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ARTICLE ONE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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SECTION 1.1 SHORT TITLE

The rules and regulations hereby adopted shall be known and cited as the "Land Development Regulations for Lafayette County, Florida."

SECTION 1.2 AUTHORITY

These land development regulations are adopted pursuant to the authority contained in Section 125.01 and Sections 163.3161 to 163.3217, Florida Statutes, as amended and Rule 9J-24, Florida Administrative Code, as amended.

Whenever any provision of these land development regulations refers to or cites a section of Florida Statutes or Florida Administrative Code and that section is later amended or superseded, these land development regulations shall be deemed amended to refer to the amended section or the section that most nearly corresponds to the superseded section.

SECTION 1.3 JURISDICTION

These land development regulations shall apply to the entire unincorporated area of the County.

SECTION 1.4 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES

To the extent that the provisions of these land development regulations are the same in substance as the previously adopted provisions that they replace in the various ordinances of the County, they shall be considered as continuations thereof and not as new enactments unless otherwise specifically provided. In particular, a situation that did not constitute a lawful, nonconforming situation under the previously adopted land development regulations does not achieve lawful nonconforming status under these regulations merely by the repeal of the previous land development ordinances.

SECTION 1.5 RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

In order to accomplish the goals, objectives and policies listed within the Comprehensive Plan, these land development regulations and accompanying Official Zoning Atlas are guided by, based on, related to, and a means of implementation of the Comprehensive Plan as required by the "Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulations Act" (Sections 163.3161 to 163.3217, Florida Statutes, as amended). All regulations, districts, and the accompanying Official Zoning Atlas are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and any amendments thereto shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The phrase "consistent with the Comprehensive Plan" means in a manner which the land development regulations are compatible with and further the Comprehensive Plan. The term "compatible with" means that the land development regulations are not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan; and the term "furthers" means to take action in the direction of the Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 1.6 CONFORMITY WITH LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION PROVISIONS

1.6.1 Subject to Section 2.3 of these land development regulations (nonconforming situations), no person may use, occupy, or sell any land or buildings or authorize or permit the use, occupancy, or sale of land or buildings under his or her control except in accordance with all of the applicable provisions of these land development regulations.

1.6.2 For purposes of this Article, the "use" or "occupancy" of a building or land relates to anything and everything that is done to, on, or in that building or land.

SECTION 1.7 FEES

1.7.1 Reasonable fees sufficient to cover the costs of administration, inspection, publication of notice and similar matters may be charged to applicants for zoning permits, sign permits, special exceptions applications, subdivision plat approval, zoning amendments, variances and other administrative relief. The amount of the fees charged shall be as established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County.

1.7.2 Fees established in accordance with section 1.7.1 shall be paid upon submission of a signed application or notice of appeal.

SECTION 1.8 SEVERABILITY

In the event any court of competent jurisdiction should hold that any section or provision of these land development regulations to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not effect the validity of these land development regulations as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 1.9 COMPUTATION OF TIME

1.9.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided, the time within which an act is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first and including the last day. If the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, that day shall be excluded. When the period of time prescribed is less than seven (7) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays and holidays shall be excluded.

1.9.2 Unless otherwise specifically provided, whenever a person has the right or is required to do some act within a prescribed period after the service of a notice or other paper upon him or her and the notice or paper is served by mail, three (3) days shall be added to the prescribed period.

SECTION 1.10 REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances and regulations or parts of ordinances and regulations in conflict with these land development regulations, or inconsistent with the provisions of these land development regulations, are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give these land development regulations full force and effect.

ARTICLE TWO

DEFINITIONS, LOTS DIVIDED BY DISTRICT LINES AND NONCONFORMING SITUATIONS

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SECTION 2.1 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these land development regulations, certain terms or words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

The word person includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, or corporation as well as an individual.

The present tense includes the future tense, the singular number includes the plural, and the plural number includes the singular.

The word shall is mandatory, the word may is permissive.

The words used or occupied include the words intended, designed or arranged to be used or occupied.

The word lot includes the words plot, parcel, tract or site.

The word structure includes the word building as well as other things constructed or erected on the ground, attached to something having location on the ground, or requiring construction or erection on the ground. Among other things, structures include walls, buildings, signs and swimming pools, but exclude solid, wire or chainlink fences, which shall not be considered a structure under these land development regulations although the location of such fences shall not constitute an obstruction to visibility at entranceways or adjacent streets.

The word land includes the words water, marsh or swamp.

The word abut shall not include directly across from.

The words Board of County Commissioners means the Board of County Commissioners of Lafayette County, Florida.

The word County means Lafayette County, Florida.

Abandoned Motor Vehicle. Abandoned motor vehicle means one that is in a state of disrepair and incapable of being moved under its own power.

Abutting or Adjacent Property. Abutting or adjacent property means property that is immediately adjacent (not separated by a street) to the property being considered under these land development regulations.

Access. Access means the primary means of ingress and egress to abutting property from a dedicated right-of-way.

Accessory Use or Structure. Accessory use or structure means a use or structure of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use or structure and, unless otherwise provided, on the same premises. On the same premises with respect to accessory uses and structures shall be construed as meaning on the same lot or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership. Where a building is attached to the principal building, it shall be considered a part thereof, and not an accessory building.

Addition. Addition means any walled and roofed expansion to the perimeter of a building in which the addition is connected by a common load-bearing wall other than a fire wall. Any walled and roofed addition which is connected by a fire wall or is separated by independent perimeter load bearing wall is new construction.

Administrator. Administrator means the Land Development Regulation Administrator designated by the Board of County Commissioners for the administration and enforcement of these land development regulations (see Land Development Regulation Administrator).

Adult Congregate Living Facility. See Residential Home for the Aged.

Adverse Effect. Adverse effect means increases in flood elevations on adjacent properties attributed to physical changes in the characteristics of the Official 100-Year Flood Area due to development.

Airport Elevation. Airport elevation means the highest point of an airport's usable landing area measured in feet from mean sea level.

Alter or Alteration of a Stormwater Management System. Alter or alteration of a stormwater management system means work done other than that necessary to maintain the system's original design and function.

Alteration. Alteration means any change in size, shape, occupancy, character or use of a building or structure.

Alley or Service Drive. Alley or service drive means a public or private right-of-way which affords only a secondary means of access to property abutting thereon.

Aquifer or Aquifer System. Aquifer or aquifer system means a geologic formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that contains sufficient saturated permeable material to yield significant quantities of water to wells and springs.

Area of Shallow Flooding. Area of shallow flooding means a designated AO or VO Zone on the Flood Insurance Rate Map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with base flood depths from one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate and where velocity flow may be evident.

Area of Special Flood Hazard. Area of special flood hazard means the land so designated on the Flood Insurance Rate Map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is land in the floodplain subject to a one (1) percent or greater chance of flooding in a given year.

Arterial Streets. Arterial streets means streets which conduct large volumes of traffic over long distances and are functionally classified as such on the Future Traffic Circulation Map of the Comprehensive Plan.

Automobile Wrecking or Automobile Wrecking Yard. Automobile wrecking or Automobile wrecking yard means the dismantling or disassembling of used motor vehicles or trailers, or the storage, sale or dumping of dismantled, partially dismantled, obsolete or wrecked vehicles or their parts.

Automotive Service Station. Automotive service station means an establishment whose principal business is the dispensing at retail of motor fuel and oil primarily for automobiles and where grease, batteries, tires, and automobile accessories may be supplied and dispensed at retail. In addition, an automotive service station may provide accessory facilities for car washing and polishing and may render minor repair services. However, major mechanical and body work, straightening of frames or body parts, steam cleaning, painting, tire recapping or re-grooving, storage of automobiles not in operating condition or other work involving undue noise, glare, fumes, smoke or other characteristics to an extent greater than normally found in such stations are prohibited. An automotive service station is not a repair garage, a body shop, truck stop or a car wash.

Automotive Self-service Station. Automotive self-service station means an establishment where motor fuel pumps are erected for the purpose of dispensing motor fuel at retail primarily for automobiles, but does not include minor automotive repair or the outside display of batteries tires and automobile accessories nor additional services which are customarily associated with an automotive service station.

Where such motor fuel pumps are erected in conjunction with a convenience store or any other retail commercial outlet, which sells food, hardware or drugs, each use shall be considered as a separate principal use and as such, each must meet all applicable requirements of these land development regulations (See Article 4 for special design standards for automotive service and self-service stations).

Base Flood. Base flood means the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Basement. Basement means that portion of a building between floor and ceiling, which is partly below and partly above grade, but so located that the vertical distance from the grade to the floor below is less than the vertical distance from the grade to the ceiling provided, however, that the distance from the grade to the ceiling shall be at least four (4) feet six (6) inches. (see Cellar).

Bar, Cocktail Lounge or Tavern. Bar, cocktail lounge or tavern means any establishment which is devoted primarily to the retailing and on premises drinking of malt, vinous or other alcoholic beverages, and which is licensed by the State of Florida to dispense or sell alcoholic beverages.

Bicycle and pedestrian ways. Bicycle and pedestrian ways means any road, path or way which is open to bicycle travel and traffic afoot and from which motor vehicles are excluded.

Block. Block means tier or group of lots existing with well-defined and fixed boundaries, usually being an area surrounded by streets or other physical barriers and having an assigned number, letter or other name through which it may be identified.

Board of Adjustment. Board of Adjustment means the Board of Adjustment, as herein provided for within these land development regulations.

Borrow Pit. Borrow pit means an excavated area where material (as earth) has been borrowed to be used as fill at another location.

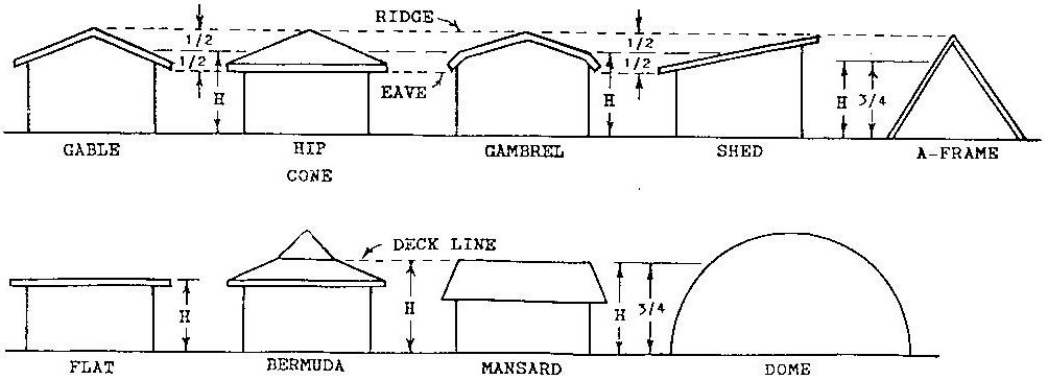
Breakaway Wall. Breakaway wall means a wall that is not part of the structural support of the building and is intended through its design and construction to collapse under specific lateral loading forces without causing damage to the elevated portion of the building or the supporting foundation system.

Buildable Area. Buildable area means portion of a lot remaining after the required yards have been provided.

Building. Building means any structure, either temporary or permanent, having a roof impervious to weather, and used or built for the enclosure or shelter of persons, animals, vehicles, goods, merchandise, equipment, materials or property of any kind. This definition shall include tents, dining cars, trailers, mobile homes, sheds, garages, carports, animal kennels, storerooms or vehicles serving in any way the function of a building as described herein. This definition of a building does not include screened enclosures not having a roof impervious to weather.

Building Front Yard Setback Line. Building front yard setback line means the rear edge of any required front yard as specified within these land development regulations.

Building, Height of. Height of building means the vertical distance measured from the established grade at the corner of a front of a building to the highest point of the roof surface of a flat roof, to the deck line of a mansard or Bermuda roof, to the mean height level between eaves and ridge of gable, hip, cone, gambrel and shed roofs, and to a height three-fourths (3/4) the distance from the ground to the apex of A-frame and dome roofs. (See Article 4, Exclusions from Height Limitations).



Building Line. Building line means the rear edge of any required front yard or the rear edge of any required setback line.

Building Permit. Building permit means a permit to construct or reconstruct any structure, having a roof, and used or built for a shelter enclosure of persons, animals or property of any kind. This definition does not include foundation permits.

Capital Budget. Capital budget means the portion of the annual budget which reflects capital improvements scheduled for a fiscal year.

Capital Improvements. Capital improvements means physical assets constructed or purchased to provide, improve or replace a public facility and which are large scale and high in cost. The cost of a capital improvement is generally nonrecurring and may require multi-year financing. For the purpose of these land development regulations, physical assets which have been identified as existing or projected needs in the individual comprehensive plan elements shall be considered capital improvements.

Cellar. Cellar means that portion of a building, the ceiling of which is entirely below grade or less than four (4) feet six (6) inches above grade (see Basement).

Child Care Center. Child care center means an establishment where six (6) or more children, other than members of the family occupying the premises, are cared for during the day. The term includes day nurseries, kindergartens, day care services, nursery schools, or play schools.

Child Care Center, Overnight. Overnight child care center means an establishment where six (6) or more children, other than members of the family occupying the premises, are cared for not only during the day but overnight. An overnight child care center provides full overnight sleeping facilities for such children.

Church. Church means a building set apart as a place of public worship for any religion.

Clinic, Medical or Dental. Medical or dental clinic means an establishment where patients, who are not lodged overnight, are admitted for examination and treatment by one (1) person or a group of persons practicing any form of the healing arts, whether such persons be medical doctors, chiropractors, osteopaths, chiropodists, naturopaths, optometrists, dentists, or any such profession, the practice of which is regulated by the State of Florida.

Club, Private. Private club means those associations and organizations of a civic, fraternal, recreational or social character, not operated or maintained for profit. The term "private club" shall not include casinos, nightclubs, bottle clubs, or other establishments operated or maintained for profit.

Collector Streets. Collector streets means streets which serve as the connecting link for local streets and arterials. The traffic characteristics generally consist of relatively short trip lengths with moderate speeds and volumes. In addition, collectors are so functionally classified as such on the Future Traffic Circulation Map of the Comprehensive Plan.

Communications Antenna. Communications antenna means an antenna designed to transmit or receive communications as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission.

Communications Tower. Communications tower means a tower greater than seventy-five (75) feet in height (including antenna) which supports communication equipment (for either transmission or receiving). The term communication tower shall not include amateur radio operators' equipment, including citizen's band, Very High Frequency and Ultra High Frequency, Aircraft/Marine and other similar operators. Design examples of communication towers are described as follows: (a) self-supporting lattice; (b) guyed; and (c) monopole.

Community Residential Home. Community residential home means a dwelling unit licensed to serve clients of the Florida Department of Children and Family Services, which provide a living environment for seven (7) to fourteen (14) unrelated residents who operate as the functional equivalent of a family, including such supervision and care by supportive staff as may be necessary to meet physical emotional, and social needs of the residents. (See Article 4)

Commercial Kennel. Commercial kennel means an establishment which offers and provides to the public the service of on-site boarding**,** sale, breeding or training of dogs.

Completely Enclosed Building. Completely enclosed building means a building separated on all sides from adjacent open space, or from other buildings or other structures, by a permanent roof and by exterior walls or party walls, pierced only by windows and normal entrance and exit doors.

Comprehensive Plan. Comprehensive Plan means the Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the "Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act (Sections 163.3161 to 163.3217, Florida Statutes, as amended) and Chapter 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, as amended".

Cone of Influence. Cone of influence means an area around one or more major waterwells based on groundwater travel or drawdown depth.

Construction, Actual. Actual construction means the placing of substantial construction materials in permanent position and fastened in a permanent manner; except that where demolition, excavation or removal of an existing structure has been substantially begun preparatory to new construction, such excavation, demolition or removal shall be deemed to be actual construction, provided that work shall be continuously carried on until the completion of the new construction involved. Actual construction shall include only work begun under a valid building permit.

Continuing in Good Faith. Continuing in good faith means the final development order for a project has not expired, and no period of ninety (90) consecutive days passes without the occurrence, on the land, of development activity which significantly moves the proposed development toward completion, unless the developer establishes that such ninety (90) day lapse in development activity was due to factors beyond the developer's control or unless development activity authorized by a final development order has been completed on a significant portion of the development subject to said final development order and has significantly moved the entire development toward completion.

County Health Department. County Health Department means the Health Department of the County.

Cul-de-sac. Cul-de-sac means a local street with one end open and the other end terminating in a vehicular turnaround.

Curb Break. Curb break means a driveway or any other point of access or opening for vehicles onto a public street.

Day Care Center or Nursery. See Child Care Center.

Density, Gross Residential. Gross residential density means the number of residential dwelling units permitted per gross acre of land and is determined by dividing the number of units by the total area of land within the boundaries of a lot or parcel including dedicated rights-of-way except as otherwise provided for in these land development regulations.

Developer. Developer means any person, including a governmental agency, undertaking any development as defined in Section 163.3164 Florida Statutes, as amended.

Development. Development means any development as defined in Section 163. 3164 and Section 380.04, Florida Statutes, as amended. As used in Section 2.4, entitled Vested Rights, in addition to the above stated definition, development shall also mean the particular development activity authorized by the unexpired development order issued for a specific project.

Development Order. Development order means any order granting, denying or granting with conditions an application for a development permit, which includes any building permit, subdivision approval, rezoning, certification or designation, special exception, variance, special or temporary permit, or any other official action of the appropriate approval body or Land Development Regulation Administrator having the effect of permitting the development of land.

Dormitory. Dormitory means a space in a unit where group sleeping accommodations are provided with or without meals for persons not members of the same family group, in one (1) room, or in a series of closely associated rooms under joint occupancy and single management, as in college dormitories, fraternity houses and military barracks.

Drive-In Restaurant or Refreshment Stand. Drive-in restaurant or refreshment stand means any place or premises where provision is made on the premises for the selling, dispensing, or serving of food, refreshments or beverage to persons in automobiles and/or in other than a completely enclosed building on the premises, including those establishments where customers may serve themselves and may eat or drink the food, refreshments or beverages in automobiles on the premises. A restaurant which provides drive-in facilities of any kind shall be deemed a drive-in restaurant for the purposes of these land development regulations. A barbecue stand or pit having the characteristics noted in this definition shall be deemed a drive-in restaurant.

Drainage Basin. Drainage basin means the area defined by topographic boundaries which contributes stormwater to a drainage system, estuarine waters, or oceanic waters, including all areas artificially added to the basin.

Drainage Detention Structure. Drainage detention structure means a structure which collects and temporarily stores stormwater for the purpose of treatment through physical, chemical or biological processes with subsequent gradual release of the stormwater.

Drainage Facilities. Drainage facilities means a system of man-made structures designed to collect, convey, hold, divert or discharge stormwater, and includes stormwater sewers, canals, detention structures and retention structures.

Drainage Retention Structure. Drainage retention structure means a structure designed to collect and prevent the release of a given volume of stormwater by complete on-site storage.

Drive-In Theater. Drive-in theater means a place of outdoor assembly used for the showing of plays, operas, motion pictures and similar forms of entertainment which is designed to permit the audience to view the performance from vehicles parked within the theater (See Article 4).

Dwelling Unit (D.U.). Dwelling unit means a room or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for one (1) family, for owner occupancy or rental or lease on a weekly, monthly or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure, and containing sleeping facilities and one (1) kitchen.

Dwelling, Single Family. Single family dwelling means a building containing only one (1) dwelling unit and structurally connected to no other dwelling. The term is not to be construed as including mobile homes, travel trailers, housing mounted on self-propelled or drawn vehicles, tents, house boats, or other forms of temporary or portable housing.

Dwelling, Mobile Home or Mobile Home. Mobile home dwelling or mobile home means a detached one (1) family dwelling unit, which is a manufactured home licensed by the State of Florida and has affixed thereto the required code seal and label issued by the Florida Department of Community Affairs (if Florida seals are missing from the home, a factory data sheet or United States Department of Housing and Urban Development seal identifying that the home was constructed for location in the State of Florida shall meet this requirement). In addition, such mobile home has also been determined by the Land Development Regulation Administrator to have all the following characteristics:

1. Designed for long term occupancy, and containing sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a tub or shower bath, and kitchen facilities, with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems;
2. Having three (3) or more sidewall ties, which are located on the unit;
3. Designed for transportation after fabrication on streets or highways on its own wheels or on a flatbed or other trailers; and
4. Arriving at the site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete and ready for occupancy except for minor incidental unpacking and assembly operations, location on jacks or other temporary or permanent foundations, connection to utilities, and the like.

A travel trailer is not considered a mobile home.

Dwelling, One Family. One (1) family dwelling means one (1) building under one (1) roof containing only one (1) dwelling unit. A one (1) family dwelling may be either a single family dwelling or a mobile home dwelling.

Dwelling, Two Family or Duplex. Two (2) family or duplex dwelling means one (1) building under one (1) roof containing only two (2) dwelling units.

Dwelling, Multiple or Multi-Family. Multiple or multi-family dwelling means one (1) building under one roof containing three (3) or more dwelling units. Housing for the aged, which does not provide for routine nursing and/or medical care, shall be construed to be a multiple family dwelling.

Dwelling, Multiple Dwelling Use. Multiple dwelling use dwelling means:

1. Multiple dwelling uses involve dwelling units intended to be rented and maintained under central ownership and management or cooperative apartments, condominiums and the like;
2. Where an undivided lot contains more than one (1) building and the buildings are not so located that lots and yards conforming to requirements for single or two (2) family dwellings in the district could be provided, the lot shall be considered to be in multiple dwelling use if there are three (3) or more dwelling units on the lot, even though the individual buildings may each contain less than three (3) dwelling units;
3. Guest houses and servant's quarters in connection with single family residences shall not be considered as dwelling units in the computation of (b) above; and

4. Any multiple dwelling in which dwelling units are available for rental for periods of less than one (1) week shall be considered a tourist home, motel, motor hotel or hotel as the case may be.

Easement. Easement means any strip of land created by a subdivider for public or private utilities, drainage, sanitation or other specified uses having limitations, the title to which shall remain in the name of the property owner, subject to the right of use designated in the reservation of the servitude.

Elevated Building. Elevated building means a noncellar building built to have the lowest floor elevated above the ground level by means of fill, solid foundation perimeter walls, pilings, columns (posts and piers), shear walls or breakaway walls.

Engineer. Engineer means a professional engineer registered to practice engineering by the State of Florida who is in good standing with the Florida State Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors Examiners.

Elevation. Elevation means height in feet above mean sea level as established by the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.

Essential Services. See Section 4.2.

Existing Mobile Home Park or Subdivision. Existing mobile home park or subdivision means a mobile home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the mobile homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the effective date of the floodplain management regulations adopted by the County (before the effective date of the first flood plain management code, ordinance, or standard based upon specific technical base flood elevation data which established the area of special flood hazard) or the effective date of adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations.

Exotic Animals. Exotic animals means all animals, excepting house cats (felis catus domestica), dogs (canis familiares), including feathered vertebrates other than poultry and livestock as defined in this section of these land development regulations.

Expansion of an Existing Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision. Expansion of an existing manufactured home park or subdivision means the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the mobile homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads.

Extermination. Extermination means the control and extermination of insects, rodents, or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible materials that may serve as their food; by poisoning, spraying, fumigating, trapping; or by any other recognized and legal pest elimination methods.

Facility. Facility means a building or buildings, appurtenant structures and surrounding land area used by a single business private entity or governmental unit or sub-unit at a single location or site.

Family. Family means one (1) or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit, provided that unless all members are related by blood, adoption, marriage or foster care, no family shall contain over three (3) persons, but further provided that domestic servants employed on the premises may be housed on the premises without being counted as a separate or additional family or families and not more than two (2) roomers or boarders may occupy the dwelling unit (for three (3) or more roomers or boarders, see Group Living Facility). Family shall not be construed to mean a fraternity, sorority, club, monastery or convent, or institutional group.

Fill. Fill means any materials deposited for the purpose of raising the level of the land surface.

Flood. Flood means the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface water of any source.

Flood Elevation of Record. Flood elevation of record means the maximum flood elevation for which historical records exist.

Flood Insurance Rate Map. The Flood Insurance Rate Map means the map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency where both the areas of special flood hazard and the risk premium zones have been delineated.

Flood Insurance Study. Flood insurance study means the report provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency containing flood profiles, as well as, the Flood Boundary Floodway Map and the water surface elevation of the base flood.

Floodplains. Floodplains means areas adjacent to a watercourse inundated during a 100-year flood event and identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Floodway. Floodway means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one (1) foot.

Floor. Floor means the top surface of an enclosed area in a building (including basement) i.e. top of slab in concrete slab construction or top of wood floor in wood frame construction. The term does not include the floor of a garage used solely for parking vehicles.

Floor Area. Floor area means, except as may be otherwise indicated in relation to particular districts and uses, the sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of a building measured from the exterior faces of the exterior walls or from the centerline of walls separating two (2) buildings, excluding attic areas with a headroom of less than seven (7) feet, unenclosed stairs or fire escapes, elevator structures, cooling towers, areas devoted to air conditioning, ventilating or heating or other building machinery and equipment, parking structures and basement space where the ceiling is not more than forty-eight (48) inches above the general finished and graded level of the adjacent part of the lot.

Floridan Aquifer System. Floridan aquifer system means the thick carbonate sequence which includes all or part of the Paleocene to early Miocene Series and functions regionally as a water-yielding hydraulic unit. Where overlaid by either the intermediate aquifer system or the intermediate confining unit, the Floridan contains water under confined conditions. Where overlaid directly by the surficial aquifer system, the Floridan may or may not contain water under confined conditions, depending on the extent of low permeability materials in the surficial aquifer system. Where the carbonate rocks crop out, the Floridan generally contains water under unconfined conditions near the top of the aquifer system, but, because of vertical variations in permeability, deeper zones may contain water under confined conditions. The Florida Aquifer is the deepest part of the active ground water flow system. The top of the aquifer system generally coincides with the absence of significant thicknesses of clastics from the section and with the top of the vertically persistent permeable carbonate section. For the most part, the top of the aquifer system coincides with the top of the Suwannee Limestone, where present, or the top of the Ocala Group. Where these are missing, the Avon Park Limestone or permeable carbonate beds of the Hawthorn Formation form the top of the aquifer system. The base of the aquifer system coincides with the appearance of the regionally persistent sequence of anhydride beds that lie near the top of the Cedar Keys Limestone.

Frontage of a Lot. See Lot Frontage.

Functionally Dependent Facility. Functionally dependent facility means a facility which cannot be used for its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water, such a docking facility necessary for the loading or unloading of cargo or passengers, boat building, boat repair or fishery processing facilities. The term does not include long-term storage, manufacture, sales or service facilities.

Garage, Parking. Parking garage means a building or portion thereof designed or used for temporary parking of motor vehicles.

Garage, Private. Private garage means a structure designed or used for inside private parking of private passenger vehicles by the occupants of the main building. A private garage attached to or a part of the main structure is to be considered part of the main building. An unattached private garage is to be considered as an accessory building.

Garage, Repair. Repair garage means a building or portion thereof, other than a private, storage, or parking garage or automotive service station, designed or used for repairing, equipping, or servicing of motor vehicles. Such garages may also be used for hiring, renting, storing or selling of motor vehicles.

Garage, Storage. Storage garage is a building or portion thereof designed and used exclusively for the storage of motor vehicles, and within which temporary parking may also be permitted.

Garbage. Garbage means the animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

Grade. Grade means the level of the finished ground surface immediately adjacent to the exterior walls of the building.

Ground Water. Ground water means water in saturated zones or stratum beneath the surface of land or water, whether or not it is flowing through known and definite channels.

Group Home Care Facility. Group home care facility means any building occupied by seven (7) or more persons including staff, whether operated for profit or not, which provides for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours, one (1) or more personal services for persons not related to the owner or administrator by consanguinity, adoption or marriage, which require such services. The personal services in addition to housing, may include but not be limited to food services, personal assistance with bathing, dressing housekeeping, adult supervision, emotional security and other related service, but not including medical services.

Group Living Facility. Group living facility means an establishment where lodging is provided

1. For four (4) or more persons who are not a family or for three (3) or more roomers or boarders,
2. For residents rather than transients,
3. On a weekly or longer basis, and
4. In which residents may share common sleeping or kitchen facilities.

Group living facility includes dormitories, fraternities, sororities, rooming or boarding houses, convents or monasteries, orphanages, and housing for other institutional groups. One (1), two (2), or multiple family dwellings which constitute separate, individual housekeeping establishments for one (1) family shall not be considered to be group living facilities.

Habitable Story. Habitable story means any story used or to be used for living purposes, which includes working, sleeping, eating cooking, recreation or a combination thereof. A story used only for storage purposes having only non-load-bearing walls, e.g., breakaway lattice-work, wall or screen, is not a "habitable story".

Guest House or Guest Cottage. Guest house or guest cottage means a dwelling unit in a building separate from and in addition to the main residential building on a lot, intended for intermittent or temporary occupancy by a non-paying guest, provided, however, that such quarters shall have no cooking facilities, shall not be rented, and shall not have separate utility meters (such use shall be exempt from density requirements).

Habitable Room. Habitable room means a space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, storage or utility space and similar areas are not considered habitable space.

Hazardous Waste. Hazardous waste means solid waste, or a combination of solid wastes, which, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics, may cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness or may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly transported, disposed of, stored, treated or otherwise managed.

Height of a Building. See Building Height.

Highest Adjacent Grade. Highest adjacent grade means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to construction, next to the proposed walls of a structure.

Home Occupation. Home occupation means an occupation conducted in accordance with the home occupation criteria in Section 4.2 of these land development regulations.

Hotel, Motel, Motor Hotel, Motor Lodge, Tourist Court. Hotel, motel, motor hotel, motor lodge, and tourist court means a building or a group of buildings in which sleeping accommodations are offered to the public and intended primarily for rental to transients with daily charge, as distinguished from multiple family dwellings and group living facilities, where rentals are for periods of a week or longer and occupancy is generally by residents rather than transients.

Improvements. Improvements means, but is not limited to, street pavements, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, alley pavements, walkway pavements, water mains, sanitary sewers, storm sewers or drains, road and street signs, landscaping, permanent reference monuments, permanent control points, or any other improvements required by these land development regulations.

Infestation. Infestation means the presence within or around a dwelling, of any insects, rodents or other pests.

Intensive Agriculture. Intensive agriculture means all areas of concentrated animal density generally associated with milking barns, feed lots, chicken houses and holding pens.

Junk Yard. Junk yard means a place, structure or lot where junk, waste, discarded, salvaged or similar materials such as old metals, wood, slush, lumber, glass, paper, rags, cloth, bagging, cordage, barrels, containers and similar items, are brought, bought, sold, exchanged, baled, packed, disassembled, stored or handled, including used lumber and building material yards, house wrecking yards, heavy equipment wrecking yards, and yards or places for the storage, sale or handling of salvaged house wrecking or structural steel materials. Junk yard shall not include automobile wrecking or automobile wrecking yards and establishments for the sale, purchase or storage of second-hand cars, clothing, salvaged machinery, furniture, radios, stoves, refrigerators, or similar household goods and appliances, all of which shall be usable, nor shall it apply to the processing of used, discarded, or salvaged materials incident to manufacturing activity on the same site where such processing occurs.

Land. Land means the earth, water and air, above, below or on the surface, and includes any improvements or structures customarily regarded as land.

Land Development Regulations. Land development regulations means regulations which address the use of land and water, subdivision of land, drainage and stormwater management, protection of environmentally sensitive areas, sign control, standards for public facilities and services, on-site traffic flow and parking and any other similar regulation deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners.

Land Development Regulation Administrator. The Land Development Regulation Administrator is the official designated by the Board of County Commissioners for the administration and enforcement of these land development regulations.

Landmark. Landmark means a building or structure which has been designated as such within the Comprehensive Plan.

Landmark Site. Landmark site means the land on which a landmark and related buildings and structures are located and the land that provides the grounds, the premises or the setting for the landmark.

Level of Service. Level of service means an indicator of the extent or degree of service provided by, or proposed to be provided by a facility based on and related to the operational characteristics of the facility. Level of service indicates the capacity per unit of demand for each public facility.

Lien. Lien means a claim on the property of another as security against the payment of a just debt.

Livestock. Livestock means all domesticated animals of the equine, bovine or swine class, including goats, sheep, mules, horses, hogs, cattle and poultry.

Local Planning Agency. Local Planning Agency means the agency designated by the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 to 163.3217, Florida Statutes, as amended.

Local Streets. Local streets means streets whose primary function is to provide the initial access to the collector and arterial roadways. These facilities are characterized by short trips, low speeds, and small traffic volumes.

Loading Space, Offstreet. Offstreet loading space means space logically and conveniently located for pickups and/or deliveries or for loading and/or unloading, scaled to delivery vehicles expected to be used, and accessible to such vehicles when required offstreet parking spaces are filled.

Lot. Lot means a portion of a subdivision or any parcel of land intended as a unit for building development or for transfer of ownership or both. A lot shall be of at least sufficient size to:

1. Meet minimum zoning requirements for use, coverage and area, and
2. Provide such yards and open spaces as are herein required (provided that certain non-conforming lots of record are exempted from certain of the provisions of these land development regulations (see Section 2.3).

"Lot" includes the words "plot", "parcel", "tract" or "site" and may consist of:

1. A single lot of record;
2. A portion of a lot of record;
3. A combination of complete lots of record, or complete lots of record and portions of lots of record or of portions of lots of record;
4. A parcel of land described by metes and bounds; provided, that in no case of division or combination shall any residual lot or parcel be created which does not meet the requirements of these land development regulations.

Lot Area. Lot area means the total horizontal area included within lot lines.

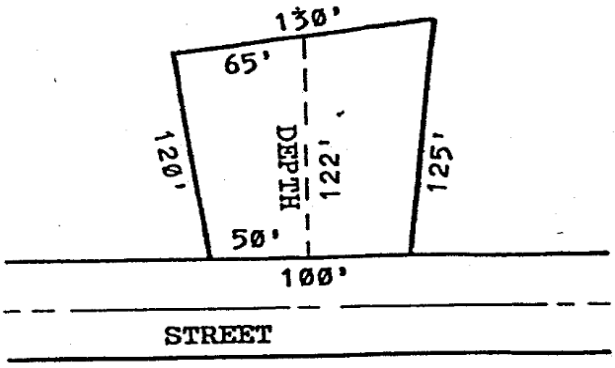
Lot Coverage. Lot coverage means that percentage of lot area that is covered or occupied by buildings, including accessory buildings.

Lot, Flag. Flag lot means a lot which has a long narrow portion (usually used for ingress and egress) which is connected to and is a part of a rectangular or square shaped parcel.

