plan, and prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the applicant's engineer shall provide a completion certificate as to the improvements, together with all applicable items referenced in LDC section 10.02.05 B.2. Upon a satisfactory inspection of the improvements, a certificate of occupancy may then be issued.

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G. *Amendments and insubstantial changes.* Any proposed change or amendment to a previously approved site development plan shall be subject to review and approval by the County Manager or designee. Upon submittal of a plan clearly illustrating the proposed change, the County Manager or designee shall determine whether or not it constitutes a substantial change. In the event the County Manager or designee determines the change is substantial, the applicant shall be required to follow the review procedures set forth for a new site development plan.

- 1. Site development plan amendments (SDPA). A substantial change, requiring a site development plan amendment, shall be defined as any change which substantially affects existing transportation circulation, parking or building arrangements, drainage, landscaping, buffering, identified preservation/conservation areas and other site development plan considerations.
- 2. Site development plan insubstantial changes (SDPI). The County Manager or designee shall evaluate the proposed change in relation to the following criteria; for purposes of this section, the insubstantial change procedure shall be

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acceptable where the following conditions exist with respect to the proposed change:

- a. There is no South Florida Water Management District permit, or letter of modification, needed for the work and there is no major impact on water management as determined by the Engineering Services Director.
- b. There is no new access proposed from any public street, however minimal right-of-way work may be permitted as determined by the Transportation Planning Director.
- c. There is no addition to existing buildings (air-conditioned space) proposed, however a maximum area of 300 square feet of non-air-conditioned space used for storage, or to house equipment, will be permitted.
- d. There is no proposed change in building footprint or relocation of any building on site beyond that needed to accommodate storage areas as described in LDC section 10.02.03 G.2.c, above.
- e. The change does not result in an impact on, or reconfiguration of, preserve areas as determined by the Natural Resource Director.
- f. The change does not result in a need for additional environmental data regarding protected species as determined by the Natural Resources Director.
- g. The change does not include the addition of any accessory structure that generates additional traffic as determined by the Transportation Planning Director, impacts water management as determined by the Engineering Services Director, or contains air-conditioned space.
- h. There are no revisions to the existing landscape plan that would alter or impact the site development plan (as opposed to only the landscape plan) as determined by the landscape architect.

i. The change does not otherwise qualify for a Nominal Application Process (NAP), identified in LDC section 10.02.03 G.3., below.

3. Nominal Application Process (NAP). The NAP can be utilized for changes to projects that have an existing and approved SDP or SIP, and to projects that do not have an existing SDP or SIP. The NAP is limited to one or more of the following changes:

a. The proposed change corrects a scrivener’s error to an existing and approved site development plan, or site improvement plan, and does not propose an addition to, or modification, of the site layout. This includes the following:

i. Correction to the building square footage or building construction type;

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ii. Correction to the parking summary; or

iii. Addressing changes.

b. The proposed addition or modification is limited to the following:

i. Mechanical air equipment and subsequent concrete pads;

ii. Permanent emergency generators;

iii. Above- or below-ground fuel tanks; or

iv. Carports or shade structures that do not increase impervious area calculations.

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I.6 Nominal Application Process (NAP)

Reference LDC section 10.02.03 G.3. and other provisions of the LDC.

Applicability This process provides for a nominal change to a site development plan (SDP), site improvement plan (SIP), or to an existing site in which there is no site plan. A nominal application process shall meet the criteria identified in LDC section 10.02.03 G.3.

Pre-Application A pre-application meeting is not required, but the **applicant** must obtain pre-submittal authorization from the Development Review Division.

Initiation The **applicant** files an “Nominal Application Process” application with the Development Review Division.

↔ See Chapter 1 D. for additional information regarding the procedural steps for initiating an application.

Application

Contents The application must include the following:

1. Applicant contact information.

2. Property information, including:

- a. Project name;**
- b. Most recent approved Site Plan number;**
- c. Section, township, and range; and**
- d. Property identification number.**

3. Addressing checklist.

4. Determination from the County Manager or designee that confirms the requested revisions qualify for the Nominal Application Process.

5. Cover letter describing in detail the proposed changes, including any discussions with the assigned planner that may be pertinent to the review of the application.

7. Affidavit of Authorization.

Plan Requirements Sheet size: The plan and the cover sheet shall be prepared on a maximum size sheet measuring 24 inches by 36 inches, showing the areas affected by the change. The sheet must clearly show the change “clouded” and clearly delineate the area and scope of the work to be done.

1. For projects that have an existing SDP or SIP, the NAP Plan is only required to show the plan sheets that have changed.