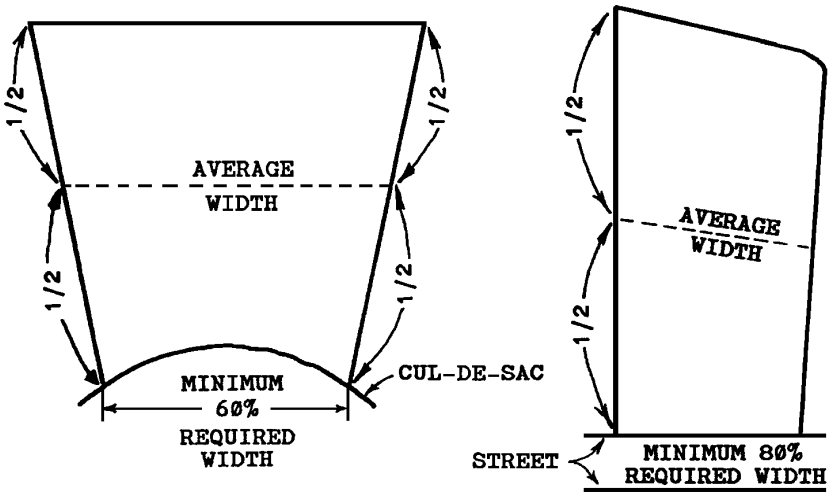
Lot Frontage. Lot frontage means that portion of an interior lot nearest the street. For the purpose of determining yard requirements on corner lots and through lots, all sides of a lot adjacent to streets shall be considered frontage and yards shall be provided as set out in these land development regulations.

Lot Line. Lot line means the lines bounding a lot as established by ownership.

Lot Measurement, Depth. Depth lot measurement means the distance between the midpoints of straight lines connection the foremost points on the side lot lines in front and the rearmost points of the side lot lines in the rear.

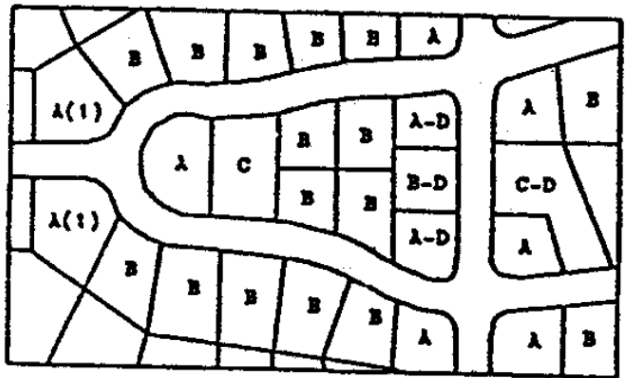


Lot Measurement, Width. Excepting portions of the lot used solely for access, the width of the lot means the average distance between straight lines connecting front and rear lot lines at each side of the lot, measured as straight lines between the foremost points of the side lot lines in front (where they intersect with the street line) and the rear most points of the side lot lines in the rear, provided however, that the width between the side lot lines at their foremost points in the front shall not be less than eighty percent (80%) of the required lot width except in the case of lots on the turning circle of a cul-de-sac, where the width shall not be less than sixty percent (60%) of the required lot width.



Lot of Record. Lot of record means a designated parcel, tract or area of land established by plat, metes and bounds description, or otherwise permitted by law, to be used, developed or built upon as a unit and which existed in the Public Records of the Office of the County Clerk.

Lot Types. Lot type means corner lots, interior lots, reversed frontage lots, and through lots as illustrated on the diagram, as follows:



In the diagram,

A = Corner Lot, defined as a lot located at the intersection of two (2) or more streets. A lot abutting on a curved street or streets shall be considered a corner lot if straight lines drawn from the foremost points of the side lot lines to the foremost point of the lot meet at an interior angle of less than one-hundred thirty-five (135) degrees. See lot marked A(1) in the diagram.

B = Interior Lot, defined as a lot other than a corner lot with only one (1) frontage on a street.

C = Through Lot, defined as a lot other than a corner lot with frontage on more than one (1) street. Through lots abutting two (2) streets may be referred to as double frontage lots.

D = Reversed Frontage Lot, defined as a lot on which the frontage is at right angles or approximately right angles (interior angle less than one-hundred thirty-five (135) degrees) to the general pattern in the area. A reversed frontage lot may also be a corner lot (A-D in the diagram), an interior lot (B-D) or a through lot (C-D).

Marginal Access Street. Marginal access street means a street, parallel and adjacent to an existing street, providing access to abutting lots.

Mean Sea Level. Mean sea level means the average height of the sea for all stages of the tide. It is used as a reference for establishing various elevations within the floodplain. The term is synonymous with National Geodetic Vertical Datum.

Mobile Home. See Dwelling, Mobile Home.

Mobile Home Park. Mobile home park means a parcel of land under single ownership or management which is operated as a business engaged in providing for the parking of mobile homes to be used for nontransient living or sleeping purposes, and where lots are offered only for rent or lease, and including customary accessory uses such as owners' and managers' living quarters, laundry facilities, and facilities for parks and recreation. (See Mobile Home.)

Mobile Home Stand. Mobile home stand means a lot or parcel of ground designated for the accommodation of not more than one (1) mobile home.

Mobile Home Subdivision. Mobile home subdivision means a residential subdivision where lots are offered for sale for use exclusively by mobile homes. (See Mobile Home.)

Motel, Motor Hotel or Motor Lodge. See Hotel.

National Geodetic Vertical Datum. National Geodetic Vertical Datum means a vertical control used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain.

Natural Drainage Features. Natural drainage features means the naturally occurring features of an area which accommodates the flow of stormwater, such as streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands.

New Construction. New construction means structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or before the effective date of these land development regulations.

New Mobile Home Park or Subdivision. New mobile home park or subdivision means a mobile home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the mobile homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date of floodplain management regulations, within these land development regulations adopted or subsequently amended.

Newspaper of General Circulation. Newspaper of general circulation means a newspaper published at least on a weekly basis and printed in the language most commonly spoken in the area within which it circulates, but does not include a newspaper intended primarily for members of a particular professional or occupational group, a newspaper whose primary function is to carry legal notices, or a newspaper that is given away primarily to distribute advertising.

Nonconforming Lot, Structure, Use of Land, Use of Land and Structure.

(See Section 2.3).

Nuisance. Nuisance means:

1. Any public nuisance known at common law or in equity jurisprudence;
2. Any attractive nuisance which may prove detrimental to children whether in a building, on the premises of a building or upon an unoccupied lot. This includes any abandoned wells, shafts, basements, or excavations; abandoned refrigerators and motor vehicles; or any structurally unsound fences or structures; or any lumber, trash, fences, debris or vegetation which may prove a hazard for inquisitive minors;
3. Whatever is dangerous to human life or is detrimental to health, as determined by the County health officer;
4. Overcrowding a room with occupants;
5. Insufficient ventilation or illumination;
6. Inadequate or unsanitary sewage or plumbing facilities;
7. Uncleanliness, as determined by the County health officer; and
8. Whatever renders air, food or drink unwholesome or detrimental to the health of human beings, as determined by the County health officer.

Nursery School. See Child Care Center.

Nursing Home. Nursing home means a private home, institution, building, residence or other place, whether operated for profit or not, including those places operated by units of government, which undertakes through its ownership or management to provide for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours, maintenance, personal care or nursing for three (3) or more persons not related by lineal consanguinity or marriage to the operator, who by reason of illness, physical infirmity or advanced age are unable to care for themselves; provided, that this definition shall include homes offering services for less than three (3) persons where the homes are held out to the public to be establishments which regularly provide nursing, extended care, and custodial services. (See also, Residential Home for the Aged.).

Office, Business. Business office means an office for such operations as real estate agencies, advertising agencies (but not sign shop), insurance agencies, travel agencies and ticket sales, chamber of commerce, credit bureau (but not finance company), abstract and title agencies, insurance companies, stockbroker, employment agencies, billing office, and the like. It is characteristic of a business office that retail or wholesale goods are not shown to or delivered from the premises to a customer.

Office, Professional. Professional office means an office for the use of a person or persons generally classified as professional such as architects, engineers, attorneys, accountants, doctors, lawyers, dentists, veterinarians (but not including boarding of animals on the premises, except as part of treatment and then only in soundproof buildings), psychiatrists, psychologists, and the like. It is characteristic of professional offices that the use is devoted principally to an offering of consultive services.

100-Year Flood Area. 100-Year Flood Area means those areas that have a land elevation less than the Official 100-Year Flood Elevations.

Official 100-Year Flood Map. Official 100-Year Flood Map means the map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that delineates the areas having ground elevations that are less than the Official 100-Year Flood Elevations.

Official 10-Year Flood Elevations. Official 10-Year Flood Elevations means the most recent and reliable flood elevations based on a Log Pearson type III probability distribution produced by the United States Geological Survey and based on historical data.

Openable Area. Openable area means that part of a window or door which is available for unobstructed ventilation and which opens directly to the outdoors.

Open Spaces. Open spaces means undeveloped lands suitable for passive recreation or conservation uses.

Operator. Operator means any person who has charge, care or control of a building, or part thereof, in which dwelling units or rooming units are let.

Owner. Owner means the holder of the title in fee simple and any person, group of persons, company, association or corporation in whose name tax bills on the property are submitted. It shall also mean any person who, alone or jointly or severally with others:

1. Shall have legal title to any dwelling or dwelling unit, with or without accompanying actual possession thereof; or
2. Shall have charge, care or control of any dwelling or dwelling unit, as owner, executor, executrix, administrator, trustee, guardian of the estate of the owner, mortgagee or vendee in possessions, or assignee of rents, lessee, or other person, firm or corporation in control of a building; or their duly authorized agents. Any such person thus representing the actual owner shall be bound to comply with the provisions of these land development regulations to the same extent as if he were the owner. It is his or her responsibility to notify the actual owner of the reported infractions of these land development regulations pertaining to the property which apply to the owner.

Package Liquor Store. Package liquor store means a place where alcoholic beverages are dispersed or sold in containers for consumption off the premises.

Parcel of Land. Parcel of land means any quantity of land capable of being described with such definiteness that its location and boundaries may be established, which is designated by its owner or developer as land to be used, or developed as, a unit or which has been used or developed as a unit.

Parking Space, Handicapped. Handicapped parking space means an offstreet parking space which is reserved for persons who are physically disabled or handicapped.

Parking Space, Offstreet. Offstreet parking space means a space adequate for parking a standard size automobile with room for opening doors on both sides, together with properly related access to a public street or alley and maneuvering room. (See also Article 4, Offstreet Parking Requirements).

Performance Bond. See Surety Device.

Permanent Control Point. Permanent control point means a secondary horizontal control monument which shall be a metal marker with the point of reference marked thereon by a four (4) inch by four (4) inch concrete monument a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches long with the point of reference marked thereon. Permanent control points shall bear the registration number of the surveyor filing the plat of record.

Permanent Reference Monument. Permanent reference monument means a metal rod a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches long or a one and one-half (1 ½) inch minimum diameter metal pipe a minimum of twenty (20) inches long, either of which shall be encased in a solid block of concrete or set in natural bedrock, a minimum of six (6) inches in diameter, and extending a minimum of eighteen (18) inches below the top of the monument, or a concrete monument four (4) inches by four (4) inches, a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches long, with the point of reference marked thereon. A metal cap marker, with the point of reference marked thereon, shall bear the registration number of the surveyor certifying the plat of record, and the letters PRM shall be placed on the top of the monument.

Plat. Plat means a map or drawing depicting the division of land into lots, blocks, parcels, tracts, sites or other divisions, however the same may be designated, and other information required by these land development regulations. The word plat includes the terms replat or revised plat.

Plat, Final. Final plat means a finished drawing of a subdivision showing completely and accurately all legal and engineering information and certification necessary for recording.

Planning and Zoning Board. Planning and Zoning Board means the Planning and Zoning Board, as herein provided for within these land development regulations.

Plumbing. Plumbing means the practice, materials, and fixtures used in the installation, maintenance, extension and alteration of all piping, fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in connection with any of the following: Sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, the venting system and the public or private water supply systems, within or adjacent to any building structure or conveyance; also the practice and materials used in the installation, maintenance, extension or alteration of stormwater, liquid waste, or sewerage, and water supply systems of any premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable terminal.

Plot. See Lot.

Poultry. Poultry means all domesticated birds that serve as a source of eggs or meat, including chickens, turkeys, ducks, ostriches, emu, quail, pheasants and geese.

Premises. Premises means a lot, plot or parcel of land including the buildings and structures thereon.

Product tight. Product tight means impervious to the hazardous material which is or could be contained so as to prevent the seepage of the hazardous material from the containment system.

Public Areas. Public areas means an unoccupied open space adjoining a building and on the same property, that is permanently maintained accessible to the Fire Department and free of all encumbrances that might interfere with its use by the Fire Department.

Public Buildings and Facilities. Public buildings and facilities means the use of land or structures by a municipal, county, State or Federal governmental entity for a public service purpose. More specifically public facility means major capital improvements including but not limited to transportation, sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water, educational, parks and recreation, and health systems and facilities. Essential services shall not be considered public buildings and facilities.

Recreational Facility. Recreation facility means a component of a recreation site used by the public such as a trail, court, athletic field or swimming pool.

Recreational Uses. Recreational uses means activities within areas where recreation occurs.

Recreational Vehicle. Recreational vehicle means a vehicle which is (a) built on a single chassis; (b) four hundred fifty (450) square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection; (c) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and (d) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.

Regulated materials. Regulated materials means:

1. Petroleum products, which include fuels (gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene and mixtures of these products, lubricating oils, motor oils, hydraulic fluids and other similar products). This term does not include liquefied petroleum gas, American Society for Testing and Materials grade number five (5) and number six (6) residual oils, bunker C residual oils, intermediate fuel oils used for marine bunkering with a viscosity of thirty (30) and higher and asphalt oils;

2. Substances listed by the Secretary of the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security pursuant to Chapter 442, Florida Statutes, as amended (Occupational Health and Safety). This list, known as the Florida Substances List, is provided in Chapter 38F-41, Florida Administrative Code, as amended;

3. Substances listed by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 102 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended. This list is provided in Title 40 (Protection of the Environment) of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 302, Designation, Reportable Quantities and Notification, as amended;

4. Substances listed by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, as amended. The list is provided in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 355, Emergency Planning and Notification, as amended;

5. Materials listed by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation pursuant to the Hazardous Materials Transport Act. This list is provided in Title 49 (Transportation) of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172, Hazardous Materials Tables and Communications Regulations, as amended;

6. The following elemental metals, if they are stored in a easily crumbled, powered, or finely divided state: aluminum, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, rhodium, silver, terrurium, tin and zinc.

7. Mixtures containing the above materials if they contain one (1) per cent or more by volume or if they are wastes; and

8. Any material not included above which may present similar or more severe risks to human health or the environment as determined by the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Such determinations must be based upon competent testing or other objective means with conclusions which indicate that the material may pose a significant potential or actual hazard.

Repair. Repair means the replacement of existing work with the same kind of material used in the existing work, not including additional work that would change the structural safety of the building, or that would affect or change required existing facilities, a vital element of an elevator, plumbing, gas piping, wiring or heating installations, or that would be in violation of a provision of law or ordinance. Repair or repairs shall not apply to any change of construction.

Residential Buildings. Residential buildings means buildings in which families or households live or in which sleeping accommodations are provided. All dormitories, shall be classified as residential occupancy. Such buildings include, among others, the following: dwellings, multiple dwellings, rooming houses, and mobile homes (See Dwelling Unit).

Residential Home for the Aged. Residential home for the aged (also known as Adult Congregate Living Facility) means a health care facility containing characteristics of multiple family housing, providing a maximum in independent living conditions for individuals or couples and a minimum of custodial services which would include daily observation of the individual residents by designated staff personnel. As accessory uses, residential homes for the aged may include dining rooms and infirmary facilities for intermediate or skilled nursing care solely for the use of the occupants residing in the principal facility.

Restaurant. Restaurant means an establishment where meals or prepared food, including beverages and confections, are served to customers for consumption on or off the premises. Restaurant includes cafes, coffee shops, donut shops, delicatessens, cafeterias, and other establishments of a similar nature.

Retention. Retention means the collection and storage of runoff without subsequent discharge to surface waters.

Right-of-Way. Right-of-way means land dedicated, deeded, used, or to be used for a street, alley, pedestrian way, crosswalk, bikeway, drainage facility or other public uses, wherein the owner gives up his or her rights to the property so long as it is being or will be used for the dedicated purpose. Right-of-way also is a land measurement term, meaning the distance between lot property lines which generally contains not only the street pavement, but also the sidewalk, grass area and underground or aboveground utilities.

Riverbank Setback Line. Riverbank setback line means a line running parallel to a river and at a distance as specified within these land development regulations.

Roadway Functional Classification. Roadway functional classification means the assignment of roads into categories according to the character of service they provide in relation to the total road network. Basic functional categories include limited access facilities, arterial roads, and collector roads, which may be subcategorized into principal, major or minor levels. These levels may be further grouped into urban and rural categories.

Rooming House. Rooming house means any dwelling, or that part of any dwelling containing one (1) or more rooming units, in which space is let by the owner or operator to three (3) or more persons which are not husband or wife, son or daughter, mother or father, or sister or brother of the owner or operator.

Rooming Unit. Rooming unit means any room or group of rooms forming a single habitable unit used or intended to be used for living and sleeping, but not for cooking or eating purposes.

Rubbish. Rubbish means combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage. The term shall include the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke or other combustible materials, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber leather, tree branches, yard trimmings, tin cans, metal, mineral matter, glass crockery and dust.

Runway. Runway means a defined area on an airport designated for landing and take-off of aircraft along its length.

Sanitary Sewer Facilities. Sanitary sewer facilities means structures or systems designed for the collection, transmission, treatment or disposal of sewage and includes trunk mains, interceptors, treatment plants and disposal systems.

Sediment. Sediment means the mineral or organic particulate material that is in suspension or has settled in surface or ground waters.

Servants Quarters. Servants quarters means accommodations, without cooking facilities or separate utility meters, for domestic servants employed on the premises. Such units may be in either a principal or an accessory building, but no such living quarters shall be rented, leased or otherwise be made available for compensation of any kind except in the form of housing for servants.

Service Station. See Automotive Service and Self-Service Station.

Sidewalk. Sidewalk means that portion of the street right-of-way outside the roadway, which is improved for the use of pedestrian or bike traffic.

Sign. Sign means any device designed to inform or attract the attention of persons not on the premises on which the sign is located. Unless otherwise specified, a sign may have one (1) or two (2) faces. (See Article 4 for sign regulations.)

Sign, Surface Area. Surface area of a sign means the entire area within the periphery of a regular geometric form or combinations of regular geometric forms, comprising all of the display area of the sign, including all of the elements of the matter displayed, but not including blank masking, frames or structural elements of the sign and bearing no advertising matter. In the case of double face signs, each sign face shall be measured as surface area and the combined surface area of both faces shall not exceed the maximum permitted for the building or use.

Sign, On-Site. On-site sign means a sign relating in its subject matter to the premises on which it is located, or to products, accommodations, services or activities on the premises. On-site signs do not include signs erected by the outdoor advertising industry in the conduct of the outdoor advertising business.

Sign, Off-Site. Off-site sign means any sign other than an on-site sign.

Sign, Animated. Animated sign means a sign with externally moving parts or messages, or so operating as to give a viewer the illusion of moving parts or messages.

Sign, Attached. Attached sign means a sign painted on the exterior face of a building or attached to a building. Attached signs include canopy signs, marquee signs, wall signs, roof signs, and projecting or hanging signs supported or attached to a canopy, awning, marquee or building.

Sign, Flashing. Flashing sign means a sign designed to attract attention by the inclusion of a flashing, changing, revolving or flickering light source or a change of light intensity.

Sign, Freestanding. Freestanding sign means a sign which is not attached to a building. Freestanding signs include ground signs, pole signs and portable signs.

Sign, Identification. Identification sign means a sign which depicts the name and/or address of a building or establishment on the premises where the sign is located as a means of identifying said building or establishment. An identification sign shall not contain promotional or sales material.

Sign, Nonflashing. Nonflashing sign means a sign which does not have a flashing, changing, revolving or flickering light source or which does not change light intensity.

Site. See Lot.

Soil Survey. Soil survey means the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service Soil Survey.

Solid Waste. Solid waste means sludge from a waste treatment works, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility or garbage, rubbish, refuse, or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural or governmental operations.

Solid Waste Facilities. Solid waste facilities means structures or systems designed for the collection, processing or disposal of solid wastes, including hazardous wastes, and includes transfer stations, processing plants, recycling plants and disposal systems.

Solid Waste Processing Plant. Solid waste processing plant means a facility for incineration, resource recovery or recycling of solid waste prior to its final disposal.

Solid Waste Transfer Station. Solid waste transfer station means a facility for temporary collection of solid waste prior to transport to a processing plant or to final disposal.

Special Exception. Special exception means a use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction throughout a zoning district but which, if controlled as to number, area, location or relation to the neighborhood, would promote the public health, safety, welfare, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity or the general welfare. Such uses may be permissible in a zoning district as a special exception if specific provision for such a special exception is made in these land development regulations. (See Article 12 and 13).

Stairway. Stairway means one (1) or more flights of stairs and the necessary landings and platforms connecting them, to form a continuous and uninterrupted passage from one (1) story to another in a building or structure.

Start of Construction. Start of construction includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction or improvement was within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the permit date. The actual start means the first placement of permanent construction of a structure (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slabs or footings, installation of piles, construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the principal structure.

Stormwater. Stormwater means the flow of water which results from and that occurs immediately following a rainfall.

Stormwater Runoff. Stormwater runoff means that portion of the stormwater that flows from the land surface of a site either naturally, in manmade ditches, or in a closed conduit system.

Stormwater Management System. Stormwater management system means a system, or combination of systems, designed to treat stormwater, or collect, convey, channel, hold, inhibit or divert the movement of stormwater on, through and from a site.

Story. Story means that portion of a building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the next floor above it (including basement), or if there is no floor above it, then the space between such floor and the ceiling next above it. (See Habitable Story).

Street. Street means a public or private roadway which affords the principal means of access to abutting property. Street includes lanes, ways, places, drives, boulevards, roads, avenues or other means.

Street Line. Street line means the line between the street and abutting property. A street line is also referred to as the right-of-way line.

Structure. See General.

Subdivider. Subdivider means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, estate or trust or any other group or combination acting as a unit, dividing or proposing to divide land so as to constitute a subdivision as herein defined, including a developer or an agent of a developer.

Subdivision. Subdivision means the division of a parcel of land, whether improved or unimproved, into three (3) or more lots or parcels of land, for the purpose whether immediate or future, of transfer of ownership, whether by deed, metes and bounds description, devise, lease, map, plat or other recorded instrument or if the establishment of a new street is involved, any division of such parcel. The term shall not mean the division of land into parcels of more than ten (10) acres not involving any change in street lines; the division of land into parcels not more than twenty-five (25) lots all of which are at least twenty (20) acres in size; the transfer of property by sale or gift or testate succession by the property owner to his or her spouse or lineal descendants; or the transfer of property between tenants in common for the purpose of dissolving the tenancy in common among those tenants. The term includes a resubdivision and, when appropriate to the context, relates to the process of subdividing or to the land subdivided.

Subdivision, Major. Major subdivision means any subdivision not classified as a minor subdivision, including but not limited to subdivisions of six (6) or more lots, or any size subdivision requiring any new street or extension of the local governmental facilities, or the creation of any public improvements, except where otherwise specifically exempted from the requirements of these land development regulations.

Subdivision, Minor. Minor subdivision means any subdivision containing not more than five (5) lots fronting on an existing street, not involving any new street or road, or the extension of local governmental facilities or the creation of any public improvements, and not adversely affecting the remainder of the parcel or adjacent property, and not in conflict with any provision or portion of the Comprehensive Plan or these land development regulations. The term minor subdivision shall not mean any subdivision which is located within one-half (1/2) mile of another minor subdivision where the property owner or subdivider has fee simple interest or an option to obtain fee simple interest in each subdivision. This criteria shall apply for a period of five (5) years after approval of a minor subdivision.

Substantial Damage. Substantial damage means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Substantial Development. Substantial development means all required permits to complete the development have been obtained; or permitted clearing and grading has commenced on any significant portion of the development subject to a single final development order; or the actual construction of water and sewer lines, or streets or the stormwater management system, on said portion of the development is complete or is progressing in a manner that significantly moves the entire development toward completion.

Substantial Improvement. Substantial Improvement means for a structure built prior to the enactment of these land development regulations any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the improvement or repair is started. Substantial improvement is considered to occur when the first alteration on any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. The term does not, however, include either (1) any project for improvement of a structure to comply with existing state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions, or (2) any alteration of a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Substantially Improved Existing Mobile Home Parks or Subdivisions. Substantially improved existing mobile home parks or subdivisions means, where the repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of the streets, utilities and pads equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the value of the streets, utilities and pads before the repair, reconstruction, or improvement commenced.

Supplied. Supplied means paid for, furnished or provided by or under control of, the owner or operator.

Surface Water. Surface water means water above the surface of the ground whether or not flowing through definite channels, including the following:

1. Any natural or artificial pond, lake, reservoir, or other area which ordinarily or intermittently contains water and which has a discernible shoreline;
2. Any natural or artificial stream, river, creek, channel, ditch, canal, conduit culvert, drain, waterway, gully, ravine, street, roadway, swale or wash in which water flows in a definite direction, either continuously or intermittently and which has a definite channel, bed or banks; or
3. Any wetland.

Surficial Aquifer System. Surficial aquifer system means the permeable hydrogeologic unit contiguous with land surface that is comprised principally of unconsolidated to poorly indurated clastic deposits. It also includes well-indurated carbonate rocks, other than those of the Floridan Aquifer System where the Floridan is at or near land surface. Rocks making up the surficial aquifer system belong to all or part of the upper Miocene to Holocene Series. It contains the water table and water within it is under mainly unconfined or locally confined conditions to prevail in its deeper parts. The lower limit of the surficial aquifer system coincides with the top of laterally extensive and vertically persistent beds of much lower permeability. Within the surficial aquifer system, one (1) or more aquifers may be designated base on lateral or vertical variations on water bearing properties.

Surety Device. Surety device means an agreement by a subdivider with the Board of County Commissioners for the amount of the estimated construction cost guaranteeing the completion of physical improvements according to plans and specifications within the time prescribed by the agreement.

Surveyor. Surveyor means a professional surveyor and mapper registered under Chapter 472, Florida Statutes, as amended, who is in good standing with the Florida State Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers.

To Plat. To plat means to divide or subdivide land into lots, blocks, parcels, tracts, sites or other divisions, however the same may be designated, and the recording of the plat in Public Records of the Office of the County Clerk in the manner provided for in these land development regulations.

Tower Site. Tower site means a parcel on which a communication tower and accessory structures are located, which may be smaller than the minimum lot size required for the zoning district.

Travel Trailer. Travel trailer means a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, and vacation purposes, which: (a) is identified on the unit by the manufacturer as a travel trailer; (b) is not more than eight (8) feet in body width; and (c) is of any weight provided its body length does not exceed thirty-five (35) feet.

Truck Stop. Truck stop means an establishment where the principal use is primarily the refueling and servicing of trucks and tractor-trailer rigs. Such establishments may have restaurants or snack bars and sleeping accommodations for the drivers of such over-the-road equipment and may provide facilities for the repair and maintenance of such equipment.

Unsafe Building. Unsafe building means any building or structure that has any of the following conditions, such that the life, health, property, or safety of the general public is endangered.

1. Whenever the stress in any material, member or portion thereof, due to all imposed loads including dead load exceeds the working stresses allowed in the County Building Code for new buildings;

2. Whenever a building, structure or portion thereof has been damaged by fire, flood, earthquake, wind or other cause to the extent that the structural integrity of the buildings or structures is less than it was prior to the damage and is less than the minimum requirement established by the County Building Code for new buildings;

3. Whenever for any reason a building, structure or portion thereof is manifestly unsafe or unsanitary for the purpose for which it is designed;

4. Whenever any building, structure or portion thereof as a result of decay, deterioration or dilapidation is likely to fully or partially collapse;

5. Whenever any building, structure or portion thereof has been constructed or maintained in violation of a specific requirement of County regulations; and

6. Whenever any building, structure or portion thereof is unsafe, unsanitary or not provided with adequate egress, or which constitutes a fire hazard, or is otherwise dangerous to human life, or, which in relation to existing use, constitutes a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment.

Use. Use means the purpose for which land or water or a structure thereon is designed, arranged or intended to be occupied or utilized or for which it is occupied or maintained.

Use of Land. Use of land means use of land, water surface and land under water to the extent covered by these land development regulations, and over which the Board of County Commissioners has jurisdiction.

Utilities. Utilities means but is not necessarily limited to water systems, electrical power, sanitary sewer systems, stormwater management systems, and telephone or television cable systems; or portions, elements or components thereof.

Valuation or Value. Valuation or value means the estimated cost to replace the building in kind.

Variance. Variance means a relaxation of the terms of these land development regulations where such variance will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property or structures thereon so that the spirit of these land development regulations shall be observed and substantial justice done. Establishment or expansion of a use otherwise prohibited or not permitted shall not be allowed by variance. (See Article 12 and 13).

Ventilation. Ventilation means the process of supplying and removing air by natural or mechanical means to or from any space.

Watercourse. Watercourse means any natural or artificial channel, ditch, canal, stream, river, creek, waterway or wetland through which water flows in a definite direction, either continuously or intermittently and which has a definite channel, bed, bank or other discernible boundary.

Water-dependent Uses. Water-dependent uses means activities which can be carried out only on, in or adjacent to water areas because the use requires access to the water body for: waterborne transportation, including ports or marinas, recreation, electrical generating facilities or water supply.

Water-related Uses. Water-related uses means activities which are not directly dependent upon access to a water body, but which provide goods and services that are directly associated with water-dependent or waterway uses.

Water Wells. Water wells means wells excavated, drilled, dug, or driven for the supply of industrial, agricultural or potable water for general public consumption.

Well. Well means any excavation that is drilled, cored, bored, washed, driven, dug, jetted, or otherwise constructed when intended use of such excavation is to conduct ground water from an aquifer or aquifer system to the surface by pumping or natural flow, to conduct waters or other liquids from the surface into any area beneath the surface of land or water by pumping or natural flow, or to monitor the characteristics of ground water within an aquifer system(s). Geotechnical borings greater than twenty (20) feet in depth shall be considered a well.

Wellfield Management Zone. Wellfield Management Zone means a wellfield protection area of community water system wellheads (See Section 6.2).

Wetlands. Wetlands means land that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient of support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, as further defined in Section 373.019(22), Florida Statutes, as amended.

Yard. Yard means a required open space unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground upward, provided however, that fences, walls, poles, posts, and other customary yard accessories, ornaments, and furniture may be permitted in any yard, subject to height limitations and requirements limiting obstruction of visibility.

For explanation of how to measure the various types of yards, on rectangular and nonrectangular lots, as defined in the following definitions, see accompanying diagrams.

Yard, Front. Front yard means a yard extending between side lot lines across the front of a lot adjoining a street.

In the case of through lots, unless the prevailing front yard pattern on adjoining lots indicates otherwise, front yards shall be provided on all frontages. Where one of the front yards that would normally be required on a through lot is not in keeping with the prevailing yard pattern, the Land Development Regulation Administrator may waive the requirement for the normal front yard and substitute therefore a special yard requirement which shall not exceed the average of the yards provided on adjacent lots.

In the case of corner lots and reverse frontage lots, a front yard of the required depth shall be provided on both frontages.

Yard Front, Depth Required Yard Front, Depth Required means the depth measured at right angles to a straight line joining the foremost points of the side lot lines. The foremost point of the side lot line, in the case of rounded property corners at street intersections, shall be assumed to be the point at which the side and front lot lines would have met without such rounding.

Yard, Side. Side yard means a yard extending from the rear line of the required front yard to the rear lot line, or in the absence of any clearly defined rear lot line to the point on the lot farthest from the intersection of the lot line involved with the street. In the case of through lots, side yards shall extend from the rear lines of front yards required. In the case of corner lots, yards remaining after front yards have been established on both frontages shall be considered side yards.

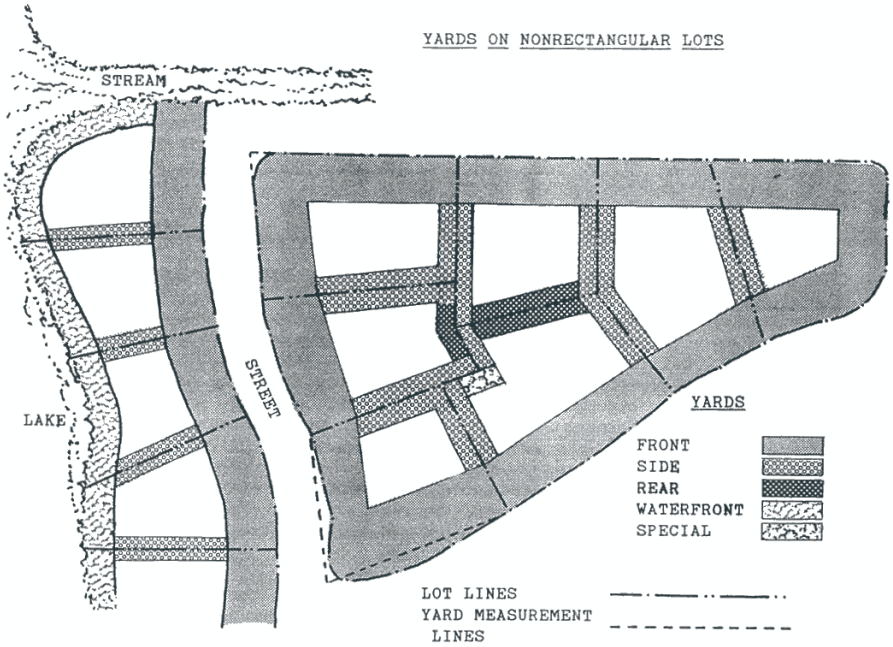
Yard, Side; Depth Required. Yard, Side; Depth Required means the depth measured in such a manner that the yard established is a strip of the minimum width required by district regulations with its inner edge parallel with the side lot line.

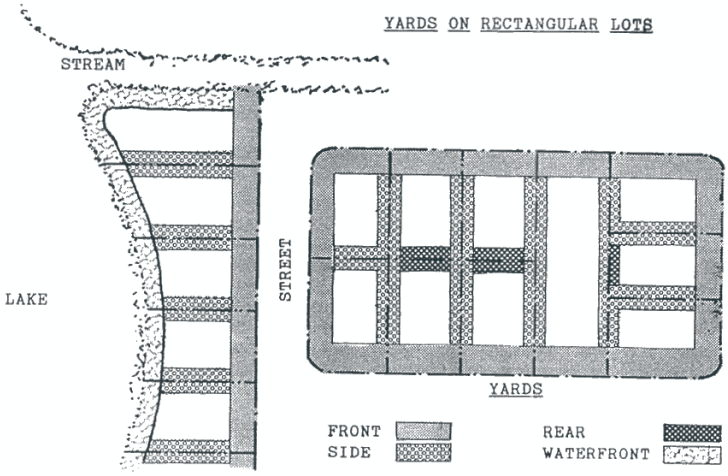
Yard, Rear. Rear yard means a yard extending across the rear of the lot between inner side yard lines. In the case of through lots and corner lots, there will be no rear yards, but only front and side yards.

Yard Rear; Depth Required. Yard, Rear; Depth Required means the depth measured in such a manner that the yard established is a strip of the minimum width required by district regulations with its inner edge parallel with the rear lot line.

Yard, Special. Special yard means a yard behind any required yard adjacent to a street required to perform the same functions as a side or rear yard, but adjacent to a lot line and so placed or oriented that neither the term side yard nor the term rear yard clearly applies. In such cases, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall require a yard with minimum dimensions as generally required for a side yard or a rear yard in the district, determining which shall apply by the relation of the portion of the lot on which the yard is to be located to the adjoining lot or lots, with due regard to the orientation and location of structures and buildable area thereon.

Yard, Waterfront. Waterfront yard means a yard measured from and parallel to the mean high water mark of the lake, stream or other watercourse on which the lot is located.





SECTION 2.2 LOTS DIVIDED BY DISTRICT LINES

Whenever a single lot is located within two (2) or more different zoning districts, each portion of that lot shall be subject to all the regulations applicable to the district in which it is located.

SECTION 2.3 NONCONFORMING LOTS, NONCONFORMING USES OF LAND, NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES, NONCONFORMING CHARACTERISTICS OF USE, NONCONFORMING USE OF STRUCTURES AND PREMISES

Within the districts established by these land development regulations or amendments that may later be adopted there may exist:

1. Lots,
2. Uses of land,
3. Structures,
4. Characteristics of use, and
5. Use of structures and premises which were lawful before the adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations, but which would be prohibited, regulated or restricted under the terms of these land development regulations or future amendments, it is the intent of these land development regulations to permit these nonconformities to continue until they are voluntarily removed or removed as required by these land development regulations, but not to encourage their survival.

It is further the intent of these land development regulations that nonconformities shall not be enlarged upon, expanded, intensified or extended, nor be used as grounds for adding other structures or uses prohibited elsewhere in the same district.

Nonconforming uses are declared by these land development regulations to be incompatible with permitted uses in the districts involved. A nonconforming use of a structure, a nonconforming use of land, or a nonconforming use of a structure and land in combination shall not be extended or enlarged after the adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations by attachment on a structure or premises of additional signs intended to be seen from off the premises, or by the addition of other uses of a nature which would be prohibited generally in the district involved.

To avoid undue hardship, nothing in these land development regulations shall be deemed to require a change in the plans, construction or designated use of any building on which actual construction was lawfully begun prior to the adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations and upon which actual building construction has been carried on diligently (See Section 2.1 for definition of actual construction). Where excavation or demolition or removal of an existing building has been substantially begun preparatory to rebuilding, such excavation, demolition, or removal shall be deemed to be actual construction, provided that work shall be carried on diligently.

2.3.1 Non Conforming Lots of Record. In any district in which one (1) family dwellings are permitted, a one (1) family dwelling and customary accessory buildings may be erected, expanded, or altered on any single lot of record on the date of adoption or amendment of the Comprehensive Plan, in accordance with Section 2.4.3 of these land development regulations concerning presumptive vesting, notwithstanding limitations imposed by other provisions of these land development regulations. This provision shall apply even though such lot fails to meet the requirements for area or width, or both, that are generally applicable in the district, provided that yard dimensions and requirements other than those applying to area, width, or both, of the lot shall conform to the regulations for the district in which such lot is located. Variance of yard requirements shall be obtained only through action of the Board of Adjustment.

2.3.2 Nonconforming Uses of Land. Where, on the date of adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations, lawful use of land exists which would not be permitted by the Comprehensive Plan and regulations imposed by these land development regulations, such use may be continued, so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

1. Enlargement, increase, intensification, alteration. No such nonconforming use shall be enlarged, increased, intensified, or extended to occupy a greater area of land than was occupied on the date of adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations.

2. Movement. No such nonconforming use shall be moved in whole or in part to any portion of the lot or parcel other than that occupied by such use on the date of adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations.

3. Discontinuance. If any such nonconforming use ceases for any reason (except when governmental action impedes access to the premises) for a period of more than twelve (12) consecutive months, any subsequent use of such land shall conform to the regulations specified by these land development regulations for the district in which such land is located.

4. Structure additions. No structures shall be added on such land, except for the purposes and in a manner conforming to the regulations for the district in which such land is located.

Note: Although agricultural uses are generally not permanent uses of the land, (i.e. row crop cultivation, pasture land for grazing livestock, apiculture, silviculture and the rotation of these uses on a parcel of land), it is the intent of these land development regulations to allow for the continuation of such agriculture uses on the land, regardless of the change of land use or zoning district on the property or the surrounding land uses, as long as the use remains otherwise lawful and is not changed to an intensive agriculture use as provided for within these land development regulations and the Comprehensive Plan.

2.3.3 Non Conforming Structures. Where a structure existed lawfully under these land development regulations on the date of adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations, that could not be built under the Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations by reason of restrictions on area, lot coverage, height, yards, location on the lot, or requirements other than use concerning the structure, such structure may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

1. Enlargement or alteration. Such nonconforming structure may be enlarged or altered, subject to a fifty (50) percent enlargement or alteration limitation, but any structure or portion thereof may be altered without limitation to decrease its nonconformity;

2. Destruction. Should such nonconforming structure or nonconforming portion of structure be destroyed by any means to any extent; (1) it may be reconstructed with the same type of materials, to the same square footage and in the same location, or (2) it may be reconstructed in conformity with the provisions of these land development regulations, without the limitation listed in 1. Enlargement or alteration, above.

3. Movement. Should such structure be moved for any reason for any distance whatever, it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district in which it is located after it is moved.

2.3.4 Nonconforming Characteristics of Use. If characteristics of use, such as residential densities, off-street parking or off-street loading, or other matters pertaining to the use of land, structures, and premises are made nonconforming by the Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations as adopted or amended, no change shall thereafter be made in such characteristics of use which increases nonconformity with the regulations set out in these land development regulations; provided, however, that changes may be made which do not increase, or which decrease, such nonconformity.

2.3.5 Nonconforming Use of Structures and Premises. Where a lawful use of a structure, or of a structure and premises in combination, existed on the date of adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations, that would not be allowed in the district under the terms of the Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations, the lawful use may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

1. Enlargement, extension or alteration. No existing structure devoted to a use not permitted by these land development regulations in the district in which such use is located shall be enlarged, extended, constructed, reconstructed, moved or structurally altered in a way which increases the structural square footage of the structure, which existed on the date of adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations, except in changing the use of the structure to a use permitted in the district in which it is located.

2. Extension of use. Any nonconforming use may be extended throughout any parts of a building which were manifestly arranged or designed for such use and existed on the date of adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations. Any nonconforming use which occupied a portion of a building not originally designed or intended for such use shall not be extended to any other part of the building. No nonconforming use shall be extended to occupy any land outside the building, nor any additional building on the same lot or parcel, not used for such nonconforming use on the date of adoption or subsequent amendment of these land development regulations.

3. Change in tenancy or ownership. There may be a change in tenancy, ownership, or management of a nonconforming use provided there is no change in the nature or character of such nonconforming use.

4. Change in use. Any nonconforming use of a structure, or of a structure and premises in combination, may be changed to another nonconforming use of the same character, or to a more restricted but nonconforming use, provided that the Board of Adjustment shall find after due public notice and hearing that the proposed use is equally or more appropriate to the district than the existing nonconforming use and that the relation of the structure to surrounding properties is such that adverse effects on occupants and neighboring properties will not be greater than if the existing nonconforming use is continued. In permitting such change, the Board of Adjustment may require appropriate conditions and safeguards in accordance with the intent and purpose of these land development regulations.

5. Change to conforming use requires future conformity with district regulations. Any structure, or structure and premises in combination, in or on which a nonconforming use is superseded by a permitted use shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district in which such structure is located, and the nonconforming use shall not thereafter be resumed nor shall any other nonconforming use be permitted.

6. Discontinuance. If any nonconforming use of a structure, or structure and premises in combination, ceases for any reason (except where governmental action impedes access to the premises) for a period of more than twelve (12) consecutive months, any subsequent use shall conform to the regulations for the district in which the use is located.

7. Structure additions. No structures shall be added on such premises, except for purposes and in a manner conforming to the regulations for the district in which such premises are located.

8. Destruction. Should a structure containing a nonconforming use be destroyed by any means to any extent; (1) it may be reconstructed with the same type of materials, to the same square footage and in the same location, or (2) it may be reconstructed in conformity with the provisions of the land development regulations, without the limitation listed in 1. (Enlargement, extension or alteration, above).

2.3.6 Casual, Temporary or Illegal Use. The casual, temporary or illegal use of land or structures, or land and structures in combination, shall not be sufficient to establish the existence of a nonconforming use or to create rights in the continuance of such use.

2.3.7 Uses Under Special Exception Provisions not Nonconforming Uses.

Where on the date of the adoption of these land development regulations, the lawful use of land existed, which would be permitted as a special exception in a district under the terms of these land development regulations such use shall not be deemed a nonconforming use in such district, but shall without further action be deemed a conforming use in such district. However any enlargement or expansion of any such uses shall be subject to the procedures for securing special exceptions (see Article 12).

2.3.8 Mobile Home Parks as Nonconformities. Mobile home parks, where at the effective date of adoption or amendment of these land development regulations, a lawful mobile home park existed, which would not be permitted by the regulations imposed by these land development regulations, such mobile home park may be continued, so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

a. Continuance of uses. Individual mobile home stands within a mobile home park which are unoccupied at the effective date of adoption or amendment of these land development regulations or which may become unoccupied from time to time in the future, may be reoccupied at a later date. However, any expansion of the land area designed and developed for the purposes of placing mobile homes to be used for living purposes shall occur only in a manner permitted by the regulations imposed by these land development regulations.

b. Discontinuance. If all mobile home stands shall become unoccupied for a period of more than twelve (12) consecutive months, any subsequent use of such land shall conform to the use for the district in which such land is located, as permitted by these land development regulations.

SECTION 2.4 VESTED RIGHTS

Certain land development rights of property owners may be vested with respect to the County's Comprehensive Plan. For instance, development specifically approved in a Development of Regional Impact development order is vested in accordance with Section 163.3167(8), Florida Statutes, as amended, and is exempt from the provisions of this section. This section sets forth the procedure for determining those vested rights. A person claiming vested rights to develop property may make application for a Vested Rights Certificate pursuant to this section, notwithstanding the preceding sections.

2.4.1 Determination of vested rights.

2.4.1.1 An application for a Vested Rights Certificate may be approved and a Vested Rights Certificate issued if an applicant demonstrates rights that are vested under the standards of this section, subject to the limitation set forth in this section and subject to compliance with such laws and regulations against which the development is not vested. Possession of a vested Rights Certificate enables a permittee to complete the development approved under such certificate up to and through issuance of appropriate certificates of occupancy.

2.4.1.2 An application for a Vested Rights Certificate may be filed within one (1) year of the adoption of these land development regulations for the subject property. Except as provided in the section, below, failure to file an application within the required period constitutes an abandonment of any claim to vested rights. Judicial relief are not available until administrative remedies set forth in the section are exhausted.

2.4.1.3 If a property owner is absent from the State of Florida during the entire filing period and does not have an agent present in the state during such period, such property owner may, with documentation sufficient to indicate a probable lack of notice, be granted leave by the Board of County Commissioners to file an application within one (1) year after the individual's return to the state of Florida.

2.4.1.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Board of County Commissioners may, in extraordinary circumstances, allow a property owner to submit an application after the one (1) year deadline where such extension avoids undue hardship to the property owner.

2.4.2 Standards for Vested Rights.

2.4.2.1 An application for vested rights determination shall be approved if the applicant demonstrates:

1. The applicant:
   a. Owned the property proposed for development on the date of adoption or amendment of the County's Comprehensive Plan;
   b. Entered into a contract or option to purchase the property on or before such date; or
   c. Presents facts such that it would be inequitable, unjust or fundamentally unfair to deny an application for vested rights where the applicant acquired ownership after such date; and
   2. There was a valid, unexpired act of an agency or authority of government upon which the applicant reasonably relied in good faith; and
   3. The applicant, in reliance upon the valid unexpired act of government, made a change in position or incurred extensive obligations or expenses; and
   4. It would be inequitable, unjust or fundamentally unfair to destroy the rights acquired by the applicant. In making this determination, the Board of County Commissioners may consider a number of factors including, but not limited to:
      a. Whether construction or other development activity has commenced and is continuing in good faith; and
      b. Whether or not the expense or obligation incurred can be substantially used for a development permitted by the County's Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations.

2.4.2.2 The following are not considered development expenditures or obligations in and of themselves without more evidence of actions in reliance unless the applicants were unable to obtain further approvals because of extraordinary delays, beyond the applicants control:

1. Costs for legal and other professional services that are not related to the design or construction of improvements.

2. Taxes.
3. Costs for acquisition of the land.

2.4.3 Presumptive Vesting. Notwithstanding the criteria set forth in this section, presumptive vesting for consistency and concurrency is applied to any structure on which construction has been completed pursuant to a valid building permit such presumptive vesting for the purposes of consistency and concurrency means there is no requirement to file an application to preserve vested rights status.

1. Presumptive vesting for density only - the following categories of properties are presumptively vested for purpose of density only and shall not be required to file an application to preserve vested rights in this regard:
   a. Lots of record as of the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, whether located within a subdivision or without, but only to the extent of one single family residence per lot; however, such lots shall not be contiguous as of the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan to any other lot(s) owned by or under contract for deed to the person(s) applying for the single family residence building permit; and
   b. Contiguous lots of record as of the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, whether located within a subdivision or without, where such lots are treated as one lot for one single family residence.

2.4.4 Section 380.06 Vested Rights. Developments of regional impact authorized under Chapter 380.06, Florida Statutes (1987), pursuant to a valid, unexpired Binding Letter of Vested Rights issued by the state land planning agency, including approved modifications to such Binding Letter of Vested Rights (the "Binding Letter"), shall automatically qualify for a Vested Rights Certificate to be issued upon completion of the procedure set forth in this paragraph. Such permit shall recognize the vesting of the development as set forth in the Binding Letter for purposes of the Comprehensive Plan, from these land development regulations adopted to implement the Comprehensive Plan and from Concurrency. In lieu of subsection 2.4.7, below, such vesting shall continue until development approved in the Binding Letter is complete or until the expiration or invalidation of the Binding Letter, whichever occurs first. Notwithstanding subsection 2.4.7, a proposed change to a development vested hereunder shall be reviewed pursuant to the substantial deviation or change criteria provided for in Chapter 380.06, Florida Statutes, as amended. A substantial deviation after the date of adoption or amendment of the County's Comprehensive Plan shall cause those development rights that are the subject of such deviation to become subject to the Comprehensive Plan, these land development regulations and concurrency requirements. The request for issuance of the Vested Rights Certificate shall consist of the Binding Letter along with a master plan of development or similar document previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners and submitted to the Land Development Regulation Administrator for verification of authenticity. The Land Development Regulation Administrator may require additional documents or materials necessary for the County to determine the extent of development vested and to estimate the capital improvements required by the development.

Submission of the Binding Letter along with the appropriate master plan or similar document and additional materials required by the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall entitle the applicant to a Vested Rights Certificate which shall be issued by the Board of County Commissioners upon receipt of verification of authenticity by the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Development of Regional Impact development is vested under Section 380.06 and for which a Binding Letter has not been issued shall qualify for a Vested Rights Certificate in accordance with the procedures set forth in these land development regulations, upon establishment, that prior to July 1, 1973, the County issued a building permit or other authorization to commence development and that in reliance on such permit or other

authorization there has been a change of position as required under the provisions of Section 380.06(20) Vested Rights; provided however, in lieu of the limitation set forth in subsection 2.4.7, such vesting shall continue until such development is complete or until the state land planning agency determines that such development is not entitled to be vested under Section 380.06, whichever occurs first.

2.4.5 Statutory Vesting. The right to develop or continue the development of property shall exist if:

1. A valid and unexpired final development order was issued by the County prior to adoption of the Comprehensive Plan,
2. Substantial development has occurred on a significant portion of the development authorized in the final development order and is completed or
3. Development is continuing in good faith as of the adoption of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

A "final development order" is a development order which approved the development of land for a particular use or uses at a specified density of use and which allowed development activity to commence on the land for which the development order was issued. "Substantial development" means all required permits necessary to commence and continue the development have been obtained; permitted clearing and grading has commenced on a significant portion of the development; and the actual construction of roads and the stormwater management system on that portion of the development is complete or is progressing in a manner that significantly moves the entire development toward completion.

2.4.6 Common Law Vesting. A right to develop or continue the development of property notwithstanding the Comprehensive Plan may be found to exist if the applicant proves by a preponderance of evidence that the owner or developer, acting in good faith and reasonable reliance upon some act or omission of the County, has made such a substantial change in position or has incurred such extensive obligations and expenses that it would be highly inequitable and unjust to destroy the right to develop or to continue the development of the property.

2.4.7 Limitation on Determination of Vested Rights:

2.4.7.1 Development subject to a Vested Rights Certificate shall be consistent with the terms of the development approval(s) upon which the Certificate was based. Substantial deviation from a prior approval, except as required by governmental action, shall cause the development to be subject to policies and implementing decisions and regulations of the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Board of County Commissioners shall determine if a proposed or actual deviation change is a substantial deviation based upon:

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SECTION 3.1 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

3.1.1 Planning and Zoning Board: Organization

3.1.1.1 Establishment. A Planning and Zoning Board is hereby established for the County.

3.1.1.2 Appointment. The Planning and Zoning Board shall consist of five (5) residents of the County who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners may by resolution designate the Board of County Commissioners to perform the functions of the Planning and Zoning Board.

The Board of County Commissioners may by resolution designate the Planning and Zoning Board to perform the functions of the Board of Adjustment.

3.1.1.3 Term of office. The term of office shall be for three (3) years; provided, however, that of the five (5) members first appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board at the effective date or amendment of these land development regulations one (1) shall be appointed for one (1) year, two (2) shall be appointed for two (2) years, and two (2) shall be appointed for three (3) years, and that all appointments thereafter shall be for three (3) years.

If the Board of County Commissioners designates the Board of County Commissioners to perform the functions of the Planning and Zoning Board, the terms of office of the members of the Planning and Zoning Board shall run concurrently with said members term of office on the Board of County Commissioners.

If the Board of County Commissioners designates the Planning and Zoning Board to perform the functions of the Board of Adjustment, the terms of office of members of the Planning and Zoning Board shall run concurrently with said members term of office on the Board of Adjustment.

3.1.1.4 Removal for cause. If the Board of County Commissioners elects to appoint a Planning and Zoning Board comprised of membership other than the members of the Board of County Commissioners, such members of the Planning and Zoning Board may be removed for cause by the Board of County Commissioners after filing of written charges, a public hearing, and a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

3.1.1.5 Removal for absenteeism. If the Board of county Commissioners elects to appoint a Planning and Zoning Board comprised of membership other than the Board of County Commissioners, the term of office of any such member of the Planning and Zoning Board who is absent from three (3) consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings of the Planning and Zoning Board may be declared vacant by the Board of County Commissioners.

3.1.1.6 Appointments to fill vacancies. Vacancies in Planning and Zoning Board membership shall be filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners for the unexpired term of the member affected. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board to notify the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after a vacancy occurs among members of the Planning and Zoning Board.

3.1.2 Planning and Zoning Board: Procedure

3.1.2.1 Rules. The Planning and Zoning Board shall establish rules for its own operation not inconsistent with the provisions of applicable State statutes or of these land development regulations. Such rules of procedure shall be available in a written form to persons appearing before the Planning and Zoning Board and to the public.

3.1.2.2 Officers. The Planning and Zoning Board shall elect from within the Board a Chairman, who shall be the presiding member; a Vice Chairman, who shall preside in the Chairman's absence or disqualification. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall serve as the Secretary for the Planning and Zoning Board. Terms of all elected officers shall be for one (1) year. Elected officers shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.

3.1.2.3 Meetings and quorum. The Planning and Zoning Board shall meet at regular intervals at the call of the Chairman, at the written request of three (3) or more regular members, or within thirty (30) days after receipt of a matter to be acted upon by the Planning and Zoning Board, provided that the Planning and Zoning Board shall hold a least one (1) regularly scheduled meeting each month, on a day to be scheduled by the Planning and Zoning Board. Three (3) members of the Planning and Zoning Board shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of the Planning and Zoning Board shall be public. A record of all its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations shall be made, which record shall be a public record on file in the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

3.1.2.4 Disqualification of members. If any member of the Planning and Zoning Board shall find that his or her private or personal interests are involved in a matter coming before the Planning and Zoning Board, he or she shall disqualify himself or herself from all participation in that case. No member of the Planning and Zoning Board shall appear before the Planning and Zoning Board as agent or attorney for any person.

3.1.2.5 Decisions. The concurring vote of a majority of the members of the Planning and Zoning Board, who are present and voting, shall be necessary to pass any motion which is considered by the Planning and Zoning Board.

3.1.2.6 Appropriations, fees, and other income. The Board of County Commissioners shall make available to the Planning and Zoning Board such appropriations as it may see fit for expenses necessary in the conduct of Planning and Zoning Board work.

3.1.3 Planning and Zoning Board: Functions, Powers, and Duties: Generally. The functions, powers, and duties of the Planning and Zoning Board in general shall be:

1. To acquire and maintain such information and materials as are necessary to an understanding of past trends, present conditions, and forces at work to cause changes in these conditions. Such information and material may include maps and photographs of man-made and natural physical features of the County, statistics on past trends and present conditions with respect to population, property values, economic base, land use, and such other information as is important or likely to be important in determining the amount, direction, and kind of development to be expected in the County.

2. To prepare and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption, and from time to time amend and revise a comprehensive and coordinated general plan (the Comprehensive Plan) for meeting present requirements and such future requirements as may be foreseen.

3. To recommend principles and policies for guiding action affecting development in the County.

4. To prepare and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners ordinances, regulations, and other proposals promoting orderly development along the lines indicated as desirable by the Comprehensive Plan.

5. To determine whether specific proposed developments conform to the principles and requirements of the Comprehensive Plan, especially relating to the management of concurrency requirements as stated within the Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations.

6. To serve as the County's Historic Preservation Agency to meet the requirements and carry out the policies and responsibilities of the Comprehensive Plan and Article 11 of these land development regulations.

7. To review preliminary plats to determine conformity with the Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

8. To conduct an annual review of the County's Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan, in conformance with the Procedure for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Capital Improvements Element (see Chapter VIII of the Comprehensive Plan). This review is conducted to ensure that the fiscal resources are available to provide the public facilities needed to support the established level of service standards.

9. To conduct such public hearings as may be required to gather information necessary for the drafting, establishment, and maintenance of the Comprehensive Plan and ordinances, codes, and regulations related to it.

10. To make any necessary special studies on the location, adequacy, and conditions of specific facilities in the County. These may include but are not limited to studies on housing, commercial and industrial conditions and facilities, recreation, public and private utilities, roads and traffic, transportation, parking, and the like.

11. To keep the Board of County Commissioners informed and advised on these matters.

12. To perform such other duties as may be lawfully assigned to it, or which may have bearing on the preparation or implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. All employees of the County shall, upon request and within a reasonable time, furnish to the Planning and Zoning Board such available records or information as may be required in its work. The Planning and Zoning Board may in the performance of official duties enter upon lands and make examinations or surveys in the same manner as other authorized agents or employees of the County, and shall have such other powers as are required for the performance of official functions in carrying out of the purposes of the Planning and Zoning Board.

3.1.4 Planning and Zoning Board: Powers and Duties: Special Exceptions. It is the intent of these land development regulations that all proposed special exceptions shall be heard in the first instance by the Planning and Zoning Board as set out in Articles 12 and 13 of these land development regulations.

3.1.5 Planning and Zoning Board: Powers and Duties: Amendments. It is the intent of these land development regulations that all proposed amendments shall be heard in the first instance by the Planning and Zoning Board as set out in Articles 13 and 16 of these land development regulations.

3.1.6 Planning and Zoning Board: Powers and Duties: Land and Water Fills, Dredging, Excavation, and Mining. It is the intent of these land development regulations that all proposals for land and water fills, dredging, excavation, and mining shall be heard in the first instance by the Planning and Zoning Board as set out in Article 14 of these land development regulations.

3.1.7 Planning and Zoning Board: Powers and Duties: Bulkheads, Docks, Piers, Wharves, and Similar Structures. It is the intent of these land development regulations that all proposals to erect or enlarge bulkheads, docks, piers, wharves, and similar structures shall be heard in the first instance by the Planning and Zoning Board as set out in Article 14 of these land development regulations.

3.1.8 Planning and Zoning Board: Powers and Duties: Temporary Use Permits. It is the intent of these land development regulations that temporary use permits which are issued by the Board of County Commissioners shall be heard in the first instance by the Planning and Zoning Board as set out in Article 14 of these land development regulations

3.1.9 Planning and Zoning Board: Powers and Duties: Site and Development Plans. It is the intent of these land development regulations that all applications for site and development plan approval shall be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board as set out in Article 14 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 3.2 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3.2.1 Board of Adjustment: Organization.

3.2.1.1 Establishment. A Board of Adjustment is hereby established for the County.

3.2.1.2 Appointment. The Board of Adjustment shall consist of five (5) residents of the County who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners may by resolution designate the Board of County Commissioners to perform the functions of the Board of Adjustment.

The Board of County Commissioners may by resolution designate the Board of Adjustment to perform the functions of the Planning and Zoning Board.

3.2.1.3 Term of office. The term of office shall be for three (3) years; provided, however, that of the five (5) members first appointed to the Board of Adjustment at the effective date or amendment of these land development regulations one (1) shall be appointed for one (1) year, two (2) shall be appointed for two (2) years, and two (2) shall be appointed for three (3) years, and that all appointments thereafter shall be for three (3) years.

If the Board of County Commissioners designates the Board of County Commissioners to perform the functions of the Board of Adjustment, the terms of office of the members of the Board of Adjustment shall run concurrently with said members term of office on the Board of County Commissioners.

If the Board of County Commissioners designates the Board of Adjustment to perform the functions of the Planning and Zoning Board, the terms of office of members of the Board of Adjustment shall run concurrently with said members term of office on the Planning and Zoning Board.

3.2.1.4 Removal for cause. If the Board of County Commissioners elects to appoint a Board of Adjustment comprised of membership other than the Board of County Commissioners, such members of the Planning and Zoning Board may be removed for cause by the Board of County Commissioners after filing of written charges, a public hearing, and a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

3.2.1.5 Removal for absenteeism. If the Board of county Commissioners elects to appoint a Board of Adjustment Comprised of membership other than the members of the Board of County Commissioners, the term of office of any such member of the Planning and Zoning Board who is absent from three (3) consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings of the Planning and Zoning Board may be declared vacant by the Board of County Commissioners.

3.2.1.6 Appointments to fill vacancies. Vacancies in Board of Adjustment membership shall be filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners for the unexpired term of the member affected. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Board of Adjustment to notify the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after a vacancy occurs among members of the Board of Adjustment.

3.2.2 Board of Adjustment: Procedure.

3.2.2.1 Rules. The Board of Adjustment shall establish rules for its own operation not inconsistent with the provisions of applicable State statutes or of these land development regulations. Such rules of procedure shall be available in a written form to persons appearing before the Board of Adjustment and to the public.

3.2.2.2 Officers. The Board of Adjustment shall elect from within the Board a Chairman, who shall be the presiding member; a Vice Chairman, who shall preside in the Chairman's absence or disqualification. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall serve as the Secretary for the Board of Adjustment. Terms of all elected officers shall be for one (1) year. Elected officers shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.

3.2.2.3 Meetings and quorum. The Board of Adjustment shall meet at regular intervals at the call of the Chairman, at the written request of three (3) or more regular members, or within thirty (30) days after receipt of a matter to be acted upon by the Board of Adjustment, provided that the Board shall hold at least one (1) regularly scheduled meeting each month, on a day to be scheduled by the Board of Adjustment. Three (3) members of the Board of Adjustment shall constitute a quorum.

All meetings of the Board of Adjustment shall be public. A record of all its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations shall be made, which record shall be a public record on file in the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

3.2.2.4 Disqualification of members. If any member of the Board of Adjustment shall find that his or her private or personal interests are involved in a matter coming before the Board, he or she shall disqualify himself or herself from all participation in that case. No member of the Board of Adjustment shall appear before the Board of Adjustment as agent or attorney for any person.

3.2.3 Board of Adjustment: Powers and Duties: Administrative Review. The Board of Adjustment shall have the power to hear and decide appeals when it is alleged that there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Land Development Regulation Administrator in the enforcement of these land development regulations as set out in Article 12 of these land development regulations.

3.2.4 Board of Adjustment: Powers and Duties: Special Exceptions. The Board of Adjustment shall have the power to hear and decide upon appeal in specific cases such special exceptions as the Board of Adjustment is specifically authorized to pass on under the terms of these land development regulations; to decide such questions as are involved in the determination of when special exceptions should be granted; and to grant special exceptions with appropriate conditions and safeguards or to deny special exceptions when they would not promote the public health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity or general welfare as set out in Articles 12 and 13 of these land development regulations.

3.2.5 Board of Adjustment: Powers and Duties: Variances. The Board of Adjustment shall have power to authorize upon appeal such variance from the terms of these land development regulations as will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property and not the result of the actions of the applicant, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these land development regulations would result in unnecessary and undue hardship as set out in Article 12 of these land development regulations.

ARTICLE FOUR

ZONING REGULATIONS

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SECTION 4.1 ZONING DISTRICTS

4.1.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

In order to classify, regulate and restrict the use of land, buildings and structures; to regulate the area of yards and open spaces about buildings; to regulate the intensity of land use; and to promote orderly growth within areas subject to these land development regulations, the following zoning districts are established.

CSV	Conservation
ESA-2	Environmentally Sensitive Areas
A-1, 2, 3	Agricultural
RR	Rural Residential
RSF-1, 2	Residential, Single Family
RSF/MH-1, 2	Residential, (Mixed) Single Family/Mobile Home
RMH-1, 2	Residential, Mobile Home
RMH-P	Residential, Mobile Home Park
RMF-1, 2	Residential, Multiple Family
CN	Commercial, Neighborhood
CG	Commercial, General
CI	Commercial, Intensive
ILW	Industrial, Light and Warehousing
I	Industrial
PRD	Planned Residential Development
PRRD	Planned Rural Residential Development

4.1.2 OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS

The land areas subject to these land development regulations are hereby divided into zoning districts as set out in this Article above and as shown on the Official Zoning Atlas of the County. The Official Zoning Atlas, which may consist of one (1) or more maps, together with all explanatory material shown therein is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of these land development regulations. The Official Zoning Atlas is and shall remain on file in the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

If, in accordance with the provisions of these land development regulations, changes are made in district boundaries or other subject matter portrayed on the Official Zoning Atlas. Such changes shall be made on the Official Zoning Atlas by the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

All changes made on the Official Zoning Atlas or matter shown thereon shall be in conformity with the procedures set forth in these land development regulations.

The Official Zoning Atlas, which shall be located in a designated place easily accessible to the public, shall be the final authority as to the current zoning status of land and water areas, as well as, buildings and other structures in areas subject to these land development regulations.

Prior zoning atlases or remaining portions thereof, which have had the force and effect of official zoning maps or atlases for areas subject to these land development regulations, shall be retained as a public record and as a guide to the historical zoning of land and water areas.

4.1.3 RULES FOR INTERPRETATION OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

4.1.3.1 District regulations extend to all portions of districts surrounded by boundaries. Except as otherwise specifically provided, district symbols or names shown within district boundaries on the Official Zoning Atlas indicate that district regulations pertaining to the district extend throughout the entire area surrounded by the boundary line.

4.1.3.2 Rules where uncertainty exists. Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of districts as shown on the Official Zoning Atlas, the following rules shall apply:

1. Centerlines. Boundaries shown as approximately following the centerlines of dedicated streets, highways, alleys or rights-of-way shall be construed as following such center lines as they exist on the ground, except where variation of actual location from mapped location would change the zoning status of a lot or parcel, in which case the boundary shall be interpreted in such a manner as to avoid changing the zoning status of any lot or parcel. In case of a street vacation, the boundary shall be construed as remaining in its location except where ownership of the vacated street is divided other than at its center, in which case the boundary shall be construed as moving with the ownership.

2. Lot lines. Boundaries shown as approximately following lot lines or public property lines shall be construed as following such lines; provided, however, that where such boundaries are adjacent to a dedicated street, alley, highway or right-of-way and the zoning status of the street, highway, alley or right-of-way is not indicated, the boundaries shall be construed as running to the middle of the street, highway, alley or right-of-way. In the event of street vacation, interpretation shall be as provided in (1) above.

3. City or Town Limits. Boundaries shown as approximately following city or town limits shall be construed to follow such city or town limits.

4. Railroad tracks. Boundaries shown as following railroad tracks shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks.

5. Mean high water lines; centerlines of streams, canals, lakes or other bodies of water. Boundaries indicated as following mean high water lines or centerlines of streams, canals, lakes or other bodies of water shall be construed as following such mean high water lines or centerlines. In case of a change in mean high water line, or of the course or extent of bodies of water, the boundaries shall be construed to move with the change, except where such move would change the zoning status of a lot or parcel. In such case, the boundary shall be interpreted in a manner as to avoid changing the zoning status of any lot or parcel.

6. Body of water. Boundaries shown as entering any body of water but not continuing to intersection with other zoning boundaries or with the limits of jurisdiction of the County shall be construed to continue in the direction in which they enter the body of water and intersection with another zoning boundary or with the limits of jurisdiction of the County.

7. Boundaries parallel. Boundaries shown as parallel to or extensions of features indicated in (1) through (6) above shall be construed to be parallel to or extensions of such features.

8. Measurement of district boundaries. Distances not specifically shown on the Official Zoning Atlas shall be determined by the scale of the map showing the property in question.

4.1.3.3 Cases not covered by Section 4.1.3.2. In cases not covered by Section 4.1.3.2 above, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall interpret the Official Zoning Atlas in accord with the intent and purpose of these land development regulations. Appeal from the interpretation of the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall be only to the Board of Adjustment in conformity with Article 12 of these land development regulations.

4.1.4 SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS

The restrictions and controls intended to regulate development in each zoning district are set forth in the Schedule of District Regulations within this Article and are supplemented by Section 4.2, Supplementary District Regulations and Section 2.3, Nonconformities.

4.1.5 APPLICATION OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS

The regulations, set by these land development regulations, within each district shall be minimum or maximum limitations, as appropriate to the use, and shall apply uniformly to each class or kind of structure, use, land or water. Except as hereinafter provided:

4.1.5.1 Zoning affects use or occupancy. No structure, land or water shall hereafter be used or occupied, and no structure or part thereof shall hereafter be erected, constructed, reconstructed, located, moved or structurally altered except in conformity with the regulations specified in these land development regulations for the district in which it is located.