2. For projects that do not have an existing SDP, SIP, etc., a cover sheet with the following information is required:

- a. The project title;**

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- b. Applicant contact information;
- c. Name, address, and telephone number of **property owner**;
- d. Zoning designation;
- e. Vicinity map clearly identifying the location of the development and its relationship to the surrounding community; and
- f. Legal description; and
- g. **Property identification number(s)** for the subject property.

Completeness and Processing of Application ⇔ See Chapter 1 D. for information regarding the completeness and processing steps of the application.

Notice No notice is required.

Public Hearing No hearing is required.

Decision Maker The County Manager or designee may approve.

Review Process The Development Review Division will review the application, identify whether additional materials are needed and approve, approve with conditions or deny the application utilizing the criteria identified in the applicable LDC sections.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

PETITION

PL2019000XXXX

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

This amendment clarifies the method of public notice for several petition types that require a public hearing.

ORIGIN

Growth Management Department

LDC SECTIONS TO BE AMENDED

10.03.06 Public Notice and Required Hearings for Land Use Petitions

HEARING DATES

BCC – TBD
 CCPC – TBD
 DSAC – TBD
 DSAC-LDR –6/18/19

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

DSAC-LDR
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DSAC
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BACKGROUND

This proposed LDC amendment makes the following changes to the Public Notice section:

- 1.) Update the term ‘regular’ growth management plan (GMP) amendments to now be referred to as ‘large-scale’ GMP amendments. This change is for clarity in amendment type and with terminology used at the state level. This language has also been modified within the Administrative Code.
- 2.) Update LDC notice provisions for rezones, PUD amendments, and ordinances or resolutions for comprehensive plan amendments. For each of the petition types, the LDC requires the County to notify, by mail, each property owner within the area covered by the proposed ordinance or resolution. The proposed LDC Amendment removes this requirement, as this is a duplicative provision.
- 3.) Remove public notice requirements for a PUD Extension, as the PUD sunseting process has been removed from the LDC, per Ordinance 2014-33.

FISCAL & OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

There are no anticipated fiscal or operational impacts associated with this amendment.

GMP CONSISTENCY

To be provided by GMP Staff.

ATTACHMENTS: A) Administrative Code

Amend the LDC as follows:

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10.03.06 - Public Notice and Required Hearings for Land Use Petitions

This section shall establish the requirements for public hearings and public notices. This section shall be read in conjunction with LDC section 10.03.05 and Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code, which further establishes the public notice procedures for land use petitions.

A. Ordinance or resolution that is initiated by County or a private entity which does not change the zoning atlas or actual list of uses in a zoning category but does affect the use of land, including, but not limited to, land development code regulations as defined in F.S. § 163.3202, regardless of the percentage of the land affected. This is commonly referred to as a LDC amendment.

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B. Ordinance or resolution for a rezoning, a PUD amendment, or a **conditional use**. For minor **conditional use** notice requirements see 10.03.06 C, below and for County initiated rezonings, see 10.03.06 K.:

- 1. The following advertised public hearings are required:
 - a. One Planning Commission hearing.
 - b. One BCC or BZA hearing.
- 2. The following notice procedures are required:
 - a. A NIM. See LDC section 10.03.05 A.
 - b. Mailed Notice prior to the first advertised public hearing.
 - c. Newspaper Advertisement prior to each advertised public hearing in accordance with F.S. § 125.66.
 - d. Posting of a sign prior to the first advertised public hearing.
 - ~~e. For a rezoning or a PUD amendment the County shall notify by mail each owner within the area covered by the proposed ordinance or resolution of the time, place, and location of the public hearing before the BCC or BZA.~~

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~~PUD extension,~~ Conditional use extension, or conditional use re-review:

- 1. The following advertised public hearings are required:
 - a. One BZA or Hearing Examiner hearing.
- 2. The following notice procedures are required:
 - a. Mailed Notice prior to the advertised public hearing.
 - b. Newspaper Advertisement prior to the advertised public hearing.
 - c. Posting of a sign prior to the advertised public hearing. Signage is not required for a conditional use re-review.