4.1.5.2 Zoning affects height of structures, population density, lot coverage, yards and open spaces. No structure shall hereafter be erected or altered:

1. To exceed height, bulk or floor area;
2. To provide a greater number of dwelling units per acre;
3. To provide less lot area per dwelling unit or to occupy a smaller lot; or
4. To occupy a greater percentage of lot area; or to provide narrower or smaller yards, courts or open spaces; or lesser separation between buildings or structures or portions of buildings or structures, than herein required; or in any other manner contrary to the provisions of these land development regulations.

4.1.5.3 Multiple use of required space prohibited. No part of a required yard or other required open space, or off-street parking or off-street loading space, provided in connection with one (1) structure or use shall be included as meeting the requirements for any other structure or use, except where specific provision is made in these land development regulations.

4.1.5.4 Reduction of lot area prohibited. No lot or yard existing at the effective date of these land development regulations shall thereafter be reduced in dimension or area below the minimum requirements set forth herein, except by reason of a portion being acquired for public use in any manner such as dedication, condemnation or purchase. Lots or yards created after the effective date of these land development regulations shall meet at least the minimum requirements established by these land development regulations.

4.1.6 DEFINITIONS OF GROUPINGS OF VARIOUS DISTRICTS

Where the phrases "all conservation districts," "conservation districts," "zoned conservation," "conservation zone," or phraseology of similar intent are used in these land development regulations, the phrases shall be construed to include the following district:

CSV	Conservation

Where the phrases "environmentally sensitive area districts," "zoned environmentally sensitive," "environmentally sensitive zone," or phraseology of similar intent are used in these land development regulations, the phrases shall be construed to include the following districts:

ESA-2	Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Where the phrases "all agricultural districts," "agricultural districts," "zoned agriculturally," "agricultural zone," "agriculturally zoned," or phraseology of similar intent are used in these land development regulations, the phrases shall be construed to include the following districts:

A-1, 2, 3	Agricultural

Where the phrases "one (1) family residential districts," "one (1) family residential district," "zoned for one (1) family residential purposes," or phraseology of similar intent are used in these land development regulations, the phrases shall be construed to include the following districts:

RR	Residential, Rural
RSF-1, 2	Residential, Single Family

RSF/MH-1, 2	Residential, (Mixed) Single Family/Mobile Home
RMH-1, 2	Residential, Mobile Home

Where the phrases "all residential districts," "residential district," "zoned residentially," "residentially zoned," "zoned for residential purposes" or phraseology of similar intent are used in these land development regulations, the phrases shall be construed to include the following districts:

RR	Residential, Rural
RSF-1, 2	Residential, Single Family
RSF/MH-1, 2	Residential, (Mixed) Single Family/Mobile Home
RMH-1, 2	Residential, Mobile Home
RMH-P	Residential, Mobile Home Park
RMF-1, 2	Residential, Multiple Family

Where the phrases "commercial districts," "zoned commercially," "commercially zoned," "commercial zoning," or phrases of similar intent are used in these land development regulations, the phrases shall be construed to include the following districts:

CN	Commercial, Neighborhood
CG	Commercial, General
CI	Commercial, Intensive

Where the phrases "industrial districts," "zoned industrially," "industrially zoned," "industrial zoned," or phraseology of similar intent, are used in these land development regulations, the phrases shall be construed to include the following districts:

ILW	Industrial, Light and Warehousing
I	Industrial

Where the phrases "planned residential development," and "planned rural residential development," "zoned for planned residential development," and "zoned for planned rural residential development," or phrases of similar intent, are used in these land development regulations, the phrases shall be construed to include the following districts:

PRD	Planned Residential Development
PRRD	Planned Rural Residential Development

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SECTION 4.2 SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS

4.2.1 SCOPE

Provisions set forth in this Section apply to all areas subject to these land development regulations, and all zoning districts therein, unless exceptions are specifically provided relating to one (1) or more zoning districts, or except as otherwise provided in these land development regulations.

4.2.2 ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR HANDICAPPED

The public interest, welfare, and safety requires that buildings and uses erected after the effective date of these land development regulations shall be accessible to the physically disabled and handicapped, in conformance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

4.2.2.1 Application. The requirements of Section 4.2 shall apply to all levels and areas of buildings and uses, and to all types of uses, with the exceptions that one (1) family and two (2) family (duplex) dwellings are exempted from these requirements.

4.2.2.2 Requirements for access to buildings and uses.

1. Accessibility to buildings and uses shall be provided from rights-of-way and parking areas by means of a pathway leading to at least one (1) entrance generally used by the public. Such pathway shall have been cleared of all obstructions related to construction activity, prior to the opening of the building to the general public. Where curbs exist along such pathway, as between a parking lot surface and a sidewalk surface, inclined curb approaches or curb cuts having a gradient of not more than one (1) foot in twelve (12) feet and a width of not less than four (4) feet shall be provided for access by wheelchairs.

2. Except as otherwise specified herein, required off-street parking areas shall have off-street parking space reserved for the physically handicapped. (See Section 4.2.17.5, Off-street Parking: Handicapped Parking Spaces, for the number, dimensions and other requirements for handicapped parking spaces).

4.2.3 ACCESS CONTROL

In order to provide ease and convenience in ingress and egress to private property, but more importantly to provide the maximum safety with the least interference to the traffic flow on public streets, the number and location of curb breaks shall be regulated relative to the intensity or size of the property served and the amount of frontage which that property has on a given street.

Further, for roadways which are part of the State of Florida highway system the number and location of curb breaks shall be in conformance with Chapters 14-96 and 14-97, Florida Administrative Code, as amended, Rules of the Florida Department of Transportation and the Department's Access Management Manual.

4.2.3.1 Number and location of curb breaks. A curb break is a driveway or any other point of access or opening for vehicles onto a public street. The number and location of curb breaks shall be regulated, as follows:

1. One (1) curb break shall be permitted for ingress and egress purposes to a single property or development;

2. Two (2) curb breaks entering on a particular street from a single property or development may be permitted if all other requirements of this Section are met and if the minimum distance between the two curb breaks equals or exceeds twenty (20) feet;

3. Three (3) curb breaks entering on a particular street from a single property or development may be permitted if all other requirements of this Section are met and if the minimum distance between adjacent curb breaks equals or exceeds one hundred (100) feet; and

4. More than three (3) curb breaks entering on a particular street will be permitted from a single property or development where the minimum distance between adjacent curb breaks equals or exceeds one thousand (1,000) feet.

4.2.3.2 Width of curb break.

1. The width of a curb break shall be within the minimum and maximum limits specified, as follows:

LOCATION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Residential	12 feet	24 feet
Planned shopping centers, industrial developments, multi-family developments (with parking for 300 or more vehicles)	24 feet	60 feet
All Other Uses:		
One-way	12 feet	24 feet
Two-way	24 feet	40 feet

Note: A culvert shall be required to be installed as part of any newly constructed private driveway or road, or public road, which connects to a County road. Such culverts shall require a permit from the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

2. All curb break widths shall be measured at the street right-of-way line; and

3. In no case shall a curb break width be less than twelve (12) feet.

4.2.3.3 Areas of limited street improvements.

1. No curb break shall be constructed in the radius return (curved arc between intersecting street pavements) of an intersection.

2. No curb break shall be constructed nearer than ten (10) feet from the intersection of street right-of-way lines.

3. No curb break shall be constructed nearer than five (5) feet from any interior property line.

4. To prevent vehicle overhang on private property in the vicinity of curb breaks, off-street parking area, and off-street loading areas, a six (6) inch raised curb and/or parking stops shall be constructed a minimum distance of three (3) feet inside the street right-of-way line or property line.

5. No curb break shall be permitted to include any public facility such as traffic signal standards, catch basins, fire hydrants, utility poles, fire alarm supports or other similar type structures.

4.2.3.4 Curb break permit. No curb break shall be established or altered without a permit issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

4.2.4 ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

Unless otherwise provided in these land development regulations, in all districts accessory uses and structures shall not be located in required front, side, or waterfront yards but may be located in rear yards not less than ten (10) feet from the rear lot line; provided, however:

1. That accessory structures for the housing of persons, such as guest houses, shall not be located in any required yard, nor shall air conditioner compressor units be located in any required yard; and

2. Structures used for water related activities such as boat docks, boat houses and similar uses may be located anywhere in a required waterfront yard.

No separate accessory building shall be located within five (5) feet of any building.

4.2.5 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Indications in the Schedule of District Regulations that the sale of alcoholic beverages is permitted in any zoning district shall not in any way be deemed to limit, qualify or repeal any other local regulations or regulations of the State of Florida relating to the licensing, dispensing or sale of such beverages or the location of alcoholic beverage establishments. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no alcoholic beverage shall be consumed or permitted to be consumed on or about the premises of any commercial establishment located within five hundred (500) feet of any school, church, synagogue or house of worship. This five hundred (500) foot distance requirement shall not apply to restaurants as defined herein, which do not use more than twenty (20) percent of the establishment floor area to the service of alcoholic beverages.

4.2.6 AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE AND SELF-SERVICE STATIONS

The following regulations shall apply to the location, design, construction, operation and maintenance of automotive service and self-service stations (with the exception that for automobile self-service stations where self service gasoline pumps in conjunction with retail and commercial outlets for sale of food, hardware and drugs, there shall be no outside sales of oil, grease, parts or accessories for automobiles and no service except for self service water, air or carwash).

4.2.6.1 Lot dimensions and area. An automotive service station lot shall be of adequate width and depth to meet all setback requirements, but in no case shall a corner lot have less than one hundred fifty (150) feet of frontage on each street side, and an interior lot shall have a minimum width of at least one hundred fifty (150) feet. A corner lot shall have a minimum area of not less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet and an interior lot a minimum area of not less than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet.

4.2.6.2 Lighting. All lights and lighting for an automotive service station shall be so designed and arranged that no source of light shall be visible from any residential district.

4.2.6.3 Location of pumps and structures. No main or accessory building, no sign of any type, and no gasoline pump shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of the lot line of any property that is zoned for residential purposes. No gasoline pump shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any street right-of-way line; where a greater street setback line has been established, no gasoline pump shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of such setback line.

4.2.6.4 Curb breaks. A curb break is a driveway or any other point of access or opening for vehicles onto a public street. The number of curb breaks for each automotive service station shall not exceed two (2) for each one hundred fifty (150) feet of street frontage, each break having a width of no more than thirty (30) feet exclusive of transitions and located not closer than fifteen (15) feet of right-of-way lines of any intersection. Curb breaks shall not be closer than fifteen (15) feet to any other property line. There shall be a minimum distance of twenty (20) feet between curb breaks.

4.2.6.5 Trash storage. Adequate, enclosed trash storage facilities shall be provided on the site.

4.2.7 DRIVE-IN THEATERS

The following regulations apply to the construction and operation of drive-in theaters.

1. The screen must be so oriented that the picture is not visible from any existing or proposed major street;

2. Not more than two (2) exits shall be provided to each access highway but such exits may be suitably channelized to provide for right and left turns onto the highway, and not more than one (1) traffic lane shall be permitted for each traffic lane on the highway available to vehicles leaving the theater;

3. No entrance or exit shall be within five hundred (500) feet of the intersection of the right-of-way lines of any public street;

4. Sufficient area shall be provided between the highway and the viewing area to provide storage space for vehicles equal to not less than twenty-five (25) percent of theater capacity and of that storage space so provided not less than ten (10) percent of the theater capacity shall be provided between the highway and the ticket booths. In all cases, sufficient storage space shall be provided so that vehicles will not back onto the traveled way of the highway. Storage area shall be calculated on the basis of one (1) space per twenty-five (25) lineal feet of storage lane; and

5. An individual speaker shall be provided for each vehicle. All speakers shall be equipped with sufficient cord to permit the speaker to be placed inside the vehicle. Speakers must not be audible beyond the boundaries of the theater property lines.

4.2.8 ERECTION OF MORE THAN ONE PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE ON A PLATTED LOT

Whenever any land is subdivided, a building permit for the construction of a building or other principal structure (excluding commercial buildings under common ownership or unified control) shall not be issued for any such structure on less than a lot as platted within such subdivided land. This provision shall not apply to special family lots as provided in Section 14.9 herein.

4.2.9 FUTURE LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Except as stated herein, public buildings and facilities, which do not meet the definition of "essential services" as stated in Article 14 of these land development regulations, shall require an amendment to the Future Land Use Plan Map of the County's Comprehensive Plan to "Public Land Use," prior to consideration for approval as a special permit.

Prison and public elementary, middle and high school sitings are not required to first have a “Public Land Use” classification on the County’s Future Land Use Plan Map prior to the location of the prison or school.

Public schools sites and facilities shall be selected and sited as allowable within the individual zoning districts as provided within this Article. In addition, prior to the siting and construction of a school or school facility a Site and Development Plan (including a concurrency assessment) shall be reviewed and approved for compliance with the County’s Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations by the Planning and Zoning Board (refer to Article 14 of these land development regulations).

Prison facilities shall obtain a special exception approval and be sited as public buildings and facilities within the individual zoning districts as provided within this Article.

4.2.10 EXCLUSIONS FROM HEIGHT LIMITATIONS

The height limitations contained in the Schedule of District Regulations do not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennas, water tanks, ventilators, chimneys, elevator shaft enclosures, airport control towers, observation towers, telecommunications towers or other appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and, excepting airport control towers and observation towers, not intended for human occupancy; however, the heights of these structures or appurtenances thereto shall not exceed any height limitations prescribed by the Federal Aviation Administration, Florida Department of Transportation or airport zoning regulations within the flight-approach zone of airports.

4.2.11 FALLOUT SHELTERS

Fallout shelters are permitted in all zoning districts. Individual structures in residential districts shall be considered as accessory structures.

4.2.12 FENCES, WALLS, AND HEDGES

Notwithstanding other provisions of these land development regulations, fences, walls, and hedges may be permitted in any required yard or along the edge of any yard; provided that no solid fence, solid wall, or hedge located within the required front yard shall constitute an obstruction to visibility at intersections and curb breaks. (See Section 4.2.26.)

4.2.13 LANDSCAPED BUFFER AREAS

The use of properly planted and maintained buffer areas may reduce and ease potential incompatibility between or among different uses of land in proximity to each other.

4.2.13.1 Requirements. Where these land development regulations require a landscaped buffer area, the following requirements shall be met.

1. The landscaped buffer area width shall be measured at right angles to property lines and shall be established along the entire length of and contiguous to the designated property line or lines.
2. The area shall be so designed, planted and maintained as to be eighty percent (80%) or more opaque between two (2) and six (6) feet above average ground level when viewed horizontally; provided, however, that plantings located in the required front yard shall not constitute an obstruction to visibility at intersections and curb breaks. (See Section 4.2.26.)
3. Types and numbers of plantings for landscaped buffers shall be submitted with application for building permit. No building permit shall be issued without such data, where these land development regulations require a landscaped buffer area or areas.
4. Plantings shall be of a size and type which will insure the meeting of the eighty percent (80%) opacity requirement within no longer than twelve (12) months of the date of first planting. Where questions may arise as to the suitability of proposed plant materials to meet this requirement, final determination of suitability shall be made by the Land Development Regulation Administrator.
5. The remainder of the required landscaped buffer area not covered by planting shall be landscaped with grass, ground cover, or other landscape treatment; except as otherwise provided herein, structures including buildings and offstreet parking and loading areas shall not be located in any required landscaped buffer area.
6. The landscaped buffer area shall be maintained by the property owner and successors and continued so long as the main use continues. Failure to maintain the landscaped buffer area as set out above shall be a violation of these land development regulations.

4.2.13.2 Substitution for landscaped buffer area. Except when otherwise specifically provided by these land development regulations, a six (6) foot high masonry or wood opaque structure may be substituted for the six (6) foot high, planted buffer; provided, however, that where the masonry or wood opaque structure in the required front yard, shall not constitute an obstruction to visibility of intersections or curb breaks. (See Section 4.2.26.)

4.2.13.3 Waiver by Land Development Regulation Administrator. When the Land Development Regulation Administrator finds that the public safety requires, he or she may waive or modify the buffer requirements set out in Section 4.2 at street and alley frontages adjacent to any entrance; the finding of the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall be in writing and shall be filed with the approved building permit. The finding shall demonstrate that the buffer is not required for a certain number of feet back from the street or alley entrance in order to afford protection to pedestrian or vehicular traffic entering or leaving the lot on which the landscaped buffer area is required by these land development regulations.

4.2.13.4 Waiver by Board of Adjustment. Where by the terms of these land development regulations a nonresidential use is required to provide a landscaped buffer along a property line which is contiguous to another nonresidential use, the Board of Adjustment may waive the landscaped buffer requirements if evidence is presented to the Board that the buffer will serve no useful purpose. Such evidence shall be heard in the same manner as a request for other variances, and adjoining property owners must be notified in writing of the Board of Adjustment meeting when the request will be heard.

4.2.13.5 Application where these land development regulations set out different requirements. In those instances where these land development regulations set out a different buffering requirement (e.g., greater height of landscaped buffer, or a different type of buffer), then the specific provisions of these land development regulations applicable to the particular type of use shall govern.

4.2.14 MINIMUM LIVING AREA

No one (1) family, two (2) family, or multiple family dwelling, shall be erected with less than four hundred and fifty (450) square feet of floor area devoted to living space per dwelling unit, exclusive of the area of any open porch or attached garage or similar space not suited or intended for occupancy as living quarters.

4.2.15 Mobile Home - Replacement of Existing Mobile Homes

For the purposes of these land development regulations, the phrase existing mobile homes shall mean mobile homes which existed as of the effective date of adoption or amendment of these land development regulations. In those districts which do not permit the erection of new mobile homes but do permit existing mobile homes as a principal use, such existing mobile homes may be removed and replaced by another mobile home, provided:

1. That a period of twelve (12) consecutive months does not elapse between the removal of one (1) mobile home and the erection of another mobile home. The Land Development Regulation Administrator may permit an additional twelve (12) month period subject to a written request being made by the applicant prior to the expiration of the initial twelve (12) month period.

4.2.16 MOVING OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

No building or structure shall be moved from one (1) lot to another lot, or moved to another location on the same lot, unless such building or structure shall thereafter conform to all of the applicable provisions of these land development regulations and to all other regulations and ordinances of the County.

4.2.17 OFFSTREET PARKING AND LOADING

It is the intent of these land development regulations that the public interest, welfare, and safety requires that buildings and uses erected after the effective date of these land development regulations shall be provided with adequate offstreet parking facilities (including in certain specified cases, offstreet parking facilities for the handicapped) for the use of occupants, employees, visitors, customers or patrons. It is also the intent of these land development regulations that the public interest, welfare and safety require that certain uses provide adequate offstreet loading facilities. Such offstreet parking and offstreet loading facilities shall be maintained and continued so long as the main use continues. (For definitions of "loading space, offstreet," "parking space, handicapped," and "parking space, offstreet," see Definitions, Section 2.1.)

Required offstreet parking areas for three (3) or more automobiles shall be so designed, maintained, and regulated that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on any public street or walk and so that any automobile may be parked and unparked without moving another. For purposes of rough computation, an offstreet parking space and necessary access and maneuvering room may be estimated at two hundred (200) square feet, but offstreet parking requirements shall be considered to be met only where actual spaces meeting the requirements above, are provided and maintained, improved in the manner required by these land development regulations, and in accordance with all ordinances and regulations of the County.

4.2.17.1 Offstreet parking and offstreet loading: general.

1. Offstreet parking and loading facilities shall be provided as set out in these land development regulations. Conforming buildings and uses existing as of the effective date of these land development regulations may be modernized, altered or repaired without providing additional offstreet parking or offstreet loading facilities, providing there is no increase in floor area or capacity.

2. Where a conforming building or use existed as of the effective date of these land development regulations and such building or use is enlarged in floor area, volume, capacity or space occupied, offstreet parking and offstreet loading as specified in these land development regulations shall be provided for the additional floor area, volume, capacity or space so created or used.

3. Change in use of a building or use existing as of the effective date of these land development regulations shall require additional offstreet parking and/or offstreet loading facilities to the extent that the use shall provide additional parking spaces and/or offstreet loading facilities amounting to the difference between the required number of parking spaces and/or offstreet loading facilities for the new use and the required number of parking spaces for the previous use.

4. The design, construction and arrangement regulations herein set out for offstreet parking and offstreet loading facilities do not apply to one (1) and two (2) family (duplex) dwellings.

5. Required offstreet parking areas shall not be used for sales or display, dead storage, repair, dismantling or servicing of any type or kind, nor shall areas devoted to such activities count as meeting offstreet parking requirements.

6. Unless otherwise specified and subject to meeting required landscaped buffer requirements, all required yards may be used for offstreet parking.

4.2.17.2 Offstreet parking and offstreet loading facilities: identification, surfacing, drainage, lighting, access. The required offstreet parking and offstreet loading facilities shall be:

1. Identified as to purpose and location when not clearly evident;

2. Surfaced with one (1) inch of Type II asphaltic concrete surface course or the equivalent as approved as meeting standards established within Article 5 of these land development regulations and maintained in a smooth, well-graded condition. Driveways, access aisles and parking spaces for all churches and other houses of worship located in conservation, environmentally sensitive and agricultural zoning districts may be surfaced with grass or lawn. Driveways, access aisles and parking spaces for all manufacturing, assembling, processing, packaging, fabricating, wholesaling, warehousing, storage or distribution uses not to exceed 10,000 square feet of gross building floor area may be surfaced with grass or lawn. Driveways, access aisles and parking spaces for all emergency medical services/fire stations may be surfaced with six (6) inches of limerock compacted to a minimum Limerock Bearing Ratio (LBR) of one hundred (100). The limerock shall be compacted to a density not less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the Modified Proctor AASHO (American Association of State Highway Officials) T-180;

3. Drained so as not to cause any nuisance on adjacent property;

4. So lighted as to prevent glare or excessive light on adjacent property;

5. Arranged for convenient access and safety of pedestrians and vehicles;

6. Designed to conform to curb break requirements (See Section 4.2.3);

7. So arranged that no vehicle shall be required to back from such facilities directly onto public streets;

8. Designed to provide curbs or motor vehicle stops or similar devices so as to prevent vehicles from overhanging on or into public right-of-way or adjacent property; and

9. Required offstreet parking areas for three (3) or more automobiles shall be designed, maintained and regulated so that no parking or maneuvering incidental to parking shall be on a public street or walk, and so that an automobile may be parked and unparked without moving another automobile.

4.2.17.3 Offstreet parking: location. The required offstreet parking facilities shall be located on the same lot or parcel of land they are intended to serve, provided; however; that the Board of Adjustment may allow the establishment of such offstreet parking facilities within three hundred (300) feet of the premises they are intended to serve when:

1. Practical difficulties prevent the placing of the facilities on the same lot as the premises they are designed to serve;
2. The owner of the said parking area shall enter into a written agreement with the Board of County Commissioners with enforcement running to the Board of County Commissioners providing that the land comprising the parking area shall never be disposed of except in conjunction with the sale of the building which the parking area serves so long as the facilities are required; and
3. The owner agrees to bear the expense of recording the agreement and agrees that the agreement shall be voided by the Board of County Commissioners if other offstreet facilities are provided in accord with these land development regulations.

4.2.17.4 Offstreet parking: dimensional standards. Each offstreet parking space, with the exception of handicapped parking spaces, shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet by twenty (20) feet in size. Minimum aisle width shall be, as follows:

	Aisle Width	
Angle of Parking	One Way	Two Way
Parallel	12 feet	20 feet
30°	12 feet	22 feet
45°	12 feet	22 feet
60°	18 feet	24 feet
90°	22 feet	24 feet

For purposes of rough computation, an offstreet parking space and necessary access and maneuvering room may be estimated at three hundred (300) square feet. However, offstreet parking requirements will be considered to be met only where actual spaces meeting the requirements above are provided and maintained, improved in the manner required by these land development regulations, and in accordance with all ordinances and regulations of the County.

4.2.17.5 Offstreet parking: handicapped parking spaces. Except as otherwise specified herein, required offstreet parking areas shall have a number of level parking spaces, as set forth in the following table, identified by above grade signs as being reserved for physically handicapped persons. Each parking space so reserved shall be not less than thirteen (13) feet in width and twenty (20) feet in length.

Parking Spaces for Handicapped

Total # of Spaces	Number of Handicapped Spaces Required
up to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1,000	2% of total
over 1,000	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1,000

Parking spaces for the physically handicapped shall be located as close as possible to elevators, ramps, walkways and entrances. These parking spaces should be located so that physically handicapped persons are not compelled to wheel or walk behind parked cars to reach entrances, ramps, walkways and elevators. (See Section 4.2.2 for additional provisions regarding accessibility for physically handicapped persons.)

4.2.17.6 Offstreet parking: plans required. A plan shall be submitted with every application for a building permit for any building or use that is required to provide offstreet parking. The plan shall accurately designate the required parking spaces, access aisles and driveways, and the relation of the offstreet parking facilities to the uses or structures such facilities are designed to serve.

4.2.17.7 Offstreet parking: combined offstreet parking. Two (2) or more owners or operators of buildings or uses requiring offstreet parking facilities may make collective provision for such facilities, provided that the total of such parking spaces when combined or used together shall not be less than the sum of the requirements computed separately. Any arrangement for combined offstreet parking shall be subject to the filing of a legal instrument satisfactory to the Attorney for the Board of County Commissioners ensuring that such offstreet parking will be maintained in the future so long as a use or uses requiring such offstreet parking continue.

No part of an offstreet parking area required for any building or use shall be included as a part of an offstreet parking area similarly required for another building or use unless the Board of Adjustment shall find that the type of use indicates that the period of usage will not overlap or be concurrent with each other.

4.2.17.8 Offstreet parking: fractional measurements. When units or measurements determining number of required offstreet parking spaces result in requirement of a fractional space, then such fraction equal or greater than one half (1/2) shall require a full offstreet parking space.

4.2.17.9 Offstreet parking: minimum requirement. Irrespective of any other requirement of these land development regulations, each and every separate individual store, office or other business shall be provided with at least one (1) offstreet parking space, unless specific provision to the contrary is made herein.

4.2.17.10 Offstreet parking: landscaping requirements. Wherever in any zoning district offstreet parking facilities are provided, such offstreet parking facilities shall conform to the minimum landscaping requirements set forth in this section, except that one (1) family and two (2) family (duplex) residential dwellings and multi-level parking structures shall be exempt from such requirements.

1. Except as otherwise noted herein, a minimum of ten percent (10%) of any offstreet parking area shall be landscaped with grass, plants, shrubs and/or trees. Required landscaping may, in part, be located around the periphery of the offstreet parking area; however, where possible a portion of the required landscaping shall also be located within the interior of the offstreet parking area and shall be located in such a manner as to divide and break up the expanse of paving and guide traffic flow and direction.

2. Each separate landscaped area shall contain a minimum of fifty (50) square feet and shall have a minimum dimension of at least three (3) feet, and shall include at least one (1) tree, with the remaining area adequately landscaped with shrubs, ground cover or other landscaping material.

3. The total number of trees shall not be less than one (1) for each two hundred (200) square feet or fraction thereof of required landscaping. Trees shall be a minimum of four (4) feet overall height immediately after planting. Trees shall not be planted closer than six (6) feet to any public street or other public works, unless the tree root system is completely contained within a barrier for which the minimum interior dimensions shall be five (5) feet square and five (5) feet deep, and for which the construction requirements shall be four (4) inch thick concrete reinforced with #6 road mesh (6 x 6 x 6) or equivalent.

4. Required landscaped areas shall be maintained by the property owner and continued so long as the main use continues. Failure to maintain required landscaped area shall be a violation of these land development regulations.

5. See also Section 4.2.3, Visibility at intersections and curb breaks.

4.2.17.11 Offstreet loading: specifications, amounts. Offstreet loading facilities are required by these land development regulations so that vehicles engaged in unloading will not encroach on or interfere with public use of streets and alleys by pedestrians and so that goods, materials or things for delivery and shipping. Offstreet loading facilities supplied to meet the needs of one (1) use may not be considered as meeting the needs of another use. Offstreet parking facilities may not be used or counted as meeting offstreet loading requirements.

When the use of a structure or land or any part thereof is changed to a use requiring offstreet loading facilities, the full amount of offstreet loading space required shall be supplied and maintained. When any structure is enlarged or any use extended so that the size of the resulting occupancy requires offstreet loading space, the full amount of such space shall be supplied and maintained for the structure or use in its enlarged or extended size.

Each offstreet loading space shall be directly accessible from a street or alley without crossing or entering any other required offstreet loading space. Such loading space shall be arranged for convenient and safe ingress and egress by motor truck and/or trailer combination.

4.2.17.12 Offstreet loading: dimensional standards. Each offstreet loading space shall have clear horizontal dimensions of twelve (12) feet by thirty (30) feet exclusive of platforms and piers and a clear vertical dimension of fourteen (14) feet.

4.2.17.13 Offstreet loading: plans required. A plan shall be submitted with every application for a building permit for any use or structure required to provide offstreet loading facilities. The plan shall accurately designate the required offstreet loading spaces, access thereto, dimensions and clearance.

4.2.17.14 Offstreet loading: combined offstreet loading. Collective, joint or combined provisions for offstreet loading facilities for two (2) or more buildings or uses may be made, provided that such offstreet loading facilities are equal in size and capacity to the combined requirements of the several buildings or uses and are designed, located and arranged to be usable thereby.

Any arrangement for combined offstreet loading shall be subject to the filing of a legal instrument satisfactory to the Attorney for the Board of County Commissioners ensuring that such offstreet loading will be maintained in the future so long as a use or uses requiring such offstreet loading continue.

4.2.17.15 Offstreet loading requirement.. Offstreet loading spaces shall be provided and maintained, as follows:

1. Each retail commercial store, service establishment, storage warehouse, wholesale establishment, research or industrial plant, factory, freight terminal, restaurant, dry cleaning and laundry package plant, funeral home or similar use which has an aggregate floor area of:

Square Feet		No. of Square Feet	Spaces
Over 5,000	but not over	24,999	1
25,000	to	59,999	2
60,000	to	119,999	3
120,000	to	199,999	4
200,000		and over	5

Plus one (1) additional offstreet loading space for each additional ninety thousand (90,000) square feet over two hundred ninety thousand (290,000) square feet or major fraction thereof.

2. For each multiple dwelling unit having at least twenty (20) dwelling units but not over fifty (50) dwelling units: two (2) spaces. For each multiple dwelling unit having over fifty (50) dwelling units: two (2) spaces, plus two (2) spaces for each additional fifty (50) dwelling units, or major fraction thereof.

3. For each auditorium, convention hall, exhibition hall, museum, motel, hotel, bank or financial institution, office building, sports arena, stadium, hospital, or similar use which has an aggregate floor area of: Over ten thousand (10,000) square feet but not over forty thousand (40,000) square feet: one (1) space; plus for each additional sixty thousand (60,000) square feet over forty thousand (40,000) square feet or major fraction thereof: one (1) space.

4. For any use not specifically mentioned, the requirements for offstreet loading facilities for a use which is so mentioned and to which the unmentioned use is similar shall apply.

4.2.18 PARKING, STORAGE OR USE OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Major recreational equipment is hereby defined as including boats and boat trailers, travel trailers, pickup campers or coaches (designed to be mounted on automotive vehicles), motorized dwellings, tent trailers, houseboats and the like, and cases or boxes used for transporting recreational equipment, whether occupied by such equipment or not. No major recreational equipment shall be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes when parked or stored on a lot in a residential district, or in any other location not approved for such use. In residential districts, major recreational equipment may be parked or stored in a rear or side yard, but not in a required front yard; provided however, that such equipment may be parked anywhere on residential premises for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours during loading and unloading.

4.2.19 PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES

In residential districts, automotive vehicles or trailers that require current license plates of any type without such current license plates shall not be parked or stored other than in completely enclosed buildings.

4.2.20 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

All uses and activities permitted in any district within these land development regulations shall conform to the standards of performance, as follows:

4.2.20.1 Fire and explosion hazards. In any zoning district, all uses shall comply with applicable standards set forth in the rules and regulations of the State Fire Marshal.

4.2.20.2 Smoke, dust, dirt, visible emissions, and open burning. Regulations controlling smoke, dust, dirt or visible emissions shall be the same as those contained in Chapter 17-2, Florida Administrative Code, as amended. Regulations controlling open burning shall be the same as those contained in Chapter 17-5, Florida Administrative Code, as amended.

4.2.20.3 Fumes, vapors, and gases. Regulations controlling the emission of any fumes, vapors, or gases of a noxious, toxic, or corrosive nature shall be the same as those contained in Chapter 17-2, Florida Administrative Code, as amended.

4.2.20.4 Heat, cold, dampness or movement of air. Activities which may produce any adverse effect on the temperature, motion or humidity of the atmosphere beyond the lot line shall not be permitted, with the exception that in the I-Industrial district, this standard shall be applied at the boundaries of the I district and not at the lot lines of the individual properties located within the I district.

4.2.20.5 Noise. The permitted level of noise or sound emission at the property line of the lot on which the principal use is located shall not at any time exceed the average noise level prevailing for the same hour, as generated by street and traffic activity, with the exception that in the I-Industrial district, this standard shall be applied at the boundaries of the I district and not at the lot lines of the individual properties located within the I district. The determination of noise level shall be measured with a sound level meter that conforms to specifications published by the American Standards Association.

4.2.20.6 Odor. Regulations controlling the emission of objectional odorous gases or other odorous matter, except those associated with normal agricultural practices, shall be the same as those contained in Chapter 17-2, Florida Administrative Code, as amended.

4.2.20.7 Glare. There shall be no direct glare visible from any residential district caused by unshielded floodlights or other sources of high intensity lighting.

4.2.21 RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Existing railroad right-of-way, but not including switching, freight or storage yards and railroad buildings or maintenance structures, is a permitted use in all zone districts. Switching, freight or storage yards and railroad buildings or maintenance structures are permitted only where expressly allowed by these land development regulations.

4.2.22 SIGNS

The provisions of these land development regulations shall govern the sizes, location and character of signs which may be permitted as a principal or accessory use. No signs shall be permitted in any location except in conformity with these land development regulations.

4.2.22.1 Intent. Signs may unreasonably distract the attention of motorists and interfere with traffic safety. Indiscriminate erection and maintenance of signs seriously detract from the enjoyment and pleasure in the natural scenic beauty of the areas subject to these land development regulations and, in turn, injuriously affects the economic well being of the citizenry. Thus, it is the intent of these regulations to prevent the uncontrolled erection of signs. The provisions of this section are intended to provide for the regulation of types, sizes, and locations of signs in relation to the identification of various uses and activities on premises, to provide for certain types and locations of off-site signs, and to supplement the regulations set out in the Schedule of District Regulations.

4.2.22.2 Applicability of other code or regulatory requirements. Signs or other advertising structures shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the building and electrical codes of the County, and all other applicable ordinances and regulations of the County, as well as other, State and Federal rules and regulations.

4.2.22.3 Definitions. Definitions for the purposes of sign regulation under these land development regulations are set out in the definitions section of these land development regulations under Sign. Sections 2.1.

4.2.22.4 Prohibited signs. It shall be a violation of these land development regulations punishable as provided by these land development regulations, to erect or maintain any sign, as follows:

1. Traffic or pedestrian hazard. Any sign which constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by reason of its size, location, movement, content, coloring or method of illumination, or by obstructing the vision of drivers, or by obstructing or detracting from the visibility of any official traffic control device by diverting or tending to divert the attention of moving vehicles from the traffic movement on streets, roads or access facilities; nor shall any sign be erected in such a manner as to obstruct the vision of pedestrians. The use of flashing or revolving red, green, blue or amber lights is prohibited in any sign as constituting a hazard to traffic. Any sign which by glare or method of illumination constitutes a hazard to traffic is prohibited. Although a sign may use the words "Stop," "Look," "Drive-in," no such words or any other word, phrase, symbol or character shall be used in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.

2. Obscenities. Signs which are obscene, indecent or immoral.

3. Rights-of-way. Signs erected on the right-of-way of any street, road or public way, except as specifically provided by these land development regulations.

4. Public property. Signs erected on public property, other than signs erected by a public authority for public purposes, unless otherwise authorized by these land development regulations.

5. Ingress or egress to buildings. Signs so located as to prevent free ingress or egress from any door, window or fire escape.

6. Yard areas. Signs in required yard areas except as specifically permitted by the terms of these land development regulations.

7. Roof signs. Signs erected, constructed and maintained wholly upon or over the roof structure.

8. Height. Signs which are higher than thirty-five (35) feet from established grade, except as otherwise specified in these Land Development Regulations.

9. Glare. Illuminated signs which result in glare or reflection of light on residential property in the surrounding area.

10. Minimum clearance. Canopy, marquee, projecting, or handing signs with less than a nine (9) foot minimum clearance between the bottom of the sign and the ground surface.

4.2.22.5 Sign permits. Within areas subject to these land development regulations, it shall be unlawful for any person to erect, maintain or replace any sign not specifically exempted by these land development regulations, without first securing from the Land Development Regulation Administrator a building permit to do so, as required.

4.2.22.6 Exemptions. Except as otherwise provided, the following signs may be erected without a permit, subject, however, to all remaining requirements of these land development regulations. All exempt signs may be located within the required front yard, but shall not be located within twenty (20) feet of any adjacent property line. Signs under (3) below may be located on or may overhang or infringe upon the right-of-way of streets, roads or public ways.

1. Signs not exceeding one (1) square foot in area and bearing only property numbers, mail box numbers, names of occupants of premises, or other identification of premises not having commercial connotations.

2. Flags and insignia of any government except when displayed in connection with commercial promotion.

3. Traffic or other municipal, County, State, or Federal signs, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger signs, and such temporary, emergency or nonadvertising signs as may be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

4. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings except letters, trademarks, moving parts or moving lights.

5. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property, but bearing no advertising matter.

6. Signs within buildings.

7. One (1) "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign per parcel of property, unless such property fronts on more than one (1) street, in which case two (2) signs may be erected, one (1) on each frontage. The size of any such sign shall not be in excess of sixteen (16) square feet and such sign shall be removed within one (1) month after the premises have been sold or rented.

8. Occupational signs denoting only the name, street number, and business of an occupant, which do not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in surface area.

4.2.22.7 On-site signs. Unless otherwise specified in these land development regulations, the following regulations shall govern on-site signs (See Section 2.1 for definition of on-site signs):

1. On-site signs may be erected in any zone district.

2. On-site signs may be located in the required front yard; provided, however that any such sign shall not obstruct visibility at intersections and curb breaks (See Section 4.2.26).

3. On-site signs shall not exceed a height above established grade of eighteen (18) feet. Any lawfully existing nonconforming on-site sign at the effective date of adoption of these land development regulations which is altered in height or size shall conform to the height limitation of eighteen (18) feet. In addition, any change in use of a principal use or change in occupancy of a principal structure shall require any lawfully existing nonconforming on-site sign on such premises at the effective date of adoption of these land development regulations to conform to the height limitation of eighteen (18) feet.

4.2.22.8 Off-site signs. Unless otherwise specified in these land development regulations, the following regulations shall govern off-site signs (See Section 2.1 for definition of off-site signs):

1. Off-site signs are prohibited, except where specifically permitted by these land development regulations.

2. Off-site signs may be erected in the required front yard, provided:

   a. Off-site signs shall be no nearer the street right-of-way line than fifteen (15) feet.

   b. No off-site sign shall be erected so as to obstruct visibility at intersections and curb breaks (See Section 4.2.26).

3. Off-site signs may not be erected within one hundred (100) feet of any church, school, cemetery, public park, public reservation, public playground, State or national forest, or railroad intersection.

4. Off-site signs shall not exceed a height above established grade of thirty-five (35) feet. Any lawfully existing nonconforming off-site sign at the effective date of adoption of these land development regulations which is altered in height or size shall conform to the height limitation of thirty-five (35) feet.

4.2.22.9 Additional Sign Requirements.

1. Signs Accessory to Parking Areas. One (1) sign designating each entrance or exit to or from a parking area and limited to a maximum size of two (2) square feet each is permitted. One (1) sign per parking area designating the conditions of use or identity of such parking area and

limited to a maximum of six (6) square feet is permitted provided that on a corner lot one such sign facing each street is permitted.

2. Nonresidential Districts.

a. Size of sign. The gross surface area of all signs on a lot or for each licensed business shall be as specified in the following schedule provided further that no sign shall exceed two hundred (200) square feet in area.

Type of Sign	Gross Surface Area (Square Feet) Of Sign Per Foot of Lot Frontage
Non-flashing	0.50
Flashing or Animated	0.25

b. Projection of Signs. No business sign in a nonresidential district shall project more than three (3) feet from the main wall of a building.

c. Free Standing Signs. One (1) free standing business sign is permitted for each licensed business; however, said sign shall be included in the calculation of sign area as provided in (a.) above.

4.2.23 TRANSITIONAL USE AREA REQUIREMENTS

It is the intent of these requirements to ease the frictions between residential and nonresidential uses by creating a transition area in which certain intensive nonresidential uses are prohibited.

Where a commercial or industrial district adjoins a residential district, along the same frontage and without an intervening street, the following uses shall not be located within one hundred (100) feet of the residential district:

1. Drive-in restaurants or refreshment stands.
2. Bars, taverns, and cocktail lounges.
3. Car washes.
4. Outdoor storage yards, wrecking yards, automobile wrecking yards, junk yards, yards used in whole or in part for scrap or salvage operations, or for processing, storage, display, or sales of any scrap, salvage, or second-hand building materials, junk automotive vehicles, or second-hand automotive parts.
5. Bulk storage of flammable liquids or explosives.

4.2.24 TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS

The following regulations apply to the construction and operation of travel trailer parks and campgrounds.

1. Sites in travel trailer parks and campgrounds shall be occupied primarily by travel trailers, pickup coaches, tents, camping trailers and other vehicular accommodations.

2. Each site in a travel trailer park or campground shall be at least twelve hundred (1,200) square feet in area. No part of a travel trailer or other unit placed on a travel trailer or campground site shall be closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any lot line.

4.2.25 USE OF LAND IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR ACCESS

No land in a residential district shall be used for drive-way, walkway or access purposes to any land which is in a commercial or industrial district, or used for any purpose not permitted in a residential district except for ingress and egress to an existing use which does not abut on a street.

4.2.26 VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTIONS AND CURB BREAKS

4.2.26.1 Visibility at intersections. On a corner lot in all zoning districts, no fence, wall, hedge, landscaping or structure shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to obstruct vision between a height of two and one-half (2-1/2) feet and six (6) feet above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the street lines of such corner lots and a line joining points along said street lines twenty-five (25) feet from the point of such intersection.

4.2.26.2 Visibility at curb breaks. In all zone districts, where a curb break intersects a public right-of-way, no fence, wall, hedge, landscaping or structure shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to obstruct cross-visibility between a height of two and one-half (2-1/2) and six (6) feet within the areas of property on both sides of the curb break formed by the intersection of each side of the curb break and public right-of-way lines with two (2) sides of each triangle being ten (10) feet in length from the point of intersection and the third being a line connecting the end of the two (2) other sides.

4.2.26.3 Retaining walls. The requirements of this section shall not be deemed to prohibit any necessary retaining wall.

4.2.26.4 Trees. Trees shall be permitted in the clear space provided that foliage is cut away within the prescribed heights.

4.2.27 WATERFRONT YARDS - MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

No structure shall be located closer to seventy-five (75) feet to the generally recognized river bank of the Suwannee River. For all other waterfront yards, no structure shall be located closer than fifty (50) feet to the mean high water line or generally recognized river bank (See Section 4.2.4 for exceptions for certain accessory structures).

4.2.28 YARD ENCROACHMENTS

Every part of every required yard shall be open and unobstructed from the ground to the sky except as hereinafter provided or as otherwise permitted in these land development regulations:

1. Sills and belt courses may project not over twelve (12) inches into a required yard.

2. Movable awnings may project not over three (3) feet into a required yard, provided that where the yard is less than five (5) feet in width the projection shall not exceed one-half (1/2) the width of the yard.

3. Chimneys, fireplaces, bay windows or pilasters may project not over two (2) feet into a required yard.

4. Fire escapes, stairways and balconies which are unroofed and unenclosed may project not over five (5) feet into a required rear yard, or not over three (3) feet into a required side yard of a multiple dwelling, hotel or motel.

5. Hoods, canopies, roof overhangs or marquees may project not over three (3) feet into a required yard, but shall not come closer than one (1) foot to the lot line.

6. Fences, walls, and hedges are permitted in required yards, subject to the provisions of this section.

7. Cornices, eaves or gutters may project not over three (3) feet into a required yard, provided that where the required yard is less than six (6) feet in width, such projection shall not exceed one-half (1/2) of the width of the yard.

8. Except as provided herein, nothing in these land development regulations shall be so construed as to prohibit any type of landscaping or private, non-profit, gardening on any lot.

4.2.29 PRIVATE AIRPORT LAND USE RESTRICTIONS

A private airport zone is established which will conform to visual flight regulations traffic patterns as established by Federal Aviation Administration Standards Federal Aviation Administration Order No. 7400.2(d). The private airport zone shall be a rectangular area encompassing the runway of the airport. The dimensions of the rectangular shall be one and one-half (1.5) nautical miles or nine thousand one hundred fourteen point eighteen (9,114.18) feet. One nautical mile equals six thousand seventy six point twelve (6,076.12) feet on either side of the extended center line airport runway to a point one and one-half (1.5) nautical miles from end points of the runways.

No communication tower shall be located within an area extending fifty (50) feet to either side of the center line of the runway being a total width one hundred (100) feet. This shall correspond with the primary surface of the runway in accordance with Chapter 14-16 Florida Administrative Code, as amended, airport licensing and airspace protection requirements. The primary surface extends to either end of the runway or runways.

Outside the primary surface area, no communication tower shall be erected that will exceed a twenty to one (20:1) slope outward and upward above the airport elevation to the boundary of the private airport zone being one and one-half (1.5) nautical miles from the center line of the runway.

4.2.30 SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUIREMENTS

4.2.30.1 For all new arterial and collector roadways extra right-of-way, as provided within the Florida Department of Transportation Bicycle Facilities Planning and Design Manual, Official Standards, Revised Edition, 1982, shall be provided for integrated or parallel bicycle ways or lanes.

4.2.30.2 All new structures shall provide a minimum setback of seventy-five (75) feet as measured from the center line of the right-of-way for new or realigned collector or arterial roads.

4.2.31 HOME OCCUPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Only one (1) additional person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation;

2. The use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes by its occupants, and shall under no circumstances change the residential character thereof;

3. There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation other than one (1) sign, not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet in area, non-illuminated, mounted flat against the wall of the principal building at a position not more than two (2) feet distance from the main entrance to the residence;

4. In all zone districts except agricultural districts, no home occupation shall be conducted in an accessory building. In agricultural districts, home occupations may be conducted in an accessory building, provided that the floor area devoted to the home occupation does not exceed one thousand (l,000) square feet.

5. No home occupation shall occupy more than twenty percent (20%) of the floor area of the residence, exclusive of the area of any open porch or attached garage or similar space not suited or intended for occupancy as living quarters. No rooms which have been constructed as an addition to the residence, nor any attached porch or garage which has been converted into living quarters shall be considered as floor area for the purpose of this definition until two (2) years after the date of completion thereof.

6. No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall be met off the street and other than in the required front yard.

7. No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises.

8. For purposes of illustration, the following uses shall not be considered home occupations:

   a. Studio for group instruction,

   b. Dining facility or restaurant,

   c. Antique or gift shop,

   d. Outdoor repair,

   e. Food processing,

   f. Retail sales, except in agricultural zoning districts, and

   g. Child care center.

9. For purposes of illustration, the following uses shall be considered home occupations, provided they meet all the requirements listed in subparagraphs 1. through 8. above and all other provisions of these land development regulations:

   a. The giving of individual instruction to one (1) person at a time such as art or music teacher;

   b. Fabrication of articles such as are commonly classified under the terms arts and handicrafts, providing no retail sales, except in agricultural zoning districts;

   c. Custom dressmaking, seamstress or milliner;

   d. Tutoring for not more than one (1) student at a time;

   e. Answering telephone;

   f. Barber or beauty shop;

   g. Photographic studios;

   h. Professional or business offices; and

   i. Other similar uses.

10. A home occupation shall be subject to all applicable occupational licenses and other business taxes.

4.2.32 SPECIAL SEPTIC TANK REQUIREMENTS

Existing septic tanks shall be allowed to remain in service until such time as a centralized sanitary sewer service is accessible, conditioned on the following requirements.

1. A building permit shall not be issued for construction of a building or facility where sanitary sewage is proposed to be disposed using an onsite sewage disposal system in an industrially zoned area or used for industrial or manufacturing purposes, or its equivalent, where a centralized sanitary sewer system is available within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the area used or zoned industrial or manufacturing, or where a likelihood exists that the onsite sewage disposal system may receive toxic, hazardous or industrial waste;

2. An occupational license shall not be issued to the owner or tenant of a building located in an industrially zoned area or used for industrial or manufacturing purposes, or its equivalent, when such site is served by an onsite sewage disposal system without first obtaining an annual operating permit from the County Health Department; and

3. A certificate of land development regulation compliance shall not be issued to a new owner or tenant of a building located in industrially zoned area or used for industrial or manufacturing purposes, or its equivalent, or who operates a business which has the potential to generate toxic, hazardous or industrial wastewater, when such site is served by an onsite sewage disposal system without first obtaining an annual operating permit for an onsite sewage disposal system from the County Health Department.

4.2.34 ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Essential services are permissible by special permit in any zoning district. Essential services are hereby defined to include and be limited to water, sewer, gas, solid waste disposal, telephone, television, radio, and electrical systems., including substations, lift stations, towers and antennae and pumping, aeration, or treatment facilities necessary for the performance of these services; provided, however, that:

1. Poles, wires, mains, hydrants, drains, pipes, conduits, telephone booths, school bus shelters, bicycle racks, bus stop benches, newspaper delivery boxes, mail boxes, police or fire call boxes, traffic signals, and other similar structures, but not including buildings, are exempted from the definition of essential services. Such structures are permitted by right in any zone district and are exempt from district setbacks.

2. For the purposes of these land development regulations, gas and electrical generating plants shall not be considered to be essential services. These uses are prohibited in all zone districts except where they are specifically permitted or permissible.

3. This section shall not be deemed to permit the erection of structures for

   a. Commercial activities such as sales or the collection of bills or

   b. Service establishment such as radio or television stations or studios in districts from which such activities would be otherwise prohibited.

   Service establishments such as radio or telephone stations may be permitted as an essential service by special exception.

4. No electrical transmission lines or substations, natural gas transmission lines, and radio, telecommunications and television antennas and towers owned or operated by publicly regulated entities shall be sited within five hundred (500) feet of any single or multi-family residence, group living facility, school or hospital, said distance to be measured from the centerline of the electrical and natural gas transmission lines, as constructed, or the fenced area of electrical substations. In addition, all radio and telecommunication towers shall also maintain the rated self-collapsing distance from any use listed above.

5. The requirements of this section shall not apply to communications towers which are:

   a. Used for governmental purposes and located on property, rights of way, or easements owned by any governmental entity;

   b. All communication towers existing on the effective date of these land development regulations shall be allowed to continue to be used as they presently exist.

   Routine maintenance, including replacement with a new tower of like construction and height and modifications to accommodate the co-location of an additional user (or users) shall be permitted on such existing towers. New construction, other than routine maintenance and modifications to accommodate co-location on an existing communication tower, shall comply with the requirements of this section.

For purposes of this section, a communications tower that has received final approval in the form of either a special permit or building permit, but has not yet been constructed shall be considered an existing tower so long as such approval is otherwise valid and unexpired.

No special permit approval shall be required to locate a communication antenna on an existing structure; provided, however, that the communication antenna does not extend more than twenty (20) feet above the existing structure. Such structures may include, but are not limited to buildings, water towers, existing communication towers, recreational light fixtures and other essential public utility structures.

In addition, no special exception shall be required to locate communications antenna used by amateur radio operators, including citizens band, Ultra High Frequency, Aircraft, Very High Frequency Marine, or similar radio operators, or such antenna, which is exempted, or local authority preempted by Federal or State law.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this section shall not be construed to exempt communication towers or antenna from compliance with other County ordinances and regulations such as building permit requirements.

Where permanent structures are involved in providing essential services, such structures shall conform insofar as possible to the character of the district in which the property is located, as to architecture and landscaping characteristics of adjoining properties.

The following standards shall apply to all new or expanded communications towers, except as exempted above.

1. Location**:** Communications towers are allowed in all zoning districts including residential districts when the following requirements are met:

    a. Every reasonable effort shall be made to locate the telecommunications tower in a nonresidential zoning district, including, but not limited to where feasible based on engineering and economic considerations;

    b. Where the applicant seeks to locate a communications tower in a residential district the applicant shall demonstrate that no other industrially commercially or agriculturally zoned property is available to the applicant for this intended use;

    c. If the proposed location is within a residential district, the proposed location will reasonably minimize the impact of the communication tower due to the height, use or appearance on adjacent structures or surrounding area;

    d. There are no existing building structures located within the area that are reasonably available to the applicant for the intended purpose and serve the applicant's propagation needs;

    e. No other existing communications tower meeting the applicant's needs is located within the area is reasonably available to the applicant for purposes of co-location. Further, owners of communications towers must provide access and space for government-owned antennae where possible on a basis not less favorable than is required for private co-location;

f. The proposed height of the communications tower is the minimum necessary by the applicant to satisfy the applicant's communications system needs at this location;

g. No communications tower shall be located or allowed which causes the existing airport license of any airport as defined herein or as defined in Chapter 330, Florida Statutes, as amended, to be limited, modified, restricted or otherwise changed as a result of the siting of such communications tower; and.

h. The applicant must provide a written, notarized statement to the Land Development Regulation Administrator demonstrating compliance with 1 (a) through (h). Requests to locate communications towers can only be approved by the Board of Adjustment at a duly noticed public hearing.

2. Design and Construction**:** The following criteria shall apply to the design and construction of communications towers.

a. All other applicable permits must be obtained, including Federal Communications Commission and County building permit approvals before construction. All tower facilities shall comply or exceed current standards and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Communications Commission and any other agency of the federal or state government with the authority to regulate towers and antennas. If such standards and regulations are changed, then the owner(s) shall bring such tower or antennas into compliance with such revised standards and regulations to the extent required by such governmental agency;

b. All communications towers shall be designed and constructed to Electronic Industries Association/Telecommunications Industries Association 222-E Standards or greater as published by the Electronic Industries Association, as may be amended from time to time. Communications tower owners shall be responsible for periodic inspections of such towers at least every five (5) years to ensure structural integrity. Such inspections shall be conducted by a structural engineer with a current license issued by the State of Florida. The results of the inspection shall be provided in writing to the Land Development Regulation Administrator;

c. All towers shall be designed and constructed so that in the event of collapse or failure the tower structure will fall completely within the parcel or property where the tower is located.

d. All communications tower supports and peripheral anchors shall be located within the parcel or property where the tower is located;

e. Communication towers shall be marked and lighted as required by the Federal Aviation Administration, or other state or federal agency of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that, strobe lighting or other white lights shall not be used between dusk and dawn. All lawfully existing communications towers at the effective date of adoption of these land development regulations shall not be lighted by strobe lighting or other white lights between dusk and dawn within twelve (12) months of the effective date of adoption of these land development regulations;

f. All accessory buildings or structures shall comply with other applicable provisions of the land development regulations;

g. Setbacks for communications tower accessory buildings and structures will comply with those required for the zoning district in which the tower is located. The Board of Adjustment may reduce this setback by fifty percent (50%) to allow placement of an additional equipment building or permitted accessory structure for co-location/shared use of tower structures. Setbacks will be measured as provided within these land development regulations; and

h. Advertising shall be in compliance with the sign regulations contained within these land development regulations;

i. The perimeter base of all communications towers must be enclosed within a security fence no less than eight (8) feet in height with access secured by a locked gate; and

j. All communications tower facilities shall be identified by use of a metal plate or other conspicuous marking giving the name, address and telephone number of the communications tower owner and lessee if different from the owner and operator. Such identification shall also include the telephone number of a contact person.

k. All communications towers shall be designed and constructed in a manner to accommodate at least five (5) antennas for co-location.

Communications towers or antenna existing on the effective date of adoption of these land development regulations that are damaged or destroyed may be rebuilt and all such towers or antennas may be modified or replaced; provided the type, height and location of the tower on-site shall be of the same type and intensity (or lesser height or intensity (e.g., a monopole in substitution for a lattice tower) as the original facility approved. Building permits to rebuild any such tower shall otherwise comply with the applicable County building code requirements together with the design and construction criteria required by Section 4.2.34(2), entitled Design and Construction, subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e), and shall be obtained within one (1) year from the date the tower is damaged or destroyed. If no permit is obtained or said permit expires, the communications tower shall be deemed abandoned as specified in this section.

Any communications tower or antenna found not to be in compliance with code standards, or found to constitute a danger to persons or property, upon notice to the owner of the communications facility, such tower or antenna shall be brought into compliance or removed within ninety (90) days. In the event the use of any communications tower has been discontinued for a period of one (1) year, the tower shall be deemed to be abandoned. Determination of the date of abandonment shall be made by the Land Development Regulation Administrator who shall have the right to request documentation and/or affidavits from the communication tower owner/operator regarding the issue of tower usage. Upon such abandonment, the owner/operator of the tower shall have an additional ninety (90) days within which to:

1. Reactivate the use of the tower or transfer the tower to another owner/operator who makes actual use of the tower; or

2. Dismantle and remove the tower.

At the earlier of one (1) year from the date of abandonment without reactivation or upon completion of dismantling and removal, any special exception approval for the tower shall automatically expire.

The procedure in connection with the application and granting of special exceptions for essential services shall conform to that outlined in Section 12.2 of these land development regulations; provided, however, that the criteria for the granting of a special exception for essential services shall be limited to a showing of the need for such services in the requested location, that it is in the public interest that such special exception be granted, and in compliance with the other provisions heretofore set out in this section.

Meeting the requirement of this section shall not excuse the applicant from otherwise complying with the Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations. The Board of Adjustment shall have the right and authority to waive certain requirements of this section where it is found that a literal application or enforcement of this section would result in practicable difficulty or unnecessary hardship and relief granted would not be contrary to the public interest or intent of this section, but will do substantial justice and remain in accordance with the spirit of this section. As a minimum, any request for such waiver shall meet the criteria for a variance as specified within these land development regulations.

In addition, an application for a special exception for any telecommunications tower facility or use of an alternative tower structure shall be made to the Land Development Regulations Administrator. Incomplete applications shall not be considered. A complete application shall contain the following information.

1. Inventory of existing communication towers owned/operated by applicant in the County. Each applicant for a tower site shall provide the County with an inventory of its existing communications towers that are either within the jurisdiction of the County or within one-half (1/2) mile of the border thereof, including specific location, height and design of each tower. The County may share such information with applicants seeking to locate communications towers within the County.

2. Description of the area of service for the communications tower identifying the use of the tower or antenna for coverage or capacity.

3. If requested by the County, photo simulations of the proposed telecommunications facilities illustrating the potential visual impact.

4. Site plan or plans to scale specifying the location of tower(s), guy anchors (if any), accessory buildings or uses, access, parking, fences, landscaped areas and adjacent land uses.

5. Legal description of the parent tract and leased parcel (if applicable). Certification by a Florida licensed land surveyor of the mean sea level elevation and topography.

6. Utilities inventory indicating the locations of all water, sewer, drainage, and power lines impacting the proposed tower site.

7. Report from a structural engineer, licensed in the State of Florida documenting the following:

    a. Tower height and design, including technical engineering, and other pertinent factors governing the proposed tower design. A cross-section of the tower structure shall be included;

    b. Total anticipated capacity of the structure, including number and types of antennas which can be accommodated; and

    c. Failure characteristics of the tower and demonstration that the site and setbacks are of adequate size to contain possible debris.

8. Written statement from the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Communications Commission and any appropriate state review authority stating that the proposed tower site complies with regulations administered by that agency or that the tower is exempt from these regulations.

9. Letter of intent to lease excess space on the tower structure and to lease additional excess land on the tower site until the shared use potential of the tower is absorbed, where feasible, and subject to reasonable terms. The term “where feasible”, as it applies to co-location, means the utilization of tower by another party which would, at the time of such utilization, comply with sound engineering principles, would not materially degrade or impair the utilization of the communications tower by existing users, would not unduly burden the tower structurally, and would not otherwise materially and adversely impact existing users. Reasonable terms for use of a communication tower and tower site that may be imposed by the owner include requirement for a reasonable rent

or fees, taking into consideration the capitalized cost of the communication tower and land, rental and other charges payable by the tower owner, the incremental cost of designing and constructing the tower so as to accommodate additional users, increases in maintenance expenses relating to the tower and a fair return on investment, provided such amount is also consistent with rates paid by other co-locators at comparable tower sites.

10. Evidence of applicant's inability to co-locate on a reasonable basis on an otherwise suitable existing communications tower for the location of proposed antenna.

11. Evidence that the communications tower is needed to meet the applicant's propagation requirements.

12. The applicant shall provide any additional information which may be reasonable requested by the Land Development Regulations Administrator within thirty (30) days from application in order to fully evaluate and review the proposed communications tower site and the potential impact of the proposed tower and/or communications antenna.

4.2.35 SPECIAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOME REQUIREMENTS

The County shall facilitate the provision of group homes or foster care facilities as licensed or funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families within residential areas or areas of residential character.

4.2.35.1 The County shall permit group homes with six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of a community residential home as provided in Chapter 419, Florida Statutes, in effect upon adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, as a single-family noncommercial use to be allowed in all residential zoning districts provided that such homes shall not be located within a radius of one thousand (1,000) feet of another existing home with six (6) or fewer residents.

4.2.35.2 The County shall permit group homes of more than six (6) residents which meet the definition of a community residential home as provided in Chapter 419, Florida Statutes, in effect upon adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, within zoning multi-family districts.

The County shall approve the siting of a community residential home, unless the County determines that the siting of the home at the site selected based upon the following criteria:

1. The site selected does not meet applicable licensing criteria established and determined by the Florida Department of Children and Families, including requirements that the home be located to assure the safe care and supervision of all clients in the home.

2. The site selected would result in such a concentration of community residential homes in the area in proximity to the site selected, or would result in a combination of such homes with other residences in the community, such that the nature and character of the area would be substantially altered. (A home that would be located within a radius of

one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet of another existing community residential home shall be considered to be an over concentration of such homes that substantially alters the nature and character of the area. A home that would be located within a radius of five hundred (500) feet of a single family zoning district shall be considered to substantially alter the nature and character of the area).

4.2.36 BED AND BREAKFAST INN REQUIREMENTS

Bed and breakfast inns shall be approved by special exception as provided within these land development regulations in accordance with the following criteria.

1. The owner must live on the premises;
2. Separate toilet and bathing facilities for the exclusive use of guests must be provided;
3. Rentals shall be on a daily basis. The maximum stay for an individual guest shall not exceed thirty (30) days within a twelve (12) month period;
4. No cooking facilities shall be allowed in guest rooms;
5. Bed and breakfast establishments must comply with appropriate health permits, building and fire codes and business licenses as applicable to such use;
6. Signage, excepting historical markers located by federal, state, or County agencies, shall be limited to one (1) sign, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area, with characters not exceeding eight (8) inches, non-illuminated (excepting flood lighting on each side of the sign);
7. The maximum number of rooms for guests shall be as follows:

Building Size (Gross Floor Area)	Maximum Guest Rooms	Building Size (Gross Floor Area)	Maximum Guest Rooms
Less than or equal to 1,200 square feet	1	2,401 - 3,000 square feet	4
1,201 - 1,800 square feet	2	3,001 - 3,600 square feet	5
1,801 - 2,400 square feet	3	over 3,600 square feet	6

8. No structure shall be constructed for the sole purpose of being utilized as a bed and breakfast inn; no existing structure shall be enlarged or expanded for the purpose of providing additional rooms for guests. It is intended that a bed and breakfast inn be a converted or renovated single-family residence, and that this principal function be maintained. The exterior appearance of the structure shall not be altered from its single-family character.

4.2.37 MODEL HOMES USED AS SALES OFFICE

In any zoning district permitting residential dwelling units, individual dwelling units may be used as a temporary sales office or security shelter for the units within the same development as said sales office. Such use shall be strictly limited to the period necessary to sell all units within the same development or phases of the same development as the temporary sales office.

4.2.38 FLAG LOTS

Flag lots shall not be permitted within subdivisions, except one (1) lot per minor subdivision shall be permitted to be a flag lot. The portion of a flag lot used for access shall be sixty (60) feet in width.

4.2.39 AGRICULTURE: NOT A NUISANCE

1. An agricultural operation shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance if the agricultural operation alleged to be a nuisance conforms to generally accepted agricultural and management practices as accepted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

2. An agricultural operation shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance if the agricultural operation existed before a change in the land use or occupancy of land within one (1) mile of the boundaries of the agricultural land, and before that change in land use or occupancy of land, the agricultural operation would not have been a nuisance.

3. An agricultural operation that is in conformance with this section shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance as a result of any of the following.

    a. A change in ownership or size;

    b. Temporary cessation or interruption of farming;

    c. Enrollment in governmental programs;

    d. Adoption of new technology; and

    e. A change in type of farming product being produced.

SECTION 4.3 "CSV" CONSERVATION

4.3.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "CSV" Conservation category includes one (1) zone district: CSV. Lands within this district are devoted to the conservation of the unique natural functions. To conserve these lands, no use other than non-intensive resource based recreation activities and native vegetative community restoration shall be permitted.

4.3.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Non-intensive resource based recreation activities.
2. Native vegetative community restoration.
3. Existing dwelling units.

4.3.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to non-intensive resource based recreation activities.
2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:
   a. Forestry stations and scientific stations for the study of the natural resources within the conservation district.
   b. Residential facilities for caretakers.
   c. Boat docks and boat ramps.

4.3.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Any use or structure not specifically, provisionally or by reasonable implication permitted herein or permissible as a special exception.

4.3.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(See also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Recreational activities, such as campsites, and similar uses, provided that campsites that exceed ten (10) sites shall be located adjacent to a paved road.
2. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the uses permitted within this district.

4.3.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS

None, except to meet other requirements as set out herein.

4.3.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS
(See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements).

Special Provisions: The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from wetlands.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from the Suwannee River.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from all other perennial rivers, streams and creeks.

4.3.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES SHALL NOT EXCEED:

35 feet. (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitation)

4.3.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

No structure shall exceed a 0.5 floor area ratio.

4.3.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS

None

4.3.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

None

SECTION 4.4 "ESA" ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

4.4.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "ESA" Environmentally Sensitive Area category includes one (1) zone district: ESA- 2. Lands in these districts are considered in need of special planning and treatment regarding land development regulation. These are not preservation districts, but land uses permitted within these districts are to provide mitigating measures to protect the natural functions of areas which are limited to the planning and treatment of land development within the one-hundred (100) year floodplain of the Suwannee River Corridor, as designated within the Federal Emergency Management Flood Insurance Rate Map for the County, as amended. These regulations prohibit intensive residential, intensive recreational and intensive agricultural uses and prohibit industrial and commercial development within the 100-year floodplain of the areas designated as Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

4.4.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Non-intensive agricultural (see definition of intensive agriculture in Section 2.1) and forestry operations conducted in accordance with Silviculture Best Management Practices Manual, published by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, Revision May 1990.
2. Single family dwellings.
3. Mobile home dwellings.
4. Homes of six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of a "community residential facility" (See Section 4.2).
5. Public resource based recreation facilities.
6. Churches and other houses of worship.
7. Travel trailers, limited to a single travel trailer on a parcel not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days (travel trailers as permitted in this case are not to include travel trailer parks.

4.4.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
    a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted or permissible uses and structures;
    b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted or permissible principal use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership; and
    c. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the intent of these land development districts.
2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:
    a. Private garages.
    b. Docks, ramps, piers and walkways for residential and water dependent commercial uses (See Article 14).

c. Residential facilities for caretakers whose work requires residence on the premises or for employees who will be quartered on the premises.

4.4.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Industrial and commercial uses, intensive agricultural uses (See section 2.1 for definition of intensive agriculture), private recreational uses and any use or structure not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein or permissible as a special exception.

4.4.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(See also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Home occupations.
2. Campgrounds of less than one hundred (100) campsites, provided that such campgrounds are no located within five (5) miles from another campground, which is also located within an Environmentally Sensitive Area and not more than twenty (20) percent of the natural vegetation on each campsite within such campgrounds shall be removed; provided further that campgrounds that exceed ten (10) sites shall be located adjacent to a paved road.
3. Bottled water plant.
4. Other similar uses, which are consistent with the uses within this district.

4.4.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. Single family dwellings and mobile homes:

ESA-2	Minimum lot area;	10 acres
	Minimum lot width;	400 feet; five (5) acres if developed as a Planned Rural Residential Development and an overall density of one (1) dwelling unit per ten (10) acres is maintained on site)

2. All other permitted or permissible uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Minimum lot area;	10 acres
Minimum lot width;	400 feet

4.4.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yard)
(See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements)

1. All permitted or permissible uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Front;	50 feet
Side;	20 feet
Rear;	50 feet

Special Provisions: The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from wetlands.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from the Suwannee River.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from all other perennial rivers, streams and creeks.

4.4.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED:

35 feet. (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitation)

4.4.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

20%

Note: In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, lot coverage, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.5 floor area ratio.

4.4.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS

1. All permitted or permissible uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

   None, except as necessary to meet other requirements as set out herein.

4.4.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

1. Each residential and special exceptions dwelling unit: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.
2. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

4.4.12 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE HOME DWELLINGS

1. Anchoring. Each mobile home shall be located on a stand permitting each unit to be sufficiently supported and anchored as in compliance with the State Standards for Anchoring Mobile Homes. In addition, each mobile home shall have the wheels and axles removed, shall be placed as close to the ground as can be practically accomplished and shall have the tongue or hitch portion of the mobile home removed unless permanently attached in such a manner that it cannot be readily removed.
2. Skirting. A skirt or apron which is continually and properly maintained by the owner of the mobile home shall surround each mobile home between the bottom of the unit and the ground. Skirting material shall be opaque and consist of aluminum, brick, concrete block, stucco or vinyl.