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- E. Ordinance or resolution for comprehensive plan amendments:
1. The following advertised public hearings are required:
 - a. One or more Planning Commission hearings pursuant to F.S. Chapter 163.
 - b. One or more BCC hearings pursuant to F.S. Chapter 163.
 2. The following notice procedures are required:
 - a. Small-scale amendments:
 - i. A NIM, which shall be held after the first set of staff review comments have been issued and prior to the Planning Commission hearing.
 - ii. Mailed Notice prior to the advertised Planning Commission hearing.
 - iii. Newspaper Advertisement prior to each advertised public hearing.
 - iv. Posting of a sign prior to the advertised Planning Commission hearing.
 - ~~v. Mailed Notice shall be sent to each real property owner within the area covered by the proposed plan amendment prior to the advertised BCC public hearing.~~
 - b. ~~Regular~~Large-scale amendments:
 - i. For site-specific amendment, aA NIM, which shall be held after the first set of staff review comments have been issued and prior to the Planning Commission adoption hearing ~~for a site-specific amendment.~~
 - ii. For site-specific amendment, mMailed Notice prior to the advertised Planning Commission hearing ~~for a site-specific amendment.~~
 - iii. Newspaper Advertisement prior to each advertised public hearing.
 - iv. For site-specific amendment, pPosting of a sign prior to the advertised Planning Commission hearing ~~for a site-specific amendment.~~
 - ~~v. Mailed Notice shall be sent to each real property owner within the area covered by the proposed plan amendment prior to the advertised BCC public hearing.~~

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A. Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Reference F.S. § 163.3177 – 163.3187, 125.66 and LDC Public Notice ~~sub~~section 10.03.06 E and the Collier County Growth Management Plan (GMP).

👉 *Note:* The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) website contains procedures, forms, and technical assistance regarding State of Florida review and requirements. For State related Comprehensive Plan Amendment information refer to: <http://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/programs/comprehensive-planning>.

Applicability This procedure applies to a request to amend the GMP whether initiated by the County or a private landowner.

A comprehensive plan amendment does not authorize development.

There are several categories of plan amendments, including but not limited to:

- a. Small-Scale Amendment: A plan amendment that involves 10 acres or less and other criteria set out in F.S. § 163.3187(1).
 - ⊖ i. Generally, small-scale amendments are for maps and may include text changes.
 - ⊖ ii. Small-scale amendments that involve 10 acres or less may be site-specific amendments.
- b. ~~Regular~~ Large-Scale Amendment: A plan amendment that changes the goals, objectives and policies; a map change; or any other material in the plan, and falls within one of the categories described in F.S. § 163.3184(2) and 163.3184(3).
 - ⊖ i. ~~Regular~~ Large-scale amendments may be site-specific amendments.
- c. DRI Companion Amendment: A plan amendment that is directly related to a DRI. This is processed concurrent with the DRI application. ⇔ *See Chapter 3 D.3 of the Administrative Code for more information.*

Pre-Application A pre-application meeting is required.

Initiation The **applicant** files an “Application for a Request to Amend the Collier County Growth Management Plan” with the Comprehensive Planning Section of the ~~Planning and~~ Zoning Division.

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Application Contents The application shall include the draft amendment text and/or map amendment and all data and supporting materials that justify the amendment.

☞ *Note:* Refer to F.S. § 163.3163 *et. seq.* for State requirements.

Completeness and Processing of Application The Comprehensive Planning Department will review the application for completeness. After submission of the completed application packet accompanied with the required fee, the **applicant** will receive a mailed or electronic response notifying the **applicant** that the petition is being processed. Accompanying that response will be a receipt for the payment and the tracking number (i.e., XXX201200000) assigned to the petition. This petition tracking number should be noted on all future correspondence regarding the petition.

Notice – Small-Scale Amendment for Map and/or Text Changes Notification requirements are as follows. ⇔ See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.

1. **NIM:** The NIM shall be completed at least 15 days before the advertised Planning Commission hearing. The NIM shall be advertised and a mailed written notice shall be given to property owners in the notification area at least 15 days prior to the NIM meeting.
2. **Mailed Notice:** Written notice shall be sent to property owners in the notification area at least 15 days before the advertised Planning Commission hearing.
3. **Newspaper Advertisement:** The legal advertisements shall be published at least 15 days before the Planning Commission and BCC public hearings dates. The advertisements shall include at a minimum:
 - a. Clear explanation of the proposed ordinance ~~or resolution~~ as it affects the subject property;
 - b. Date, time, and location of one or more public hearings;
 - c. 2 in. x 3 in. map of the project location; and
 - d. The required advertisements must be at least 2 columns wide by 10 inches long, in a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisements must be in a type no smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in a portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisements shall be placed in a newspaper of general paid circulation.

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4. Sign: (see format below) Posted at least 15 days prior to the advertised Planning Commission hearing.