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SECTION 4.5 "A" AGRICULTURAL

4.5.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "A" Agricultural category includes three (3) zone districts: A-1, A-2 and A-3. Lands in these districts are intended to provide for areas primarily consisting of agricultural and residential uses consistent with the areas as designated agricultural within the Comprehensive Plan.

4.5.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

For Agricultural-1 and Agricultural-2 districts.

1. All agricultural activities (but not including livestock or poultry slaughterhouses), including the raising of livestock and poultry, the production of dairy and poultry products, the cultivation of field crops and fruits and berries, forestry, apiculture, and similar uses; provided, that no structure used for housing of livestock and poultry or any commercial feed lot operation shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of any lot line, and no structure used for housing domestic animals shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of any lot line.
2. The processing, storage, and sale of agricultural products and commodities which are raised on the premises (but not including livestock or poultry slaughterhouses); provided, that no building used for these activities shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any side or rear lot line.
3. Single family dwellings.
4. Mobile home dwellings.
5. Plant nurseries and greenhouses.
6. Homes of six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of a "community residential facility" (See Section 4.2).
8. Cemeteries not requiring licensure of the State of Florida.
9. Travel trailers, limited to a single travel trailer on a parcel not to exceed one-hundred eighty (180) days (travel trailers as permitted in this case are not to include travel trailer parks).
10. Landscape services including yard maintenance firms.
11. Churches and other houses of worship.

For Agricultural-3 districts.

1. All agricultural activities (except intensive agricultural uses as defined in Section 2.1), including the raising of livestock and poultry, the production of dairy and poultry products (but not including livestock or poultry slaughter-houses), the cultivation of field crops and fruits and berries, forestry, in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, apiculture, and similar uses; provided, that no structure used for housing of livestock or poultry or any commercial feed lot operation shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of any lot line, and no structure used for housing domestic livestock or poultry shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of any lot line.

2. The processing, storage and sale of agricultural products and commodities which are raised on the premises (but not including livestock or poultry slaughterhouses); provided, that no building used for these activities shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any side or rear lot line.

3. Single family dwellings.

4. Mobile homes.

5. Plant nurseries and greenhouses.

6. Homes of six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of a "community residential facility" (see Section 4.2).

8. Cemeteries not requiring licensure of the State of Florida.

9. Travel trailers, limited to a single trailer on a parcel not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days (travel trailers as permitted in this case are not to include travel trailer parks).

10. Landscape services, including yard maintenance firms.

11. Churches and other houses of worship.

4.5.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

For Agricultural-1 and Agricultural-2 districts.

1. Uses and structures which:

   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.

   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted principal use or structure or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.

2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:

   a. Barns and stables.

   b. Private garages.

   c. Private swimming pools.

   d. On-site signs (See Section 4.2)

   e. Residential facilities for caretakers whose work requires residence on the premises or for employees who will be quartered on the premises.

For Agricultural-3 districts.

1. Uses and structures which:

   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.

   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted principal use or structure or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.

2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:

   a. Barns and stables.

b. Private garages.

c. Private swimming pools.

d. On-site signs (See Section 4.2)

e. Residential facilities for caretakers whose work requires residence on the premises or for employees who will be quartered on the premises.

4.5.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Junk yard or automobile wrecking yard and any use or structure not specifically, provisionally or by reasonable implication permitted herein as a special exception.

4.5.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(See also Articles 12 and 13)

1. The processing, storage, and sale of agricultural products and commodities which are not raised on the premises; provided, that no building used for these activities shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any side or rear lot line.
2. Livestock auction arenas and general merchandise auction houses.
3. Livestock or poultry slaughterhouses; provided, that no building used for these activities shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any lot line.
4. Heavy equipment and related machinery sales.
5. Agricultural feed and grain packaging, blending, storage, and sales.
6. Agricultural fertilizer storage and sales.
7. Agricultural fairs and fairground activities.
8. Recreational activities such as racetracks and speedways; golf courses; country clubs; tennis and racquet clubs; golf and archery ranges; rifle, shotgun, and pistol ranges; travel trailer parks or campgrounds, including day camps, provided that campgrounds that exceed ten (10) sites shall be located adjacent to a paved road; hunting or fishing camps; and similar uses.
9. Riding or boarding stables; provided that no building used for housing of animals shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any lot line.
10. Drive-in theaters (see Section 4.2 for special design standards).
11. Hospitals, sanitariums, nursing homes, and residential homes for the aged.
12. Commercial kennels, veterinary clinics, and animal shelters; provided, that no open runs or buildings used for housing of animals shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any lot line.
13. Group living facilities.
14. Crematories.
15. Airplane landing fields.
16. Child care centers, provided:

    a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m; and

b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.

17. Home occupations (see Section 4.2).
18. Public buildings and facilities, unless otherwise specified (see section 4.2).
19. Private clubs and lodges.
20. Off-site signs (see also Section 4.2).
21. Solid waste facilities.
22. Group home care facilities.
23. Explosives, manufacturing or storage.
24. Flea markets.
25. Paper and pulp manufacturing
26. Cemeteries and mausoleums which require State licensure.
27. Small engine repair (not to exceed two-thousand (2,000) square feet).
28. Automotive repair and repair of agricultural equipment (not to exceed two thousand-five hundred (2,500) square feet).
29. Welding shop (not to exceed two-thousand-five hundred (2,500) square feet).
30. Bed and breakfast inns.
31. Building contractor and yard.
32. General store.
33. Mini-warehouses (completely enclosed).
34. Intensive agriculture (except where prohibited).
35. Sawmills and planing mills and similar uses; provided, that no building used for these activities shall be located within three hundred (300) feet of any lot line.
36. Funeral Home.
37. Exotic animals.
38. Private schools offering curricula similar to public schools
39. Other uses which are compatible with the uses of this district.

4.5.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. Single family dwellings, mobile homes and group living facilities:

A-1	Minimum lot area;	40 acres
	Minimum lot width;	660 feet
A-2	Minimum lot area;	10 acres
	Minimum lot width;	330 feet
A-3	Minimum lot area;	5 acres
	Minimum lot width;	230 feet

2. All other permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

None, except as necessary to meet other requirements as set out herein.

4.5.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yard) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

A-1	Front;	100 feet
	Side;	50 feet
	Rear;	100 feet
A-2	Front;	100 feet
	Side;	35 feet
	Rear;	50 feet
A-3	Front;	50 feet
	Side;	50 feet
	Rear;	50 feet

Special Provisions: The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from wetlands.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from the Suwannee River.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from all other perennial rivers, streams and creeks.

4.5.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED: (See also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet. (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.5.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

20%

Note: In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, lot coverage, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.5 floor area ratio.

4.5.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (See also Section 4.2)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

None, except as necessary to meet other requirements as set out herein.

4.5.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS (See also Section 4.2)

1. Residential dwelling units: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.
2. Churches or other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in the main auditorium.
3. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.
4. Private clubs and lodges, and conference centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area.
5. Child care centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area devoted to child care activities.
6. Group living facilities: one (1) space for each bedroom.
7. Hospitals: one (1) space for each bed.
8. Sanitariums and nursing homes: one (1) space for each two (2) beds.
9. Residential home for the aged: one (1) space for each dwelling unit.
10. Commercial and service establishments (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of nonstorage floor area.
11. Livestock or poultry slaughterhouse; saw mills and planing mills; crematories; agricultural feed and grain packaging, blending, storage and sales; agricultural fertilizer storage and sales: one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.
12. Livestock auction arenas; agricultural equipment and related machinery sales; agricultural fairs and fairground activities; drive-in theaters; racetracks and speedways; golf and archery ranges; rifle, shotgun, and pistol ranges; commercial kennels; veterinary clinics; and animal shelters: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area, plus, where applicable, one (1) space for each one thousand (1,000) square feet of lot or ground area outside buildings used for any type of sales, display or activity.
13. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

SECTION 4.6 "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL

4.6.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "RR" Rural Residential category includes one (1) zone district: RR. Lands in this district are intended to provide for areas primarily consisting of low density residential uses and limited agricultural uses within a designated urban development area as defined within the Comprehensive Plan.

4.6.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Single family dwellings.
2. Mobile homes.
3. On a minimum five (5) acre parcel, agricultural activities (except intensive agricultural uses as defined in Section 2.1 herein), including the raising of livestock and poultry, the cultivation of field crops and fruits and berries, forestry, agriculture, and similar uses; provided, that no structure used for housing of livestock or poultry shall be located within three hundred (300) feet of any lot line.
4. The processing, storage and sale of agricultural products and commodities which are raised on the premises (but not including livestock or poultry slaughterhouses); provided, that no building used for these activities shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any side or rear lot line.
5. Plant nurseries and greenhouses.
6. Homes of six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of "community residential facility" (see Section 4.2).
7. Public, charter and private elementary and middle schools.
8. Churches and other houses of worship.

For public, charter and private elementary and middle schools, site and development plan approval is required (See Article 14).

4.6.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.
   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted principal use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.
   c. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of a rural area.
2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:
   a. Barns and stables.
   b. Private garages.
   c. Private swimming pools.
   d. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).

4.6.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Junk yard or automobile wrecking yard, exotic animals as defined in Section 2.1, livestock or poultry slaughterhouse, saw mills and planing mills, livestock feedlots, any use or structure requiring an industrial waste permit issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, any mining use or structure and any use or structure not specifically, provisionally or by reasonable implication permitted herein as a special exception.

4.6.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(See also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Golf courses, country clubs, and racquet and tennis clubs.
2. Cemeteries and mausoleums.
3. Private clubs and lodges.
4. Parks maintained by any private association of persons residing in the district.
5. Public buildings and facilities in keeping with the character and requirements of the district, except those otherwise specified.
6. Home occupations (see Section 4.2).
7. Child care centers, provided:
    a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.; and
    b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.
8. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.
9. Bed and breakfast inns.
10. Conference centers.
11. Duplexes (on minimum forty thousand (40,000) square foot lot).
12. Churches and other houses of worship.
13. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the character of the district.

The following special exceptions shall require a minimum five (5) acre parcel and shall not be located within a platted subdivision:

1. Riding or boarding stables; provided that no building used for housing of animals shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any lot line.
2. Hospitals, sanitariums, nursing homes and residential homes for the aged.
3. Commercial kennels, veterinary clinics and animal shelters; provided, that no open runs or buildings used for housing of animals shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any lot line.
4. Cemeteries and mausoleums.
5. Small engine repair (not to exceed two-thousand (2,000) square feet).
6. Automotive repair and repair of agricultural equipment (not to exceed two thousand-five hundred (2,500) square feet).

7. Welding shop (not to exceed two-thousand-five hundred (2,500) square feet).

8. Group living facilities.

4.6.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. Single family dwellings, mobile homes and group living facilities:

RR	Minimum lot area;	1 acre
	Minimum lot width;	125 feet

2. All other permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

None, except as necessary to meet other requirements as set out herein.

4.6.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yard) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Front;	25 feet
Side;	10 feet
Rear;	15 feet

Special Provisions: The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from wetlands.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from the Suwannee River.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from all other perennial rivers, streams and creeks.

4.6.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED: (See also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.6.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

20%

Note: In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, lot coverage, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.5 floor area ratio.

4.6.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (See also Section 4.2)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

None, except as necessary to meet other requirements as set out herein.

4.6.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS (See also Section 4.2)

1. Residential dwelling units: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.

2. Elementary and middle schools: two (2) spaces for each classroom or office room, plus one (1) space for each three (3) seats in any auditorium or gymnasium.

3. Churches or other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in the main auditorium.

4. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.

5. Private clubs and lodges, and conference centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area.

6. Child care centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area devoted to child care activities.

7. Group living facilities: one (1) space for each bedroom.

8. Hospitals: one (1) space for each bed.

9. Sanitariums and nursing homes: one (1) space for each two (2) beds.

10. Residential home for the aged: one (1) space for each dwelling unit.

11. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

4.6.12 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE HOMES:

1. Anchoring. Each mobile home shall be located on a stand permitting each unit to be sufficiently supported and anchored as in compliance with the State Standards for Anchoring Mobile Homes. In addition, each mobile home shall have the wheels and axles removed, shall be placed as close to the ground as can be practically accomplished and shall have the tongue or hitch portion of the mobile home removed unless permanently attached in such a manner that it cannot be readily removed.

2. Skirting. A skirt or apron which is continually and properly maintained by the owner of the mobile home shall surround each mobile home between the bottom of the unit and the ground. Skirting material shall be opaque and consist of aluminum, brick, concrete block, stucco or vinyl.

SECTION 4.7 "RSF" RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY

4.7.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "RSF" Residential, Single Family category includes two (2) zone districts: RSF-1 and RSF-2. It is the intent of these districts to provide for single family areas of low to moderate density together with public and semi-public buildings and facilities and accessory structures as may be desirable and compatible with such development, as well as surrounding development within the designated urban development area as defined within the Comprehensive Plan. Nonresidential uses in these districts may be subject to restrictions and requirements necessary to preserve and protect the single family residential character of these districts. Variation among the RSF-1, RSF-2, and RSF-3 districts is in requirements for lot area, width and certain yards.

4.7.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Single family dwellings.
2. Public parks and recreational areas.
3. Homes of six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of "community residential facility" (see Section 4.2).
4. Public, charter, and private elementary and middle schools.
5. Existing mobile home dwellings.

For public, charter and private elementary and middle schools, site and development plan approval is required (See Article 14).

4.7.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.
   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted principal use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.
   c. Are not of a nature likely to attract visitors in larger numbers than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
   d. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of single family residential development.
   e. Offstreet storage or overnight parking of not more than two (2) commercial or industrial vehicles in excess of one (1) ton capacity.
2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:
   a. Private garages.
   b. Private swimming pools.
   c. Non-commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.
   d. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).

4.7.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Trade or service establishments or storage in connection with such establishments, storage of building materials (except in connection with active construction activities on the premises), new mobile homes except as permitted in Section 4.2, signs except as specifically permitted, the keeping of horses, cows, swine, sheep, goats or poultry, and any use or structure not specifically, provisionally or by reasonable implication permitted herein as a special exception.

4.7.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(See also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Golf courses, country clubs, and racquet and tennis clubs.
2. Cemeteries and mausoleums.
3. Private clubs and lodges.
4. Parks maintained by any private association of persons residing in the district.
5. Public buildings and facilities in keeping with the character and requirements of the district, except those otherwise specified.
6. Home occupations (see Section 4.2).
7. Child care centers, provided:
   a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.; and
   b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.
8. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.
9. Bed and breakfast inns.
10. Conference centers.
11. Duplexes in RSF-2 on minimum forty thousand (40,000) square foot lot.
12. Churches and other houses of worship.
13. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the character of the district..

4.7.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. Single family dwellings:

RSF-1:	Minimum lot area;	40,000 square feet
	Minimum lot width;	125 feet
RSF-2:	Minimum lot area;	20,000 square feet
	Minimum lot width;	100 feet

2. Other permitted uses and structures:

   None, except as needed to meet all other requirements herein set out.

4.7.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and back yard, width of side yards) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements)

1. Single family dwellings:

RSF-1:	Front;	25 feet
	Side;	10 feet for each side yard
	Rear;	15 feet
RSF-2:	Front;	25 feet
	Side;	10 feet for each side yard
	Rear;	15 feet

2. Public and private schools, child care centers, churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, and other all permitted uses unless otherwise specified:

Front;	35 feet
Side;	25 feet for each side yard
Rear;	35 feet

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from all perennial rivers, streams and creeks. The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.7.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED: (See also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.7.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

1. Single family dwellings and duplexes, including their accessory buildings: 40%
2. Other permitted buildings in connection with permitted uses, including their accessory buildings: 35%

Note: In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, lot coverage, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.5 floor area ratio.

4.7.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (See also Section 4.2)

1. Churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, child care centers, commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries, public buildings (but not public schools):

   Where a use listed under (1) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall not be less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

2. All other permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

   None, except as necessary to meet other requirements set out herein.

4.7.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS
(See also Section 4.2)

1. Each residential dwelling unit: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.
2. Elementary and middle schools: two (2) spaces for each classroom or office room, plus one (1) space for each three (3) seats in any auditorium or gymnasium.
3. Churches or other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in the main auditorium.
4. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.
5. Private clubs and lodges, and conference centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area.
6. Childcare centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area devoted to child care activities.
7. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries: one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of nonstorage floor area.
8. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

SECTION 4.8 "RSF/MH" RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME

4.8.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "RSF/MH" Residential, (Mixed) Single Family/Mobile Home category includes two (2) zone districts: RSF/MH-1 and RSF/MH-2. It is the intent of these districts to provide for single family residential areas of low to moderate density for single family dwellings and individual mobile homes within designated urban areas as defined within the Comprehensive Plan. In addition to providing for mixed single family/mobile home areas, this district also provides for public and semi-public buildings and facilities and accessory structures as may be desirable and compatible with mixed single family/mobile home residential development. In these districts, permitted nonresidential uses and special exceptions may be subject to restrictions and requirements necessary to preserve and protect the single family residential character of these districts.

4.8.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Single family dwellings.
2. Mobile home dwellings.
3. Public parks and recreational areas.
4. Homes of six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of "community residential facility" (see Section 4.2).
5. Public, charter and private elementary and middle schools.

For public, charter and private elementary and middle schools, site and development plan approval is required (See Article 14).

4.8.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.
   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted principal use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.
   c. Are not of a nature likely to attract visitors in larger numbers than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
   d. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of residential development.
   e. Offstreet storage or overnight parking of not more than two (2) commercial or industrial vehicles in excess of one (1) ton capacity.
2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:
   a. Private garages.
   b. Private swimming pools.
   c. Noncommercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.
   d. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).

4.8.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Trade or service establishments or storage in connection with such establishments, storage of building materials (except in connection with active construction activities on the premises), mobile home parks, signs except as specifically permitted, the keeping of horses, cows, swine, sheep, goats, or poultry, and any use or structure not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein as a special exception.

4.8.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(See also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Golf courses, country clubs, racquet and tennis clubs.
2. Cemeteries and mausoleums.
3. Private clubs and lodges.
4. Parks maintained by any private association of persons residing in the district.
5. Public buildings and facilities in keeping with the character and requirements of the district, except those otherwise specified (see Section 4.2).
6. Home occupations (see Section 4.2).
7. Child care centers, provided:
   a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.; and
   b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.
8. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.
9. Bed and breakfast inns.
10. Conference centers.
11. Duplexes in RSF/MH-2 on minimum forty thousand (40) square foot lot.
12. Churches and other houses of worship.
13. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the character of the district.

4.8.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. Single family dwellings and mobile homes:

   Minimum site area for single family/mobile home district; 10 acres.

RSF/MH-1:	Minimum lot area;	40,000 square feet
	Minimum lot width;	125 feet
RSF/MH-2:	Minimum lot area;	20,000 square feet
	Minimum lot width;	100 feet

2. Other permitted uses and structures:

   None, except as needed to meet all other requirements herein set out.

4.8.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side of yards) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements)

1. Single family dwellings and mobile homes:

RSF/MH-1:	Front;	25 feet
	Side;	10 feet for each side yard
	Rear;	15 feet

2. Single family dwellings and mobile homes:

RSF/MH-2:	Front;	25 feet
	Side;	10 feet for each side yard
	Rear;	15 feet

3. Public and private schools, child care centers, churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, and all other permissible uses unless otherwise specified:

Front;	35 feet
Side;	25 feet for each side yard.
Rear;	35 feet

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from all wetlands and a minimum fifty (50) foot natural buffer shall be required from all perennial rivers, streams and creeks. The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.8.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED (See also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.8.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

1. One family dwellings and duplexes, including their accessory buildings: 40%
2. Other permitted buildings in connection with permitted uses, including their accessory buildings: 35%.

Note: In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, lot coverage, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.5 floor area ratio.

4.8.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (See also Section 4.2)

1. Churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, child care centers, commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries, public buildings (but not public schools):

   Where a use listed under (1) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall not be less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

2. All other permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

   None, except as necessary to meet other requirements set out herein.

4.8.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS
(See also Section 4.2)

1. Each residential dwelling unit: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.
2. Elementary and middle schools: two (2) spaces for each classroom or office room, plus one (1) space for each three (3) seats in any auditorium or gymnasium.
3. Churches or other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in the main auditorium.
4. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.
5. Childcare centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area devoted to child care activities.
6. Private clubs and lodges, and conference centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area.
7. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries: one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of non-storage floor area.
8. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

4.8.12 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE HOMES

1. Anchoring. Each mobile home shall be located on a stand permitting each unit to be sufficiently supported and anchored as in compliance with the State Standards for Anchoring Mobile Homes. In addition, each mobile home shall have the wheels and axles removed, shall be placed as close to the ground as can be practically accomplished and shall have the tongue or hitch portion of the mobile home removed unless permanently attached in such a manner that it cannot be readily removed.
2. Skirting. A skirt or apron which is continually and properly maintained by the owner of the mobile home shall surround each mobile home between the bottom of the unit and the ground. Skirting material shall be opaque and consist of aluminum, brick, concrete block, stucco or vinyl.

SECTION 4.9 "RMH" RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME

4.9.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "RMH" Residential, Mobile Home category includes two (2) zone districts: RMH-1 and RMH-2. It is the intent of these districts to provide for very low to moderate density mobile home subdivision development together with public and semi-public buildings and facilities and accessory structures as may be desirable and compatible with such development as well as surrounding development within the designated urban development area, as defined within the Comprehensive Plan. Nonresidential uses in these districts may be subject to restrictions and requirements necessary to protect the residential character of these districts.

4.9.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Mobile home dwellings.
2. Public parks and recreational areas.
3. Homes of six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of "community residential facility (see Section 4.2).
4. Public, charter and private elementary and middle schools.
5. Existing conventional single family dwellings.

For public, charter and private elementary and middle schools, site and development plan approval is required (See Article 14).

4.9.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.
   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted principal use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.
   c. Are not of a nature likely to attract visitors in larger numbers than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
   d. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of residential development.
   e. Offstreet storage or overnight parking of not more than two (2) commercial or industrial vehicles.
2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:
   a. Private garages.
   b. Private swimming pools.
   c. Non-commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.
   d. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).

4.9.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Trade or service establishments or storage in connection with such establishments, storage of building materials (except in connection with active construction activities on the premises), new single family dwelling units, mobile home parks, signs except as specifically permitted, the keeping of horses, cows, swine, sheep, goats, or poultry, and any use or structure not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein as a special exception.

4.9.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(See also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Golf courses, country clubs, and racquet and tennis clubs.
2. Cemeteries and mausoleums.
3. Private clubs and lodges.
4. Parks maintained by any private association of persons residing in the district.
5. Public buildings and facilities in keeping with the character and requirements of the district, except those otherwise specified (see Section 4.2).
6. Home occupations (see Section 4.2).
7. Child care centers, provided:
   a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.; and
   b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.
8. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.
9. Bed and breakfast inns.
10. Conference centers.
11. Churches and other houses of worship.
12. Other similar uses which are compatible with the character of the district.

4.9.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (areas, width)

1. Mobile homes:

RMH-1:	Minimum lot area;	40,000 square feet
	Minimum lot width;	125 feet
RMH-2:	Minimum lot area;	20,000 square feet
	Minimum lot width;	100 feet

2. Other permitted uses and structures:

   None, except as needed to meet all other requirements herein set out.

4.9.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yards) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements)

1. Mobile homes:

RMH-1:	Front;	25 feet
	Side;	10 feet for each side yard
	Rear;	15 feet
RMH-2:	Front;	25 feet
	Side;	10 feet for each side yard
	Rear;	15 feet

2. Public and private schools, child care centers, churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, and all other permitted uses unless otherwise specified:

Front;	35 feet
Side;	25 feet for each side yard
Rear;	35 feet

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from all wetlands and a minimum fifty (50) foot natural buffer area shall be required from all perennial streams and creeks. The location of any structure (excepting permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.9.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED (See also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.9.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

1. Mobile home dwellings including their accessory buildings: 40%.
2. Other permitted building in connection with permitted uses, including their accessory buildings: 35%.

Note: In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, lot coverage, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.5 floor area ratio.

4.9.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (See also Section 4.2)

1. Churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, child care centers, commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries, public buildings (but not public schools):

   Where a use listed under (l) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

2. All other permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

   None, except as necessary to meet other requirements set out herein.

4.9.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS
(See also Section 4.2)

1. Each residential dwelling unit: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.
2. Elementary and middle schools: two (2) spaces for each classroom or office room, plus one (1) space for each three (3) seats in any auditorium or gymnasium.
3. Churches or other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in the main auditorium.
4. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.
5. Child care centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area devoted to child care activities.
6. Private clubs and lodges, and conference centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area.
7. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries: one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of non-storage floor area.
8. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

4.9.12 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE HOMES

1. Anchoring. Each mobile home shall be located on a stand permitting each unit to be sufficiently supported and anchored as in compliance with the State Standards for Anchoring Mobile Homes. In addition, each mobile home shall have the wheels and axles removed, shall be placed as close to the ground as can be practically accomplished and shall have the tongue or hitch portion of the mobile home removed unless permanently attached in such a manner that it cannot be readily removed.
2. Skirting. A skirt or apron which is continually and properly maintained by the owner of the mobile home shall surround each mobile home between the bottom of the unit and the ground. Skirting material shall be opaque and consist of aluminum, brick, concrete block, stucco or vinyl.

SECTION 4.10 "RMH-P" RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME PARK

4.10.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "RMH-P" Residential, Mobile Home Park category includes one (1) zone district: RMH-P. It is the intent of this district to provide for mobile homes in approved parks, occupied as one family dwellings within a designated urban development area, as defined within the Comprehensive Plan. This is a medium density district designed to create an environment of residential character and permitting only those uses, activities, and services which are compatible with the residential environment. The RMH-P district is a residential district, not a commercial district. The minimum size for a mobile home park shall be at least ten (10) acres in order to avoid spotty development and to provide enough area for adequate site design. This district is only permitted where centralized potable water and sanitary sewer systems are available and accessible.

4.10.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Mobile home parks.
2. Public parks and recreational areas.
3. Public charter and private elementary and middle schools.
4. Existing conventional single family dwellings.

For uses stated above: Site and development plan approval is required (see Article 14).

4.10.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.
   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted principal use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.
   c. Are not of a nature likely to attract visitors in larger numbers than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
   d. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of residential development.
   e. Offstreet storage or overnight parking of not more than two (2) commercial or industrial vehicles in excess of one (1) ton capacity.
2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:
   a. Private garages.
   b. Private swimming pools.
   c. Noncommercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.
   d. Storage rooms.
   e. Mobile home park administrative/management offices and recreational and laundry facilities intended for use solely by the residents of the mobile home park and their guests.
   f. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).

4.10.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Trade or service establishments or storage in connection with such establishments, retail commercial outlets for sale of new and used mobile homes, storage of building materials (except in connection with active construction activities on the premises), signs except as specifically permitted, the keeping of horses, cows, swine, sheep, goats, or poultry, and any use or structure not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein as a special exception.

4.10.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(see also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Golf courses, country clubs, and racquet and tennis clubs.
2. Cemeteries or mausoleums.
3. Private clubs and lodges.
4. Parks maintained by any private association of persons residing in the district.
5. Public buildings and facilities in keeping with the character and requirements of the district, except those otherwise specified (see Section 4.2).
6. Home occupations (see Section 4.2).
7. Child care centers, provided:
   a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.
   b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.
8. Commercial greenhouses and nurseries.
9. Conference centers.
10. Churches and other house of worship.
11. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the character of the district.

4.10.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. Mobile home parks:

   Site requirements:

Minimum site area;	10 acres.
Minimum site width;	400 feet
Minimum land area per dwelling unit; Density; 8 dwelling units per acre).	5,445 square feet

   Mobile home stand requirements:

Minimum mobile home stand size;	3,500 square feet
Minimum average width of mobile home stand	40 feet

2. Other permitted uses and structures:

   None, except as needed to meet all other requirements herein set out.

4.10.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yards) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements)

1. Mobile home parks: (to be applied at site perimeter)

Front;	35 feet;
Side;	25 feet for each side yard;
Rear;	25 feet

Special Provisions: In a mobile home park, no mobile home shall be located closer than twenty (20) feet to:

a. Another mobile home, or

b. A mobile home park access or circulation drive.

2. Public and private schools, child care centers, churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, conference centers and all other permitted uses unless otherwise specified:

Front;	35 feet
Side;	25 feet for each side yard
Rear;	35 feet

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from all wetlands and a minimum fifty (50) foot natural buffer shall be required from all perennial rivers, streams and creeks. The location of any structure (excepting permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.10.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED (see also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations).

4.10.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

1. Mobile home parks, including all accessory buildings: 30%.

2. Other permitted buildings in connection with permitted uses, including their accessory buildings: 35%.

Note: In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, lot coverage, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.5 floor area ratio.

4.10.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (see also Section 4.2)

1. Mobile home parks:

Where a use under (1) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a one (1) family residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

2. Churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, conference centers, child care centers, public buildings (but not public schools):

   Where a use listed under (2) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

3. All other permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

   None, except as necessary to meet other requirements set out herein.

4.10.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS
(see also Section 4.2)

1. Each residential dwelling unit: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.
2. Elementary and middle schools: two (2) spaces for each classroom or office room, plus one (1) space for each three (3) seats in any auditorium or gymnasium.
3. Churches or other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in the main auditorium.
4. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.
5. Child care centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area devoted to child care activities.
6. Private clubs and lodges, and conference centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area.
7. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries: one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of nonstorage area.
8. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area..

4.10.12 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS

1. Mobile home stands. The following requirements shall apply:

   a. Anchoring. Each mobile home shall be located on a stand permitting each unit to be sufficiently supported and anchored as in compliance with the State Standards for Anchoring Mobile Homes. In addition, each mobile home shall have the wheels and axles removed, shall be placed as close to the ground as can be practically accomplished and shall have the tongue or hitch portion of the mobile home removed unless permanently attached in such a manner that it cannot be readily removed.

   b. Skirting. A skirt or apron which is continually and properly maintained by the owner of the mobile home shall surround each mobile home between the bottom of the unit and the ground. Skirting material shall be opaque and consist of aluminum, brick, concrete block, stucco or vinyl.

2. Street or Driveway Improvements. All streets and drives shall be constructed using generally accepted engineering practices so as to allow proper drainage of the entire area, and to provide access to each mobile home site.

a. Pavement base. Six (6) inches of compacted limerock.

b. Wearing surface. One (1) inch of Type II asphalt or concrete surface course or the equivalent as approved as meeting standards established by the Board of County Commissioners.

c. Pavement width. All streets shall have a minimum pavement width of twenty (20) feet.

3. Street lighting. All streets or driveways within the park shall be lighted at night with electric lights providing a minimum illumination of 0.2 foot candles.

4. Usable open space. A minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the gross land area within the mobile home park shall be designed for recreational purposes.

5. Parking. No parking shall be allowed on any mobile home park access or circulation drive.

6. State regulations. In addition to the requirements listed above, the mobile home park shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the State of Florida including Chapter 10D-26 of the Florida Administrative Code, as amended.

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SECTION 4.11"RMF" RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY

4.11.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "RMF" Residential, Multiple Family category includes two (2) zone districts: RMF-1 and RMF-2. It is the intent of these districts to provide for residential areas of medium to high density within a designated urban development areas as defined within the Comprehensive Plan and only when community potable water systems and centralized sanitary sewer systems are available and accessible. These zoning districts allow for a desirable variety of housing types together with public and semi-public buildings and facilities and accessory structures as may be compatible with residential development. Nonresidential uses in these districts may be subject to restrictions and requirements necessary to preserve and protect the residential character of these districts. Variation between the RMF-1 and RMF-2 districts is in requirements for density (land area per dwelling unit). Centralized potable water and sanitary sewer systems must be available and accessible.

4.11.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Single family dwellings.
2. Duplex dwellings.
3. Multiple family dwellings.
4. Public parks and recreational areas.
5. Homes of six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of "community residential facility" (see Section 4.2).
6. Community residential facilities (see Section 2.1).
7. Public, charter and private elementary, middle and high schools.

For all above uses except for single family dwellings and duplex dwellings, site and development plan approval is required.

4.11.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.
   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted principal use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.
   c. Are not of a nature likely to attract visitors in larger numbers than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
   d. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of residential development.
2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include:
   a. Private garages.
   b. Private swimming pools.
   c. Non-commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.

d. For multiple family dwellings: administrative/management offices for the multiple family complex and recreational and laundry facilities intended for use solely by the residents of the multiple family development and their guests.

e. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).

f. Offstreet storage or overnight parking of not more than two (2) commercial or industrial vehicles in excess of one (1) ton capacity.

4.11.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Trade or service establishments or storage in connection with such establishments, storage of building materials (except in connection with active construction activities on the premises), signs except as specifically permitted, the keeping of horses, cows, swine, sheep, goats, or poultry, and any use or structure not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein as a special exception.

4.11.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(See also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Golf courses, country clubs, and racquet and tennis clubs.
2. Cemeteries and mausoleums.
3. Private clubs and lodges.
4. Parks maintained by any private association of persons residing in the district.
5. Public buildings and facilities in keeping with the character and requirements of the district, except those otherwise specified (see Section 4.2).
6. Home occupations (see Section 4.2).
7. Child care centers, provided:
   a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.
   b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.
8. Commercial greenhouses and nurseries.
9. Conference centers.
10. Bed and breakfast inns.
11. Churches and other houses of worship.
12. Group living facilities.
13. Nursing homes and residential homes for the aged.
14. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the character of the district.

4.11.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. Single family dwellings:

   Minimum lot area; 7,500 square feet

   Minimum lot width; 75 feet

2. Duplexes:

Minimum lot area;	10,000 square feet
Minimum lot width;	85 feet

3. Multiple family development:

Minimum site area;	16,335 square feet
Minimum site width;	80 feet

Minimum land area per dwelling unit;

RMF-1:	5,445 square feet (Density; 8 dwelling units per acre).
RMF-2:	2,178 square feet (Density; 20 dwelling units per acre).

4. Other permitted uses and structures:

None, except as needed to meet all other requirements herein set out.

4.11.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yards, width of side yards) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements.)

1. Single family dwellings and duplexes:

Front;	20 feet
Side;	10 feet for each side yard.
Rear;	15 feet

2. Multiple family dwellings: (to be applied to site perimeter)

Front;	30 feet
Side;	15 feet for each side yard.
Rear;	20 feet

Special Provisions; Where two (2) or more multiple family structures are located together on one (1) site, no detached residential structure shall be closer than twenty (20) feet to another.

3. Public and private schools, child care centers, churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, nursing homes, residential homes for the aged, group living facilities, and all other permitted uses unless otherwise specified:

Front;	35 feet
Side;	25 feet for each side yard.
Rear;	35 feet

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from all wetlands and a minimum fifty (50) foot natural buffer shall be required from all perennial rivers, steams and creeks. The location of any structure (excepting permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.11.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED
(see also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.11.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

1. Single family dwellings, including their accessory buildings: 40%
2. Duplexes and multiple family development, including their accessory buildings: 40%
3. Other permitted buildings in connection with permitted uses, including their accessory buildings: 35%

Note: In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, lot coverage, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.5 floor area ratio.

4.11.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS
(see also Section 4.2)

1. Multiple family dwellings:

   Where a use listed under (1) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a one (1) family residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall not be less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

2. Churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, and conference centers, child care centers, public buildings (but not public schools):

   Where a use listed under (2) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

3. All other permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

   None, except as necessary to meet other requirements set out herein.

4.11.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS
(see also Section 4.2)

1. Each residential dwelling unit: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.
2. Elementary and middle schools: two (2) spaces for each classroom or office room, plus one (1) space for each three (3) seats in any auditorium or gymnasium.
3. Senior high schools: four (4) spaces for each classroom or office room, plus two (2) spaces for each three (3) seats in any auditorium or gymnasium.
4. Churches or other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in the main auditorium.
5. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.

6. Child care centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area devoted to child care activities.
7. Private clubs and lodges, and conference centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area.
8. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries: one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of non-storage area.
9. Group living facilities: one (1) space for each bedroom.
10. Nursing homes: one (1) space for each two (2) beds.
11. Residential homes for the aged: one (1) space for each dwelling unit.
12. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

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SECTION 4.12 "CN" COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD

4.12.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "CN" Commercial, Neighborhood category includes one (1) zone district: CN. It is the intent of this district to provide for small scale retail and service developments which serve the convenience needs of a limited population and/or geographic area (i.e., a neighborhood) within both rural and designated urban development areas as defined within the Comprehensive Plan. In accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, this district is not intended to accommodate major or large scale commercial or service activities. The CN district is intended to be oriented to and compatible with the neighborhood to be served, and shall be located at the intersection of a collector or arterial road with any other road.

4.12.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Retail commercial outlets for sale of food, hardware and drugs.
2. Service establishments such as a barber or beauty shop, shoe repair shop, self-service laundry or dry cleaner, laundry or dry cleaning pick-up station.
3. Automotive self service stations (see Section 4.2 for special design standards for automotive service and self service stations).

The above uses are subject to the following limitations:

1. Floor area of each individual outlet or establishment shall not exceed five thousand (5,000) square feet;
2. Sale, display, preparation, and storage to be conducted within a completely enclosed building, and no more than twenty percent (20%) of floor area to be devoted to storage;
3. Products to be sold only at retail; and
4. For all developments, site and development plan approval is required (see Article 14).

4.12.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.
   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.
   c. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of the district.
2. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).
3. On the same premises and in connection with permitted principal uses and structures, dwelling units only for occupancy by owners or employees thereof.

4.12.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Any use or structure not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein.
2. Residential uses, except as specified.

4.12.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(see also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Automotive service stations (see Section 4.2 for special design standards for automotive service and self service stations).
2. Child care centers and overnight child care centers, provided:
   a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.
   b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.
3. Banks and financial institutions.
4. Public buildings and facilities.
5. Restaurants with total floor area, including drive-thru not to exceed seven thousand (7,000) square feet.
6. General stores.
7. Medical or dental offices, clinics and laboratories.
8. Business and professional offices.
9. Churches and other houses of worship.
10. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the character of the district.

4.12.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

None, except as necessary to meet other requirements as set out herein.

4.12.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yards) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements).

1. Commercial and service establishments (unless otherwise specified):

Front;	25 feet
Side;	10 feet for each side yard.
Rear;	15 feet

2. Child care centers and overnight child care centers:

Front;	20 feet
Side;	10 feet for each side yard.
Rear;	15 feet

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from all wetlands, and a minimum fifty (50) foot natural buffer shall be required from all perennial rivers, streams and creeks. The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.12.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED (see also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.12.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

40%

Note: In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, lot coverage, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.25 floor area ratio.

4.12.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (see also Section 4.2)

1. All permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

Where a use listed under (1) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

4.12.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS (see also Section 4.2)

1. Commercial and service establishments (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of non-storage floor area.
2. Childcare centers and overnight child care centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area devoted to child care activities.
3. Churches or other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in the main auditorium.
4. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.
5. Banks and financial institutions: one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.
6. Restaurants: one (1) space for each three (3) seats in public rooms.
7. Business and professional offices: one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.
8. Each residential dwelling unit: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.
9. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

Note: Offstreet loading required (see Section 4.2)

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SECTION 4.13 "CG" COMMERCIAL, GENERAL

4.13.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "CG" Commercial, General category includes one (1) zone district: CG. This district is intended for general retail commercial, office and service activities which serve a market area larger than a neighborhood. While some of the same types of uses are found in a CN district, the CG district is generally greater in scale and intensity. Businesses in this category require locations convenient to automotive traffic and ample offstreet parking is required, however; pedestrian traffic may also be found in this district. This district is not suitable for highly automotive-oriented uses and shall be located within a designated urban development area as defined by the Comprehensive Plan.

4.13.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Retail commercial outlets for sale of food, wearing apparel, fabric, toys, sundries and notions, books and stationery, leather goods and luggage, paint, glass, wallpaper, jewelry (including repair) art, cameras or photographic supplies (including camera repair), sporting goods, hobby shops and pet shops (but not animal kennel), musical instruments, optical goods, television and radio (including repair incidental to sales), florist or gift shop, delicatessen, bake shop (but not wholesale bakery), drugs, plants and garden supplies (including outside storage of plants and materials), automotive vehicle parts and accessories (but not junk yards or automotive wrecking yards), and similar uses.
2. Retail commercial outlets for sale of home furnishings (furniture, floor coverings, draperies, upholstery) and appliances (including repair incidental to sales), office equipment or furniture, hardware, second-hand merchandise in completely enclosed buildings, and similar uses.
3. Service establishments such as barber or beauty shop, shoe repair shop, restaurant, interior decorator, photographic studio, art or dance or music studio, reducing salon or gymnasium, animal grooming, self-service laundry or dry cleaner, tailor or dressmaker, laundry or dry cleaning pickup station, and similar uses.
4. Service establishments such as radio or television station (but not television or radio towers or antennae); funeral home, radio and television repair shop, appliance repair shop, letter shops and printing establishments, pest control, and similar uses.
5. Medical or dental offices, clinics and laboratories.
6. Business and professional offices.
7. Newspaper offices.
8. Banks and financial institutions.
9. Professional, business, and technical schools.
10. Commercial recreational facilities in completely enclosed, soundproof buildings, such as indoor motion picture theater, community or little theater, billiard parlor, bowling alley and similar uses.
11. Hotels and motels.

12. Dry cleaning and laundry package plants in completely enclosed buildings using nonflammable liquids such as perchlorethylene and with no odor, fumes, or steam detectable to normal senses from off the premises.

13. Residential dwelling units, which existed within this district on the date of adoption or amendment of these land development regulations.

14. Art galleries.

15. Private clubs and lodges.

16. Miscellaneous uses such as telephone exchange and commercial parking lots and parking garages.

17. Recovery homes.

18. Residential treatment facilities.

19. Automotive self service station. (see Section 4.2 for special design standards for automotive self service stations)

20. Public, charter and private elementary, middle and high schools.

Unless otherwise specified, the above uses are subject to the following limitations:

1. Sale, display, preparation and storage to be conducted within a completely enclosed building, and no more than thirty percent (30%) of floor space to be devoted to storage;

2. Products to be sold only at retail; and

3. For all developments, site and development plan approval is required (see Article 14).

4.13.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:

   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.

   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.

   c. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of the district.

2. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).

4.13.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Manufacturing activities, except as specifically permitted.

2. Retail commercial outlets for sale of new and used automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and tractors, mobile homes, boats, heavy machinery and equipment, lumber and building supplies, and monuments.

3. Motor vehicle body shop.

4. Any other uses or structures not specifically, provisionally or by reasonable implication permitted herein. Any use which is potentially dangerous, noxious or offensive to neighboring uses in the district or to those who pass on public ways by reason of smoke, odor, noise, glare, fumes, gas, vibration, threat of fire or explosion, emission of particulate matter, interference with radio or television reception, radiation, or likely for other reasons to be incompatible with the character of the district. Performance standards apply (see Section 4.2).

4.13.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(see also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Automotive service stations (see Section 4.2 for special design standards for automotive service stations).
2. Rental of automotive vehicles, trailers and trucks.
3. Package store for sale of alcoholic beverages, bar, tavern or cocktail lounge.
4. Hospitals and nursing homes.
5. Motor bus or other transportation terminals.
6. Child care centers and overnight child care centers, provided:
   a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.; and
   b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.
7. Public buildings and facilities.
8. Off-site signs.
9. Wholesale warehouse or storage use in completely enclosed buildings. However, bulk storage of flammable liquids is not permitted.
10. Churches and other houses of worship.
11. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the character of the district.

4.13.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Minimum lot area;	None.
Minimum lot width;	None.

4.13.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yards)
(See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Front;	20 feet
Side;	None, except where a side yard is provided, then a side yard of at least 5 feet must be provided.
Rear;	15 feet

2. Child care centers and overnight child care centers:

Front;	20 feet
Side;	10 feet for each side yard.
Rear;	15 feet

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from wetlands, and a minimum fifty (50) foot natural buffer shall be required from all perennial rivers, streams and creeks. The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.13.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED
(see also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.13.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.25 floor area ratio.

4.13.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS
(see also Section 4.2)

1. All permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

   Where a use listed under (1) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

2. Existing conventional single family dwellings and mobile home dwellings:

   None, except as necessary to meet other requirements set out herein.

4.13.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS
(see also Section 4.2)

1. Commercial and service establishments (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of non-storage floor area.
2. Commercial establishments selling home furnishings and major appliances, and office equipment and furniture: one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of non-storage floor area.
3. Restaurants, cocktail lounges, bars, and taverns: one (1) space for each three (3) seats in public rooms.
4. Funeral homes: one (1) space for each three (3) seats in the chapel.
5. Medical or dental offices, clinics, or laboratories: one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of floor area.
6. Business and professional offices: one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.

7. Newspaper office: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area.

8. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.

9. Banks and financial institutions: one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of nonstorage floor area.

10. Professional, business, and technical schools: one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.

11. Community and little theaters, indoor motion picture theaters: one (1) space for each four (4) seats.

12. Hotels and motels: one (1) space for each sleeping room, plus two (2) spaces for the owner or manager, plus required number of spaces for each accessory use such as restaurant or bar, as specified.

13. Dry cleaning and laundry package plants: one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of nonstorage floor area.

14. Each residential dwelling unit: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.

15. Churches and houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in main auditorium.

16. Art galleries: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area.

17. Dance, art, and music studios: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area.

18. Private clubs and lodges: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area.

19. Hospitals: one (1) space for each bed.

20. Nursing homes: one (1) space for each three (3) beds.

21. Telephone exchange, motor bus or other transportation terminals: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area.

22. Childcare centers and overnight child care centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) square feet of floor area devoted to child care activities.

23. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

Note: Offstreet loading required (see Section 4.2).

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SECTION 4.14 "CI" COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE

4.14.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "CI" Commercial, Intensive category includes one (1) zone district: CI. This district is intended for intensive, highly automotive-oriented uses that require a conspicuous and accessible location convenient to roads carrying large volumes of traffic and shall be located within a designated urban development area as defined within the Comprehensive Plan. Such activities generally require large land areas, do not cater directly in appreciable degree to pedestrians, and require ample offstreet parking and offstreet loading space. This district permits certain uses not of a neighborhood or general commercial type.

4.14.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

As for CG, and in addition:

1. Retail commercial outlets for sale of new and used automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and tractors, mobile homes, boats, heavy machinery and equipment, dairy supplies, feed, fertilizer, lumber and building supplies, monuments, and outdoor retail commercial display areas associated with sale of said items.
2. Service establishments such as repair and service garage, motor vehicle body shop, car wash, auction house (but not including livestock auction arena), laundry or dry cleaning establishment, animal boarding kennels in soundproof buildings, plant nursery or landscape contractor, carpenter or cabinet shop, home equipment rental, upholstery shop, marina and boat sales, commercial water softening establishment, rental of automotive vehicles, trailers and trucks.
3. Commercial recreation facilities such as drive-in theater (see Section 4.2), golf driving range, miniature golf course, skating rink, skateboard arena, go-cart track and similar uses.
4. Palmist, astrologist, psychics, clairvoyants and phrenologists.
5. Miscellaneous uses such as express or parcel delivery office, motor bus or other transportation terminal.
6. Wholesaling from sample stocks only, providing no manufacturing or storage for distribution is permitted on the premises.

For all developments, site and development plan approval is required (see Article 14).

4.14.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures.
   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.
   c. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of the district.
2. On-site signs (see also Section 4.2).

3. Outdoor storage yard in connection with permitted or permissible use only; provided, this provision shall not permit wrecking yards (including automobile wrecking yard), junk yards, or yards used in whole or in part for scrap or salvage operations or for processing, storage, display, or sales of any scrap, salvage, or second-hand building materials, junk automotive vehicles, or second-hand automotive parts.

4.14.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Manufacturing activities, except as specifically permitted.
2. Any other uses or structures not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein. Any use which is potentially dangerous, noxious or offensive to neighboring uses in the district or to those who pass on public ways by reason of smoke, odor, noise, glare, fumes, gas, vibration, threat of fire or explosion, emission of particulate matter, interference with radio or television reception, radiation or likely for other reasons to be incompatible with the character of the district. Performance standards apply (see Section 4.2).

4.14.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(see also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Wholesale, warehouse or storage use in completely enclosed buildings. However, bulk storage of flammable liquids is not permitted.
2. Package store for sale of alcoholic beverages, bar, tavern or cocktail lounge.
3. Off-site signs (see also Section 4.2).
4. Truck stops and automotive service stations (see Section 4.2 for special design standards for automotive service stations).
5. Service establishments such as crematory.
6. Agricultural fairs and fairground activities, livestock auction arenas.
7. Commercial tourist attractions.
8. Building trades contractor with on premises storage yard for materials and equipment.
9. Public buildings and facilities.
10. Facilities for storage and distribution of products, including wholesale commercial uses.
11. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the character of the district.

4.14.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Minimum lot area;	None.
Minimum lot width;	None.

4.14.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yard) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Front;	20 feet
Side;	None, except where a side yard is provided, then aside yard of at least five (5 feet must be provided.
Rear;	15 feet

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from wetlands and a minimum fifty (50) foot natural buffer shall be required from all perennial rivers, streams and creeks. The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.14.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED (see also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.14.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.25 floor area ratio.

4.14.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (see also Section 4.2)

1. All permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

Where a use listed under (1) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/ or side yards as the case may be.

4.14.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS (see also Section 4.2)

1. For uses specifically listed under CG: As for CG OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS.
2. Commercial or service establishments (unless otherwise specified); agricultural fairs and fairgrounds; livestock auction arena: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area, plus, where applicable, one (1) space for each one thousand (1,000) square feet of lot or ground area outside buildings used for any type of sales, display or activity.
3. Express or parcel delivery office, motor bus or other transportation terminal: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area.
4. Palmist, astrologist, psychics, clairvoyants, and phrenologist: one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area.
5. Wholesale establishments: one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

6. Warehouse or storage use only: one (1) space for each one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of floor area.

7. Each existing residential dwelling unit: two (2) spaces for each dwelling unit.

8. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

Note: Offstreet loading required (see Section 4.2

SECTION 4.15 "ILW" INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING

4.15.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "ILW" Industrial, Light and Warehousing category includes one (1) zone district: ILW. This district is intended for light manufacturing, processing, storage and warehousing, wholesaling and distribution within a designated urban development area defined within the Comprehensive Plan. Service and commercial activities relating to the character of the district and supporting its activities are permitted. Certain commercial uses relating to automotive and heavy equipment sales and repair are permitted, but this district shall not be deemed commercial in character. Regulations for this district are intended to prevent or reduce adverse impacts between the uses in this district, and also to protect nearby residential and commercial districts. Performance standards are applied at lot lines (see Article 14).

4.15.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Wholesaling, warehousing, storage or distribution establishments and similar uses.
2. Research laboratories and activities in completely enclosed buildings.
3. Light manufacturing, assembling, processing (including food processing, but not slaughter houses), packaging or fabricating in completely enclosed building.
4. Printing, lithographing, publishing, photographic processing, blue printing or similar establishments.
5. Outdoor storage yards and lots, provided, this provision shall not permit wrecking yards (including automobile wrecking yards), junk yards, or yards used in whole or in part for scrap or salvage operations or for processing, storage, display, or sales of any scrap, salvage, or second-hand building materials, junk automotive vehicles, or second-hand automotive parts.
6. Retail commercial establishments for sale, repair, and service of new and used automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and tractors, mobile homes, boats, heavy machinery and equipment, and farm equipment; motor vehicle body shop; establishments for sale of farm supplies, lumber and building supplies, monuments, automotive vehicle parts and accessories (but not junk yards or automotive vehicle wrecking yards), and similar uses.
7. Service establishments catering to commerce and industry including linen supply, freight movers, communications services, business machine services, canteen service, restaurant, employment agency sign company, pest control, water softening establishment and similar uses.
8. Crematories.
9. Vocational, technical, trade or industrial schools and similar uses.
10. Medical clinic in connection only with industrial activity.
11. Uses such as express or parcel delivery office, telephone exchange, commercial parking lots and garages, motor bus or truck or other transportation terminal.
12. Radio and television stations.

13. Building trades contractor including on premises storage yard for materials and equipment, but no manufacturing of concrete or asphalt is permitted.

14. Railroad switching, freight, and storage yards; railroad buildings and maintenance structures.

15. Existing single family and multiple family dwellings.

16. Public, charter and private schools providing industrial arts training.

17. Other similar uses, which are compatible with the character of the district.

For all developments, site and development plan approval is required (see Article 14).

4.15.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted principal uses and structures.

2. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).

4.15.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Any uses or structures not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein, including the following, which are listed for purposes of illustration.

1. Petroleum bulk storage and sales.

2. Yards or lots for scrap or salvage operations or for processing, storage, display, or sale of any scrap, salvage, or second-hand building materials and automotive vehicle parts.

3. Wrecking yards (including automotive vehicle wrecking yards) and junk yards.

4. Manufacturing activities not in completely enclosed buildings.

5. Any use not conforming to performance standards of Article 14.

4.15.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(see also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Off-site signs (see also Section 4.2).

2. Truck stops and automotive service and self service stations (see Section 4.2 for special design standards for automotive service stations).

3. Public buildings and facilities.

4. Churches and other houses of worship.

4.15.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. All permitted and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Minimum lot area;	None
Minimum lot width;	None

4.15.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yard) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements.)

1. All permitted or permissible uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Front;	20 feet, of which no less than 1/2 the depth shall be maintained as a landscaped area; the remainder may be used for off-street parking, but not for buildings. The depth of this landscaped area shall be measured at right angles to property lines and shall be established along the entire length of and contiguous to the designated property line or lines. This landscaped area may be penetrated at right angles by driveways.
Side and Rear;	15 feet except where railroad spur abuts side or rear property line, in which case no yard is required.

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from wetlands, and a minimum fifty (50) foot natural buffer shall be required from all perennial rivers, streams and creeks. The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.15.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED (see also Section 4.2 for exceptions)

35 feet (See Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.15.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.25 floor area ratio.

4.15.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (see also Section 4.2)

1. All permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

Where a use listed under (1) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

4.15.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS (see also Section 4.2)

1. Warehousing and storage only: one (1) space for each one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of floor area.
2. Retail commercial establishments for sale, repair, and service of new and used automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and tractors, mobile homes, boats, heavy machinery and equipment, and farm equipment; motor vehicle body shops; retail establishments for sale of farm supplies, lumber and building supplies, monuments, and automotive vehicle parts and accessories; crematories; and similar uses: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area, plus, where applicable, one (1) space for each one thousand (1,000) square feet of lot or ground area outside buildings used for any type of sales, display, or activity.
3. Restaurants: one (1) space for each three (3) seats in public rooms.

4. Churches and other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in main auditorium.

5. Uses such as express or parcel delivery office, telephone exchange, motor bus or truck or other transportation terminal: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area.

6. Other uses or special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

Note: Offstreet loading required (see Section 4.2).

SECTION 4.16 "I" INDUSTRIAL

4.16.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "I" Industrial category includes one (1) zone district: "I". This district is intended primarily for manufacturing and closely related uses within a designated urban development area as defined by the Comprehensive Plan. It is intended to preserve such lands for the functions of industrial activity, wholesaling, warehousing and distribution. Performance standards are applied at district boundaries.

4.16.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

As for ILW, and in addition:

1. Any industrial use which is otherwise lawful (except those uses permissible as special exceptions) and which conforms to performance standards as set out in Article 14.

For all developments, site and development plan approval is required (See Article 14).

4.16.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted principal uses and structures.
2. On-site signs (see Section 4.2).

4.16.4 PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Any uses or structures not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein, including any use not conforming to performance standards of Article 14.

4.16.4 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(see also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Wrecking yards (including automobile wrecking yard); junk yards; or yards used for scrap, salvage, second-hand building materials, junk automotive vehicles, or second-hand automotive parts; provided any such yard shall be completely enclosed by an opaque fence or wall not less than six (6) feet high.
    a. Where a landscaped buffer is provided to meet this requirement, such landscape buffer shall be at least eighty percent (80%) opaque between two (2) and six (6) feet above average ground level when viewed horizontally and shall be of a plant material which maintains such opaque quality throughout the year. Further, such fence, wall or landscape buffer shall be maintained and continued so long as the main use continues. Failure to maintain such fence, wall or landscape buffer shall be a violation of these land development regulations.
    b. The enclosure requirements set forth in subparagraph (a) above may be waived as to any such yard for such portion thereof that borders or lies adjacent to natural or cultivated woodlands.

Upon development of such adjacent woodlands for any purpose, or removal or clearing of such woodlands, such waiver shall terminate and the enclosure requirements for such portion as was previously waived shall be complied with within ninety (90) days after such development or clearing. The Land Development Regulation Administrator may grant the waiver provided for herein, and shall also notify the owner of such wrecking yard of the termination date of such waiver.

c. Any such wrecking yard in existence on the date of adoption of these land development regulations shall comply with the enclosure requirements as provided in this section for wrecking yards within twelve (12) months of the date of adoption of the land development regulation.

2. Bulk storage yards including bulk storage of flammable liquids, subject to provisions of local and State fire codes.

3. Chemical and fertilizer manufacture.

4. Paint, oil (including linseed), shellac, turpentine, lacquer or varnish manufacture.

5. Paper and pulp manufacture.

6. Petroleum refining.

7. Rendering plant.

8. Storage, sorting, collecting or baling of rags, iron or junk.

9. Off-site signs (see Section 4.2).

10. Truck stops and automotive service and self-service stations (see Section 4.2 for special design standards for automotive service stations).

11. Hazardous waste disposal sites.

12. Electric or gas generating plants.

13. Asphalt or concrete batching plants.

14. Public buildings and facilities.

15. Public, charter and private schools providing industrial arts training.

16. Other similar uses compatible with the character of the district.

4.16.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Minimum lot area; None.

Minimum lot width; None.

4.16.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and rear yard, width of side yards) (See Section 4.2 for right-of-way setback requirements.)

1. All permitted uses and structures (unless otherwise specified):

Front; 20 feet

Side and Rear; 15 feet except where railroad spur abuts side or rear property line, in which case no yard is required.

Special Provisions: A minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer shall be required from wetlands and a minimum fifty (50) foot natural buffer shall be required from all perennial rivers, streams and creeks. The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways and piers) shall be prohibited within these buffer areas.

4.16.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED (see also Section 4.2)

35 feet (see Section 4.2 for exclusions from height limitations)

4.16.9 MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

In addition to meeting the required lot, yard, building height, landscaped buffering, and off-street parking requirements of this section, no structure shall exceed a 0.25 floor area ratio.

4.16.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (see also Section 4.2)

1. All permitted uses (unless otherwise specified):

   Where a use listed under (1) above is erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district, then the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.

4.16.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS (see also Section 4.2)

1. For uses specifically listed under ILW: As for ILW OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS.
2. Warehousing and storage only: one (1) space for each one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of floor area.
3. Retail commercial establishments for sale, repair, and service of new and used automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and tractors, mobile homes, boats, heavy machinery and equipment, and farm equipment; motor vehicle body shops; retail establishments for sale of farm supplies, lumber and building supplies, monuments, and automotive vehicle parts and accessories; wrecking yards; and similar uses: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area, plus where applicable, one (1) space for each one thousand (1,000) square feet of lot or ground area outside buildings used for any type of sales, display, or activity.
4. Restaurants: one (1) space for each three (3) seats in public rooms.
5. Uses such as express or parcel delivery office, telephone exchange, motor bus or truck or other transportation terminal: one (1) space for each three hundred fifty (350) square feet of floor area.
6. Other uses and special exceptions (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of floor area.

Note: Offstreet loading required (see Section 4.2).

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SECTION 4.17 "PRD" PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

4.17.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "PRD" Planned Residential Development category includes one (1) zone district: "PRD". The purpose of this district is to permit Planned Residential Developments within a designated urban development area as defined within the Comprehensive Plan, which are intended to:

1. Encourage the development of planned residential development of land;
2. Encourage flexible and creative concepts of site planning;
3. Preserve the natural amenities of the land by encouraging scenic and functional open areas;
4. Accomplish a more desirable environment than would be possible through strict application of the minimum requirements of these land development regulations;
5. Provide for an efficient use of land resulting in smaller networks of utilities and streets and thereby lowering development and housing costs;
6. Provide a stable environmental character compatible with surrounding areas; and
7. Provide direct access to a pubic paved road.

4.17.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Residential dwellings, including conventional single family dwellings, duplex dwellings and multiple family dwellings.
2. Public, charter and private elementary and middle schools.
3. Churches and other houses of worship.
4. Golf courses, county clubs, and racquet and tennis clubs.
5. Public buildings and facilities.

4.17.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
   a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures;
   b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership; and
   c. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of the district.
2. On-site signs (see also Section 4.2).

4.17.4 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(see also Articles 12 and 13).

1. Home occupations (see Article 4.2).

4.17.5 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions contained in Article Two, the following terms, phrases, words, and derivations shall have the following meaning:

1. Applicant. Applicant means a landowner or the landowner's agent who files an application for a zoning amendment to a Planned Residential Development District.

2. Development Plan. Development plan means the proposal for development of a Planned Residential Development, including a plat of subdivision, all covenants, grants of easement and other conditions relating to use, location and bulk of building, density of development, common open space and public facilities.

3. Common Open Space. Common open space means an area of land, or an area of water, or a combination of land and water within the area of a Planned Residential Development in common. Common open space may contain such recreational structures and improvements as are desirable and appropriate for the common benefit and enjoyment of residents of the Planned Residential Development.

4. Gross Density. Gross density means the total number of dwelling units divided by the total number of acres within the perimeter boundaries of a Planned Residential Development.

5. Net Residential Acreage. Net residential acreage means the total number of acres within the perimeter boundaries of a Planned Residential Development excluding areas devoted to streets, rights-of-way, easements, lakes, public and private open space, recreation and other permitted nonresidential uses.

6. Planned Residential Development. Planned residential development,

   a. Is a concept which requires land to be under unified control, planned and developed as a whole in a single development or approved, programmed series of developments for dwelling units and related uses and facilities;

   b. Is a plan which, when adopted, becomes the land development regulations for the land to which it is applied;

   c. Includes principal and accessory structures substantially related to the character of the development itself and the surrounding area of which it is a part; and

   d. Is a concept which, when implemented, allows for development according to comprehensive and detailed plans which include not only streets, utilities, building sites, and the like, but also site plans and elevations for all buildings as intended to be located, constructed, used, and related to each other, and detailed plans for other uses, and improvements on the land as related to the buildings.

4.17.6 PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The procedure for obtaining a change in zoning for the purpose of undertaking a Planned Residential Development shall be as follows:

1. Planned Residential Development Zoning and Preliminary Development Plan Approval. The applicant shall submit to the Land Development Regulation Administrator a request for change to a Planned Residential Development zoning district containing the following exhibits:

a. A statement of objectives describing:

(1) The general purpose of the proposed development; and

(2) The general character of the proposed development.

b. A Vicinity Map showing the location of the proposed Planned Residential Development in relation to:

(1) Surrounding streets and thoroughfares;

(2) Existing zoning on the site and surrounding areas;

(3) Existing land use on the site and surrounding areas.

The vicinity map shall be drawn at a scale to show an area of no less than one thousand (1,000) feet surrounding the property.

c. A Boundary Survey and legal description of the property.

d. A Topographic Survey The most recent United States Geological Survey topographic survey may be used if other topographic information is not available.

e. A Site Analysis Map at the same scale as the Preliminary Development Plan described below shall be submitted indicating tree cover, flood prone areas, areas with slopes greater than five percent (5%), areas of soils which are marginally suited for development purposes.

f. A Preliminary Development Plan drawn at a scale suitable for presentation, showing the following:

(1) Proposed land uses;

(2) Lot sizes indicated either by lot lines drawn in their proposed location or a statement on the face of the Preliminary Development Plan concerning proposed lot sizes, including minimum lot sizes; and

(3) Building setbacks defining the distance buildings will be set back from:

(a) Surrounding property lines;

(b) Proposed and existing streets;

(c) Other proposed buildings;

(d) The generally recognized bank of rivers, streams and canals;

(e) The high water line of lakes; and

(f) Other man-made or natural features which would be affected by building encroachment.

(4) Maximum height of buildings;

(5) Common open spaces;

(6) Arterial and collector streets and thoroughfares, local access streets and interior circulation should be shown on the Preliminary Development Plan for Planned Residential Developments which have no planned arterial or collector streets within the projects.

(7) Common outside storage areas; and

(8) Screening, buffering and landscaped buffer areas.

Special Provisions: The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from all wetlands.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from the Suwannee River.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from all other perennial rivers, streams and creeks.

g. A table showing acreage for each category of land use.

h. A statement concerning gross density and net residential acreage (see Section 4.17.5 for definition of gross density and net residential acreage).

i. A statement concerning proposed floor area ratios (percent of lot in relation to building floor area) and the maximum building coverage expressed as a percent of the total site area.

j. A Preliminary Utility Service Plan including sanitary sewers, storm drainage and potable water supply, showing general locations of major water and sewer lines, plant location, lift stations and indicating whether gravity or forced systems are planned. Size of lines, specific locations and detailed calculations are not required at this stage.

k. A statement indicating the type of legal instruments that will be created to provide for the management of common areas and any private roads.

2. Processing the Planned Residential Development Zoning Application and Preliminary Development Plan Submittals. When the Land Development Regulation Administrator has received the application and submittals, and determines that the application and submittals are complete, the application shall be processed as any other zoning application in accordance with the provisions of these land development regulations.

The Planning and Zoning Board shall make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Action by the Board of County Commissioners shall be one (1) of the following:

a. Approval as submitted;

b. Conditional approval; or

c. Disapproval.

3. Final Development Plan. Approval of the Preliminary Development Plan shall not constitute approval of the Final Development Plan. Approvals of a Preliminary Development Plan shall be valid for a period of two (2) years. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall cause the Planned Residential Development district to be removed from the Official Zoning Atlas and reinstate the zoning district in effect prior to approval of the Planned Residential Development if the applicant does not comply with filing the requirements for the Final Development Plan. The Board of County Commissioners may extend the above stated two (2) years for a period not to exceed an additional one (1) years, provided the request for extension is made by the applicant prior to the expiration of the initial approval period.

The Final Development Plan shall include the following exhibits:

a. A statement of objectives:

   (1) The general purpose of the proposed development; and

   (2) The general character of the proposed development.

b. A Topographic Map drawn at a scale of one hundred (100) feet to one (1) inch by a surveyor or engineer registered in the State of Florida showing:

   (1) The location of existing private and public property rights-of-way, streets, buildings, water courses, transmission lines, sewers, bridges, culverts, and drain pipes, water mains, and any public utility easements;

   (2) Wooded areas, streams, lakes, marshes and any other physical conditions affecting the site; and

   (3) Existing contours at intervals of one (1) foot.

c. A Final Development Plan drawn at a scale of one hundred (100) feet to one (1) inch and showing:

   (1) The boundaries of the site, topography, and proposed grading plan;

   (2) Width, location, and names of surrounding streets;

   (3) Surrounding land use;

   (4) Proposed streets and street names and other vehicular and pedestrian circulation systems including off-street parking;

   (5) The use, size, and location of all proposed building sites; and

   (6) Location and size of common open spaces and public or semi-public areas.

d. A Utility Service Plan showing:

   (1) Existing drainage and sewer lines;

   (2) The disposition of sanitary waste and storm water;

   (3) The source of potable water;

   (4) Location and width of all utility easements or rights-of-way; and

   (5) Plans for disposition of stormwater drainage.

e. A Landscaping Plan showing:

   (1) Landscaped areas;

   (2) Location, height, and material for walks, fences, walkways and other manmade landscape features; and

   (3) Any special landscape features such as, but not limited to, man-made lakes, land sculpture and waterfalls.

f. Statistical information:

   (1) Total acreage of the site;

   (2) Maximum building coverage expressed as a percent of the area;

(3) Area of land devoted to landscaping and/or common open space usable for recreation purposes expressed as a percent of the total site area; and

(4) Calculated gross density and net residential acreage for the proposed development (see Section 4.17.5 for definition of gross density and net residential acreage).

g. The substance of covenants, grants, easements, or other restrictions to be imposed on the use of the land, buildings and structures, including proposed easements for public and private utilities. All such legal documents, including homeowners associations and deed restrictions, shall be approved by the County Attorney before final approval of the plan.

4.17.7 ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS

No building permit shall be issued for any portion of a proposed Planned Residential Development until the Final Development Plan has been approved.

4.17.8 REVISION OF A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

A proposed substantial change in the approved Preliminary Development Plan which affects the intent and character of the development, the density or land use patterns, proposed buffers, the location or dimensions of arterial or collector streets, or similar substantial changes, shall be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of County Commissioners in the same manner as the initial application. A request for a revision of the Preliminary Development Plan shall be supported by a written statement and by revised plans demonstrating the reasons the revisions are necessary or desirable. All revisions to the approved Preliminary Development Plan shall only be approved if they are consistent with the original purpose, intent, overall design and integrity of the approved Preliminary Development Plan.

Minor changes, and/or deviations from the Preliminary Development Plan which do not affect the intent or character of the development shall be reviewed by the Land Development Regulation Administrator and shall be approved only if they are consistent with the original purpose, intent and overall design and integrity of the approved Preliminary Development Plan. Upon approval of the revision, the applicant shall make revisions to the plans and submittals and file the revised plans with the Land Development Regulation Administrator within thirty (30) days.

Examples of substantial and minor changes are:

Substantial changes:

1. Perimeter changes;
2. Major street relocation; and
3. Change in building height, density, land use patterns or buffers.