<p>PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN</p> <p>PETITION NUMBER: _____</p> <p>TO ALLOW: _____ (Request-Sufficiently clear to describe the project)</p> <p>LOCATION: _____</p> <p>DATE: _____ TIME: _____</p> <p>CONTACT: _____</p> <p>THE ABOVE TO BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, COLLIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 3299 TAMIAMI TRAIL EAST, NAPLES, FLORIDA, 34112.</p>

Notice – Notification requirements are as follows. ⇔ *See Chapter 8 of the Administrative Code for additional notice information.*

Large-Scale
Amendment for
Site-Specific
~~Amendment~~

- 1. NIM:** The **NIM** shall be completed at least 15 days before the first advertised Planning Commission hearing. The **NIM** shall be advertised and a mailed written notice shall be given to **property owners in the notification area** at least 15 days prior to the **NIM** meeting. ~~The NIM is only for site-specific amendments.~~
- 2. Mailed Notice:** Written notice shall be sent to **property owners in the notification area** at least 15 days before the advertised Planning Commission hearing.
- 3. Newspaper Advertisements:** The legal advertisements shall be published at least 15 days before the Planning Commission and BCC transmittal and adoption public hearings. The advertisement shall include at a minimum:
 - a.** Clear explanation of the proposed ordinance or resolution as it affects the subject property;
 - b.** Date, time, and location of one or more public hearings;
 - c.** 2 in. x 3 in. map of the project location, if site-specific; and
 - d.** The required advertisements must be at least 2 columns wide by 10 inches long, in a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement must be in a type no smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in a portion of the

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newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisements shall be placed in a newspaper of general paid circulation.

4. ~~**Mailed Notice:** The County shall send written notice by mail to each real property owner within the area covered by the proposed plan amendment at least 15 days before the advertised BCC public hearing date.~~
5. **Sign:** (see format below) Posted at least 15 days prior to the advertised public hearings. Two distinct signs shall be posted for the transmittal hearings and the adoption hearings. The first sign shall be posted before the first Planning Commission hearing on the GMP transmittal to DEO. A second sign shall be posted before the Planning Commission hearing on the GMP adoption.

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~~Regular Large-Scale~~ Amendment

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- Public Hearings for Small-Scale Amendment**
1. The EAC shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing, if required.
 2. The Planning Commission shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing.
 3. The BCC shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing.

Public Hearing for ~~Regular~~ Large-Scale Amendment ~~Regular Large-Scale~~ Amendments require two sets of public hearings, transmittal hearings and adoption hearings.

1. Transmittal Public Hearings:
 - a. The EAC shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing, if required.
 - b. The Planning Commission shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing.
 - c. The BCC shall hold at least 1 advertised transmittal public hearing.
2. Adoption Public Hearings:
 - a. The EAC shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing, if required.
 - b. The Planning Commission shall hold at least 1 advertised public hearing.
 - c. The BCC shall hold at least 1 advertised adoption public hearing.

Decision maker The BCC, following recommendations from both the EAC, if required, and the Planning Commission.

- Review Process**
1. Transmittal of Amendment to DEO:
 - a. The Comprehensive Planning Section will review the application, identify whether additional materials are needed, prepare a Staff Report, and schedule a hearing date before the EAC, if required, and the Planning Commission to present the petition for review.
 - b. Following the recommendation by the Planning Commission, the Comprehensive Planning Section will prepare an Executive Summary

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and schedule a hearing date before the BCC to present the petition for review.

- c. Small-Scale Amendments are not subject to a review by DEO and may be adopted by the BCC at the first advertised public hearing. A ~~Regular~~ Large-scale Amendment is reviewed by the BCC at a transmittal hearing and if approved, the amendment is sent to DEO and other review agencies for review in accordance with F.S. § 163.3184(3) and (4).

2. Adoption of Amendment:

- a. Following review by DEO and other review agencies, the Comprehensive Planning Section will prepare a Staff Report, and schedule a hearing date before the EAC, if required, and the Planning Commission to present the amendment and comments from DEO and other review agencies for review. Following the recommendation by the EAC, if required, and the Planning Commission, the Comprehensive Planning Section will prepare an Executive Summary and schedule an adoption hearing before the BCC. If the amendment is adopted, the amendment is sent to DEO and the review agencies in accordance with F.S. § 163.3184(3) and (4).

Criteria The plan amendment must be consistent with the applicable portions of the Collier County Growth Management Plan, F.S. § 163.3164, *et seq.*, the State Comprehensive Plan, and the *Southwest Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan* published by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

Effective Date ⇔ See F.S. § 163.3184(3) and (4).

⇔ See F.S. § 163.3191 if the plan amendment is an update that results from an evaluation and appraisal report.

Appeals Affected persons may file an administrative challenge as described in F.S. § 163.3184(5).

Small-scale amendments may be administratively challenged pursuant to F.S. § 163.3187(5) (a).

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