Minor

1. Change in alignment, location or length of local street;
2. Adjustments or minor shifts in dwelling unit mixes, not resulting in increased overall density; and
3. Reorientation or slight shifts in building locations.

4.17.9 PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TIME LIMITATIONS

If substantial construction, as determined by the Land Development Regulation Administrator, has not begun within two (2) years after approval of the Final Development Plan, the approval of the Planned Residential Development shall lapse. The Board of County Commissioners may extend the period for beginning construction, at the request of the applicant for a period not to exceed an additional one (1) year, provided the request for extension is made prior to the expiration of the initial approval period.

If the Planned Residential Development lapses under this provision, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall cause the Planned Residential Development district to be removed from the Official Zoning Atlas and reinstate the zoning district which was in effect prior to the approval of the Planned Residential Development.

4.17.10 DEVIATION FROM THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Any unapproved deviation from the approved Final Development Plan shall constitute a breach of agreement between the applicant and the Board of County Commissioners. Such deviation may cause the Board of County Commissioners to immediately revoke the Final Development Plan until such time as the deviations are corrected or become a part of the approved Final Development Plan.

4.17.11 PHASING

The Board of County Commissioners may permit or require the phasing of a Planned Residential Development. When provisions for phasing are included in the Final Development Plan, each phase of development shall be so planned and so related to previous development, surrounding properties and available public facilities and services so that a failure to proceed with subsequent phases of development will have no adverse impact on the Planned Residential Development or surrounding properties.

4.17.12 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. The minimum size parcel for Planned Residential Development shall be five (5) acres.

2. Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan. Densities for Planned Residential Developments shall be based upon and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. No Final Development Plan may be approved unless it is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

3. Relationship to Zoning District. An approved Planned Residential Development is a separate zoning district in which the Final Development Plan, as approved, establishes the restrictions and regulations which shall govern development of the site. Upon approval, the Official Zoning Atlas shall be changed to indicate the area as a Planned Residential Development.

4. Residential Density and Housing Types. Any combination of residential density and housing types is permitted for a Planned Residential Development, as long as the overall gross density does not exceed the prescribed total number of dwelling units of the Comprehensive Plan land use classifications contained on the project site.

5. Dimensional and Bulk Restriction. The location of all proposed building sites shall be shown on the Final Development Plan subject to minimum lot sizes, setback lines, lot coverage and floor area specified by the approved Preliminary Development Plan.

6. Internal Compatibility. All land uses proposed within a Planned Residential Development shall be compatible with other proposed uses; that is, no use may have any undue adverse impact on any neighboring use. An evaluation of the internal compatibility by a Planned Residential Development shall be based on the following factors:

   a. The existence or absence of and the location of common open spaces and recreational areas;
   b. The use of existing and proposed landscaping;
   c. The treatment of pedestrian ways;
   d. The use of topography, physical environment and other natural features;
   e. The traffic and pedestrian circulation pattern;
   f. The use and variety of building setback lines, separations and buffering;
   g. The use and variety of building groupings;
   h. The use and variety of building sizes;
   i. The separation and buffering of parking areas and sections of parking area;
   j. The variety and design of dwelling types;
   k. The proposed land uses and the conditions and limitations thereon; and
   l. The form of ownership proposed for various uses.

7. External Compatibility. All land uses proposed within a Planned Residential Development shall be compatible with existing and planned uses of properties surrounding the Planned Residential Development; that is, no internal use may have any avoidable or undue adverse impact on any existing or planned surrounding use, nor shall any internal use be subject to undue adverse impact from existing or planned surrounding uses. An evaluation of the external compatibility of a Planned Residential Development should be based on the following factors:

   a. All of the factors listed below with particular attention to those areas of the Planned Residential Development located on or near its perimeter;
   b. The uses proposed near the Planned Residential Development perimeter and the conditions and limitations thereon;
   c. The type, number and location of surrounding external uses; and
   d. The Comprehensive Plan designation and zoning on surrounding lands.

8. Intensity of Development. The residential density and intensity of use of a Planned Residential Development shall be compatible with, and shall have no undue adverse impact upon, the physical and environmental characteristics of the site and surrounding lands, and they shall comply with the policies and density limitations set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. Specific densities and intensity of uses within a Planned Residential Development shall be determined based on the following factors:

a. The locations of various proposed uses within the Planned Residential Development and the degree of compatibility of such uses with each other and with surrounding uses;

b. The amount and type of protection provided for the safety, habitability, and privacy of land uses both internal and external to the Planned Residential Development;

c. The existing residential density and intensity of use of surrounding lands;

d. The availability and location of utility services and public facilities and services;

e. The amount and size of common open spaces and recreation areas;

f. The existence and treatment of any environmentally sensitive areas on the Planned Residential Development property or surrounding lands; and

g. The access to and suitability of transportation arteries proposed within the Planned Residential Development and existing external transportation systems and arteries.

9. Common Open Space. At least fifteen percent (15%) of the area covered by a Final Development Plan shall be usable, common open space owned and operated by the applicant or dedicated to a homeowner association or similar group; and provided that any Planned Residential Development which only consists of one family dwellings with individually deeded lots shall only be required to have five percent (5%) usable, common open space. Not more than one-half (1/2) of the total common open space area may be in a flood prone area, buffer area and/or water bodies.

   Special Provisions: The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from all wetlands.

   The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from the Suwannee River.

   The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from all other perennial rivers, streams and creeks.

10. Access and Parking. All streets, thoroughfares and access ways shall be designed to relate to the traffic circulation plans of the area. Adequate off-street parking shall meet the requirements specified for the uses found in the District Regulations and Section 4.2 of these land development regulations.

11. External Transportation Access. A Planned Residential Development shall provide direct access to, an arterial or collector road, unless due to the size of the Planned Residential Development and the type of uses proposed, it will not adversely affect the traffic on adjoining local roads.

12. Internal Transportation Access. Every dwelling unit or other use permitted in a Planned Residential Development shall have access to a public street either directly or by way of a private road. Permitted uses are not required to front on a dedicated public road. Private roads shall be constructed according to County specifications as found in the Subdivision Regulations (see Article 5). If the Planned Residential Development contains private roads, such private roads shall be owned and maintained by the applicant or dedicated to a homeowners association or similar group.

13. Perimeter Requirements. Structures, buildings and streets located at the perimeter of the development shall be permanently screened by a landscaped buffer area (see Section 4.2).

14. Control of Area Following Completion. After completion of a Planned Residential Development, the use of the land and/or modification or alteration of any buildings or structures within the area covered by the Final Development Plan shall continue to be regulated in accordance with the approved Final Development Plan, except as otherwise provided for herein.

    a. Minor extensions, alterations or modifications of existing buildings or structures may be permitted after review and approval by the Land Development Regulation Administrator, provided that, they are substantially consistent with the original purpose, intent, overall design and integrity of the Final Development Plan.

    b. Substantial change in permitted uses, location of buildings or other specifications of the Final Development Plan may be permitted following a noticed public hearing and approval by the Board of County Commissioners upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board following a noticed public hearing as long as such changes are consistent with the original purpose, intent, overall design, and integrity of the Final Development Plan.

SECTION 4.18 "PRRD" PLANNED RURAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

4.18.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "PRRD" Planned Residential Development category includes one (1) zone district: "PRRD". The purpose of this district is to permit Planned Rural Residential Developments within rural areas as identified within the Comprehensive Plan, which are intended to:

1. Encourage the development planned rural residential development of land;
2. Encourage flexible and creative concepts of site planning;
3. Preserve the natural amenities of the land by encouraging scenic and functional open areas;
4. Accomplish a more desirable environment than would be possible through strict application of the minimum requirements of these land development regulations;
5. Provide for an efficient use of land resulting in smaller networks of utilities and streets and thereby lowering development and housing costs;
6. Provide a stable environmental character compatible with surrounding areas; and
7. Provide direct access to paved roads.

4.18.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Residential dwellings including single family dwellings, duplex dwellings and multiple family dwellings.
2. Churches and other houses of worship.
3. Golf courses, county clubs, and racquet and tennis clubs.
4. Public buildings and facilities.
5. Within the designated undeveloped areas of the development, agriculture or silviculture uses as provided for in the "A", Agriculture districts for areas designated Agriculture on the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan and as provided for in "ESA", Environmentally Sensitive Area districts for areas designated Environmentally Sensitive Area on the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan

4.18.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
    a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted uses and structures;
    b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership; and
    c. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of the district.
2. On-site signs (see also Section 4.2).

4.18.4 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
(see also Articles 12 and 13)

1. Home occupations (see Article 4.2).

4.18.5 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions contained in Article Two, the following terms, phrases, words and derivations shall have the following meaning:

1. Applicant. Applicant means a landowner or the landowner's agent who files an application for a zoning amendment to a Planned Rural Residential Development District.

2. Development Plan. Development plan means proposal for development of a Planned Rural Residential Development, including a plat of subdivision, all covenants, grants of easement and other conditions relating to use, location and bulk of building, density of development, undeveloped area and public facilities.

3. Gross Density. Gross density means total number of dwelling units divided by the total number of acres within the perimeter boundaries of a Planned Rural Residential Development.

4. Net Residential Acreage. Net residential acreage is the total number of acres within the perimeter boundaries of a Planned Rural Residential Development excluding areas devoted to streets, rights-of-way, easements, lakes, public and private open space, recreation and other permitted uses.

5. Planned Rural Residential Development. Planned Rural Residential Development

   a. Is a concept which requires land to be under unified control, planned and developed as a whole in a single development or approved, programed series of developments for dwelling units and related uses and facilities;

   b. Is a plan which, when adopted, becomes the land development regulations for the land to which it is applied;

   c. Includes principal and accessory structures substantially related to the character of the development itself and the surrounding area of which it is a part; and (

   d. Is a concept which, when implemented, allows for development according to comprehensive and detailed plans which include not only streets, utilities, building sites, and the like, but also site plans and elevations for all buildings as intended to be located, constructed, used, and related to each other, and detailed plans for other uses, and improvements on the land as related to the buildings.

6. Undeveloped area. Undeveloped area is area within a Planned Rural Residential Development where agriculture and silviculture uses are permitted.

4.18.6 PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF A PLANNED RURAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The procedure for obtaining a change in zoning for the purpose of undertaking a Planned Rural Residential Development shall be as follows:

1. Planned Rural Residential Development Zoning and Preliminary Development Plan Approval. The applicant shall submit to the Land Development Regulation Administrator his or her request for change to a Planned Rural Residential Development zoning district containing the following exhibits:

   a. A statement of objectives describing:

      (1) The general purpose of the proposed development; and

      (2) The general character of the proposed development.

   b. A Vicinity Map showing the location of the proposed Planned Rural Residential Development in relation to:

      (1) Surrounding streets and thoroughfares;

      (2) Existing zoning on the site and surrounding areas; and

      (3) Existing land use on the site and surrounding areas.

      The vicinity map shall be drawn at a scale to show an area of no less than one thousand (1,000) feet surrounding the property.

   c. A Boundary Survey and legal description of the property.

   d. A Topographic Survey. The most recent United States Geological Survey topographic survey may be used if other topographic information is not available.

   e. A Site Analysis Map at the same scale as the Preliminary Development Plan described below shall be submitted indicating tree cover, flood prone areas, areas with slopes greater than five percent (5%) and areas of soils which are marginally suited for development purposes.

   f. A Preliminary Development Plan drawn at a scale suitable for presentation, showing the following:

      (1) Proposed land uses;

      (2) Lot sizes; the lot sizes should be indicated either by lot lines drawn in their proposed location or a statement on the face of the Preliminary Development Plan concerning proposed lot sizes.

      (3) Building setbacks; building setbacks should be noted and shall define the distance buildings will be set back from:

         (a) Surrounding property lines.

         (b) Proposed and existing streets.

         (c) Other proposed buildings.

         (d) The generally recognized bank of rivers, streams and canals;

         (e) The high water line of lakes.

         (f) Other man-made or natural features which would be affected by building encroachment.

      (4) Maximum height of buildings;

      (5) Undeveloped areas;

(6) Arterial and collector streets and thoroughfares; local access streets and interior circulation should be shown on the Preliminary Development Plan for Planned Rural Residential Developments which have no planned arterial or collector streets within the projects.

(7) Common outside storage areas; and

(8) Screening, buffering and landscaped buffer areas.

Special Provisions: The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from all wetlands.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from the Suwannee River.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from all other perennial rivers, streams and creeks.

g. A table showing acreage for each category of land use.

h. A statement concerning gross density and net residential acreage (see Section 4.18.5 for definition of gross density and net residential acreage).

i. A statement concerning proposed floor area ratios (percent of lot in relation to building floor area) and the maximum building coverage expressed as a percent of the total site area.

j. A Preliminary Utility Service Plan including sanitary sewers, storm drainage and potable water supply, showing general locations of major water and sewer lines, plant location, lift stations and indicating whether gravity or forced systems are planned. Size of lines, specific locations and detailed calculations are not required at this stage.

k. A statement indicating the type of legal instruments that will be created to provide for the management of undeveloped areas and any private roads.

2. Processing the Planned Rural Residential Development Zoning Application and Preliminary Development Plan Submittals. When the Land Development Regulation Administrator has received the application and submittals, and is determined that the application and submittals are complete, the application shall be processed as any other zoning application in accordance with the provisions of these land development regulations.

The Planning and Zoning Board shall make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Action by the Board of County Commissioners' actions shall be one (1) of the following:

a. Approval as submitted;

b. Conditional approval; or

c. Disapproval.

3. Final Development Plan. Approval of the Preliminary Development Plan shall not constitute approval of the Final Development Plan. Approvals of a Preliminary Development Plan shall be valid for a period of two (2) years. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall cause the Planned Rural Residential Development district to be removed from the Official Zoning Atlas and reinstate the zoning district in effect prior to approval of the Planned Rural Residential Development if the applicant does not comply with these filing requirements for the Final Development Plan. The Board of County Commissioners may extend the above stated two (2) years for a period not to exceed an additional one (1) year, provided the request for extension is made by the applicant prior to the expiration of the initial approval period.

The Final Development Plan shall include the following exhibits:

a. A statement of objectives:

(1) The general purpose of the proposed development.

(2) The general character of the proposed development.

b. A Topographic Map drawn at scale of one hundred (100) feet to one (1) inch by a surveyor or engineer registered in the State of Florida showing:

(1) The location of existing private and public property rights-of-way, streets, buildings, water courses, transmission lines, sewers, bridges, culverts, and drain pipes, water mains, and any public utility easements.

(2) Wooded areas, streams, lakes, marshes and any other physical conditions affecting the site.

(3) Existing contours at intervals of one (1) foot.

c. A Final Development Plan drawn at a scale of one hundred (100) feet to one (1) inch and showing:

(1) The boundaries of the site, topography, and proposed grading plan.

(2) Width, location and names of surrounding streets.

(3) Surrounding land use.

(4) Proposed streets and street names and other vehicular and pedestrian circulation systems including off-street parking.

(5) The use, size and location of all proposed building sites.

(6) Location and size of undeveloped areas and public or semi-public areas.

d. A Utility Service Plan showing:

(1) Existing drainage and sewer lines.

(2) The disposition of sanitary waste and stormwater.

(3) The source of potable water.

(4) Location and width of all utility easements or rights-of-way.

(5) Plans for disposition of stormwater drainage.

e. A Landscaping Plan showing:

(1) Landscaped areas.

(2) Location, height, and material for walks, fences, walkways and other manmade landscape features.

(3) Any special landscape features such as, but not limited to, man-made lakes, land sculpture and waterfalls.

f. Statistical information:

(1) Total acreage of the site.

(2) Maximum building coverage expressed as a percent of the area.

(3) Area of land devoted to landscaping and/or undeveloped area usable for recreation purposes expressed as a percent of the total site area.

(4) Calculated gross density and net residential acreage for the proposed development (see Section 4.18.5 for definition of gross density and net residential acreage).

g. The substance of covenants, grants, easements or other restrictions to be imposed on the use of the land, buildings and structures, including proposed easements for public and private utilities. All such legal documents, including homeowners associations and deed restrictions, shall be approved by the County Attorney before final approval of the plan.

4.18.7 ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS

No building permit shall be issued for any portion of a proposed Planned Rural Residential Development until the Final Development Plan has been approved.

4.18.8 REVISION OF A PLANNED RURAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

A proposed substantial change in the approved Preliminary Development Plan which affects the intent and character of the development, the density or land use patterns, proposed buffers, the location or dimensions of arterial or collector streets, or similar substantial changes, shall be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of County Commissioners in the same manner as the initial application. A request for a revision of the Preliminary Development Plan shall be supported by a written statement and by revised plans demonstrating the reasons the revisions are necessary or desirable. All revisions to the approved Preliminary Development Plan shall only be approved if they are consistent with the original purpose, intent, overall design, and integrity of the approved Preliminary Development Plan.

Minor changes, and/or deviations from the Preliminary Development Plan which do not affect the intent or character of the development shall be reviewed and approved by the Land Development Regulation Administrator and shall only be approved if they are consistent with the original purpose, intent, overall design, and integrity of the approved Preliminary Development Plan. Upon approval of the revision, the applicant shall make revisions to the plans and submittals and file the revised plans with the Land Development Regulation Administrator within thirty (30) days.

Examples of substantial and minor changes are:

Substantial changes:

1. Perimeter changes;
2. Major street relocation; and
3. Change in building height, density, land use patterns or buffers.

Minor

1. Change in alignment, location or length of local street.
2. Adjustments or minor shifts in dwelling unit mixes, not resulting in increased overall density; and
3. Reorientation or slight shifts in building locations.

4.18.9 PLANNED RURAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TIME LIMITATIONS

If substantial construction, as determined by the Land Development Regulation Administrator, has not begun within two (2) years after approval of the Final Development Plan, the approval of the Planned Rural Residential Development shall lapse. The Board of County Commissioners may extend the period for beginning construction, at the request of the applicant for a period not to exceed an additional one (1) year, provided the request for extension is made prior to the expiration of the initial approval period. If the Planned Rural Residential Development lapses under this provision, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall cause the Planned Rural Residential Development district to be removed from the Official Zoning Atlas and reinstate the zoning district which was in effect prior to the approval of the Planned Rural Residential Development.

4.18.10 DEVIATION FROM THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Any unapproved deviation from the approved Final Development Plan shall constitute a breach of agreement between the applicant and the Board of County Commissioners. Such deviation may cause the Board of County Commissioners to immediately revoke the Final Development Plan until such time as the deviations are corrected or become a part of the approved Final Development Plan.

4.18.11 PHASING

The Board of County Commissioners may permit or require the phasing of a Planned Rural Residential Development. When provisions for phasing are included in the Final Development Plan, each phase of development shall be so planned and so related to previous development, surrounding properties and available public facilities and services so that a failure to proceed with subsequent phases of development will have no adverse impact on the Planned Rural Residential Development or surrounding properties.

4.18.12 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR PLANNED RURAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. The minimum size parcel for Planned Rural Residential Development shall be ten (10) acres.

2. Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan. Densities for Planned Rural Residential Developments shall be based upon and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. No Final Development Plan may be approved unless it is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

3. Relationship to Zoning District. An approved Planned Rural Residential Development is a separate zoning district in which the Final Development Plan, as approved, establishes the restrictions and regulations which shall govern development of the site. Upon approval, the Official Zoning Atlas shall be changed to indicate the area as a Planned Rural Residential Development.

4. Residential Density and Housing Types. Any combination of residential density and housing types is permitted for a Planned Rural Residential Development, as long as the overall gross density does not exceed the prescribed total number of dwelling units of the Comprehensive Plan land use classifications contained on the project site.

5. Dimensional and Bulk Restriction. The location of all proposed building sites shall be shown on the Final Development Plan subject to minimum lot sizes, setback lines, lot coverage and floor area, specified by the approved Preliminary Development Plan.

6. Internal Compatibility. All land uses proposed within a Planned Rural Residential Development shall be compatible with other proposed uses; that is, no use may have any undue adverse impact on any neighboring use. An evaluation of the internal compatibility by a Planned Rural Residential Development shall be based on the following factors:

    a. The existence or absence of and the location of undeveloped areas and recreational areas;
    b. The use of existing and proposed landscaping;
    c. The treatment of pedestrian ways;
    d. The use of topography, physical environment and other natural features;
    e. The traffic and pedestrian circulation pattern;
    f. The use and variety of building setback lines, separations and buffering;
    g. The use and variety of building groupings;
    h. The use and variety of building sizes;
    i. The separation and buffering of parking areas and sections of parking area;
    j. The variety and design of dwelling types;
    k. The proposed land uses and the conditions and limitations thereon; and
    l. The form of ownership proposed for various uses.

7. External Compatibility. All land uses proposed within a Planned Rural Residential Development shall be compatible with existing and planned uses of properties surrounding the Planned Rural Residential Development; that is, no internal use may have any avoidable or undue adverse impact on any existing or planned surrounding use, nor shall any internal use be subject to undue adverse impact from existing or planned surrounding uses. An evaluation of the external compatibility of a Planned Rural Residential Development should be based on the following factors:

a. All of the factors listed below, with particular attention to those areas of the Planned Rural Residential Development located on or near its perimeter;

b. The uses proposed near the Planned Rural Residential Development perimeter and the conditions and limitations thereon;

c. The type, number and location of surrounding external uses; and

d. The Comprehensive Plan designation and zoning on surrounding lands.

8. Intensity of Development. The residential density and intensity of use of a Planned Rural Residential Development shall be compatible with, and shall have no undue adverse impact upon, the physical and environmental characteristics of the site and surrounding lands, and they shall comply with the policies and density limitations set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. Specific densities and intensity of uses within a Planned Rural Residential Development shall be determined based on the following factors:

a. The locations of various proposed uses within the Planned Rural Residential Development and the degree of compatibility of such uses with each other and with surrounding uses;

b. The amount and type of protection provided for the safety, habitability and privacy of land uses both internal and external to the Planned Rural Residential Development;

c. The existing residential density and intensity of use of surrounding lands;

d. The availability and location of utility services and public facilities and services;

e. The amount and size of undeveloped areas and recreation areas;

f. The existence and treatment of any environmentally sensitive areas on the Planned Rural Residential Development property or surrounding lands; and

g. The access to and suitability of transportation arteries proposed within the Planned Rural Residential Development and existing external transportation systems and arteries.

9. Undeveloped area. A percentage of development shall be designated as undeveloped area on the Final Development Plan. Said percentage shall be as specified in the County's Comprehensive Plan. The undeveloped area shall be configured in such a manner as to permit continued agriculture and silviculture uses. The development shall contain approximately the same ratio of uplands to wetlands as contained in the undeveloped area.

Special Provisions: The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from wetlands.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from the Suwannee River.

The location of any structure (except permitted docks, walkways, and piers) shall be setback a minimum of fifty (50) feet from all other perennial rivers, streams and creeks.

10. Access and Parking. All streets, thoroughfares, and access ways shall be designed to relate to the traffic circulation plans of the area. Adequate off-street parking shall meet the requirements specified for the uses found in the District Regulations and Section 4.2 of these land development regulations.

11. External Transportation Access. A Planned Rural Residential Development shall provide direct access to an arterial or collector road unless due to the size of the Planned Rural Residential Development and the type of uses proposed, it will not adversely affect the traffic on adjoining local roads, a Planned Rural Residential Development may derive direct access to a paved local road.

12. Internal Transportation Access. Every dwelling unit or other use permitted in a Planned Rural Residential Development shall have access to a public street either directly or by way of a private road. Permitted uses are not required to front on a dedicated public road. Public and private roads shall be constructed according to County specifications found in the Subdivision Regulations (see Article 5). If the Planned Rural Residential Development contains private roads, such private roads shall be owned and maintained by the applicant or dedicated to a homeowners association or similar group. All internal roads shall be so located to minimize the number of access points to external roadways.

13. Location of Building Lots. The development shall be compact and contiguous and shall not be scattered throughout the development parcel. Building lots shall be located on the highest elevations on the site.

14. Perimeter Requirements. Structures, buildings and streets located at the perimeter of the development shall be permanently screened by providing a 200 foot landscaped buffer area (see Section 4.2).

15. Control of Area Following Completion. After completion of a Planned Rural Residential Development, the use of the land and/or modification or alteration of any buildings or structures within the area covered by the Final Development Plan shall continue to be regulated in accordance with the approved Final Development Plan, except as otherwise provided for herein.

    a. Minor extensions, alterations, or modifications of existing buildings or structures may be permitted after review and that approval by the Land Development Regulation Administrator, provided that they are substantially consistent with the original purpose, intent, overall design and integrity of the Final Development Plan.

    b. Substantial change in permitted uses, location of buildings or other specifications of the Final Development Plan may be permitted following a noticed public hearing and approval by the Board of County Commissioners upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board following a noticed public hearing as long as such changes are consistent with the original purpose, intent, overall design, and integrity of the Final Development Plan.

ARTICLE FIVE

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

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SECTION 5.1 APPENDICES

The appendices set forth in these land development regulations are made a part hereof and shall be used where required by these land development regulations.

SECTION 5.2 POLICY

5.2.1 It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Board of County Commissioners to consider the subdivision of land and the development of a subdivision plat as subject to the control of the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan for the orderly, planned, efficient and economical development of the area.

5.2.2 Land to be subdivided shall:

1. Aid in the coordination of land development in accordance with orderly physical patterns.
2. Discourage haphazard, premature, uneconomic or scattered land development.
3. Ensure safe and convenient traffic control.
4. Encourage development of an economically stable and healthful community.
5. Ensure adequate utilities.
6. Prevent periodic and seasonal flooding by providing adequate protective flood control and drainage facilities.
7. Provide public open spaces and/or parks for recreation.
8. Ensure land subdivision with installation of adequate and necessary physical improvements.
9. Ensure that citizens and taxpayers will not have to bear the costs resulting from haphazard subdivision of land and the lack of authority to require installation by the subdivider of adequate and necessary physical improvements.
10. Ensure to the purchaser of land in a subdivision that necessary improvements of lasting quality have been installed.
11. Serve as one (1) of the several instruments of implementation for the Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 5.3 PURPOSE

It is the intent of these land development regulations to encourage and promote, in accordance with present and future needs, the safety, morals, health, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the residents of the County.

SECTION 5.4 CONDITIONS

Regulations of the subdivision of land and the attachment of reasonable conditions to land subdivision is an exercise of valid police power delegated by the State to the County. The subdivider has the duty of compliance with reasonable conditions established by the Board of County Commissioners for design, dedication, improvement and restrictive use of the land so as to conform to the physical and economical development of the area and to the safety and general welfare of future property owners in the subdivision and of the community at large.

SECTION 5.5 CHARACTER OF THE LAND

Land which the Board of County Commissioners finds to be unsuitable for subdivision of development due to flooding, improper drainage, steep slopes, rock formations, adverse earth formations or topography, utility easements, or other features which will reasonably be harmful to the safety, health and general welfare of the present or future inhabitants of the subdivision and/or its surrounding areas, shall not be subdivided or developed unless adequate methods are formulated by the subdivider and approved by the Board of County Commissioners to solve the problems created by the unsuitable land conditions.

SECTION 5.6 JURISDICTION

5.6.1 These land development regulations shall apply to all subdivisions of land, as defined herein, located within the unincorporated area of the County.

5.6.2 No land shall be subdivided within any area subject to these land development regulations until:

1. The subdivider or his agent has obtained approval of the final plat by the Board of County Commissioners; and
2. The approved final plat is filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County.

5.6.3 No building permit shall be issued for any parcel or plat of land which was created by subdivision after the effective date, of and not in conformity with, the provisions of these land development regulations. No excavation of land or construction of any public or private improvements shall take place or be commenced except in conformity with these land development regulations.

SECTION 5.7 MAINTENANCE

Nothing in these land development regulations shall be construed as meaning that the Board of County Commissioners shall take over for maintenance any road, street, utilities, public parking or other public area or drainage facility related thereto, except those designed and built in accordance with the requirements of the Board of County Commissioners and accepted for maintenance by specific action by the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 5.8 PLATS STRADDLING LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES

Whenever access to the subdivision is required across land in another government's jurisdiction, the Board of County Commissioners may request assurance from that government's attorney that access is legally established, and that the access road is adequately improved or that a performance bond has been duly executed and is sufficient in amount to assure the construction of the access road.

SECTION 5.9 RESUBDIVISION OF LAND

5.9.1 Procedure for Resubdivision. For any change in a map of an approved or recorded subdivision plat, if such change affects any public use, or any lot line, or if it affects any map or plan legally reached prior to the adoption of any regulations controlling subdivisions, such parcel shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners by the same procedure, rules and regulations as for a subdivision.

5.9.2 Procedure for Subdivisions Where Future Resubdivision is Indicated. Whenever a parcel of land is subdivided and the subdivision plat shows one (1) or more lots containing more than one (1) acre of land and where such lots could eventually be resubdivided into smaller building sites, the Board of County Commissioners may require that such parcel of land allow for the future opening of streets and the ultimate extension of adjacent streets and utilities. Easements providing for the future opening and extension of such streets may be made a requirement of the plat.

SECTION 5.10 SELF-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS

If the subdivider places restrictions on any of the land contained in the subdivision greater than those required by these land development regulations, such restriction or reference thereto shall be indicated on the subdivision plat and/or recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County.

SECTION 5.11 SUBDIVISION BY METES AND BOUNDS

The subdivision of any lot or parcel of land, by the use of metes and bounds description for the purpose of sale, transfer or lease, shall be subject to all of the requirements of these land development regulations. Such subdivision of a parcel of land by the use of metes and bounds description for the purpose of sale, transfer or lease shall be subject to these subdivision regulations where two or more developments which separately do not meet the literal definition of a subdivision but which collectively demonstrate at least one of the following characteristics:

1. The same person has retained or shared control of the parcels within the developments,
2. The same person has ownership or a significant legal or equitable interest in the parcels within the developments,
3. There is common management of the development controlling the form of physical development or disposition of parcels of the development,
4. There is a voluntary sharing of infrastructure that is indicative of common development, or
5. There is a common advertising theme or promotional plan for the parcels within the developments.

SECTION 5.12 SUBDIVISION NAME

Every subdivision shall be given a name by which it shall be legally known. Such name shall not be the same or similar to a subdivision name appearing on another recorded plat within the County so as to confuse the records or to mislead the public as to the identity of the subdivision, except when the subdivision is subdivided as an additional unit or section by the same subdivider or his or her successors in title. The name of the subdivision shall be shown in the dedication and shall coincide exactly with the subdivision name. The Board of County Commissioners shall have final authority to approve the names of subdivisions.

SECTION 5.13 VACATION AND ANNULMENT OF PLATS

The vacation and annulment of plats shall be according to Chapter 177, Florida Statues, as amended. In addition, the Board of County Commissioners may, on its own motion, order the vacation and revision to acreage of all or any part of a subdivision within its jurisdiction including the vacation of streets or other parcels of land dedicated for public purposes or any of such streets or other parcels, when:

1. The plat of which subdivision was recorded as provided by law not less than five (5) years before the date of such action, and
2. In which subdivision or part thereof not more than ten percent (10%) of the total subdivision area has been sold as lots by the original subdivider or his successor in title.

Such action shall be based on a finding by the Board of County Commissioners that the proposed vacation and reversion to acreage of subdivided land conforms to the Comprehensive Plan and that the public health, safety, economy, comfort, order, convenience and welfare will be promoted thereby. Before acting on a proposal for vacation and reversion of subdivided land to acreage, the Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing thereon with public notice.

No owner of any parcel of land in a subdivision shall be deprived by the reversion to acreage of all or any part of the subdivision of reasonable access to existing facilities to which such parcel has theretofore had access, provided that such access remaining or provided after such vacation need not be the same as that theretofore existing, but shall be reasonably equivalent thereto.

If land in a subdivision or part thereof is proposed for reversion to acreage, the Board of County Commissioners shall conduct proceedings for amending the zoning district designation of such acreage as may be deemed advisable in view of the conditions that will exist subsequent to such reversion to acreage.

SECTION 5.14 GENERAL PROCEDURE

5.14.1 Preparation of Plats. All preliminary and final plats shall be prepared by a Florida registered surveyor and construction plans and specifications for required improvements shall be prepared by a Florida registered engineer. The subdivider shall present a letter to the Board of County Commissioners certifying that he or she has employed a registered surveyor to prepare the plats and if construction plans are required, a registered engineer.

5.14.2 Classification of Subdivisions. Whenever any subdivision of land is proposed, before any contract is made for the sale of any part thereof, and before any permit for the erection of a structure in such proposed subdivision shall be granted, the subdivider, or his or her authorized agent, shall apply for and secure approval of such proposed subdivision in accordance with the following procedure, which includes two (2) steps for a minor subdivision and four (4) steps for a major subdivision (see Section 2.1 for the definition of a major and minor subdivision):

1. Minor Subdivision
    a. Pre-application Conference
    b. Final Subdivision Plat
2. Major Subdivision
    a. Pre-application Conference
    b. Preliminary Plat
    c. Construction Plans
    d. Final Subdivision Plat

5.14.3 Modified Procedure for Minor Subdivisions. Proposed subdivisions meeting the criteria of a minor subdivision as defined by these land development regulations in Section 2.1 shall not have to comply with Sections 5.16 and 5.17. A final plat may be prepared directly following the pre-application conference in accordance with the final plat procedure as outlined in Section 5.18.

SECTION 5.15 PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE

The subdivider or his or her representative shall have a pre-application conference with the Land Development Regulation Administrator and other departments or agencies as the case may require, in order that the subdivider may become familiar with the requirements of these land development regulations, and any provisions of the Comprehensive Plan affecting the land in which the proposed subdivision is located.

SECTION 5.16 PRELIMINARY PLAT PROCEDURE

5.16.1 Step 1 - The subdivider shall submit twelve (12) copies of the preliminary plat materials which have been prepared in accordance with these land development regulations to the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

5.16.2 Step 2 - The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall transmit copies of the preliminary plat materials to the County Attorney, County Road Superintendent, County Health Department, the Water Management District and other appropriate departments or agencies as the case may require for review and comment.

5.16.3 Step 3 - Following review of the materials by the Land Development Regulation Administrator, County Attorney, County Road Superintendent, County Health Department, Water Management District and other agencies which received copies of the preliminary plat materials, the Planning and Zoning Board shall review the preliminary plat materials at a scheduled meeting as part of a previously prepared agenda to determine conformity with the Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations. At the meeting, any person may appear in person or by agent. The Planning and Zoning Board shall recommend approval, approval subject to conditions, or disapproval of the preliminary plat to the Board of County Commissioners. In approving subject to conditions or in disapproving, the reasons for such action shall be stated in writing to the subdivider and the Board of County Commissioners. Reference shall be made to the specific sections of these land development regulations, the Comprehensive Plan, or other ordinances or regulations with which the preliminary plat does not comply.

5.16.4 Step 4 - After review and recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, the Board of County Commissioners shall consider approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval of the preliminary plat at a regularly scheduled meeting as part of a previously prepared agenda. At the meeting, any person may appear in person or by agent. The reasons for approving the preliminary plat subject to conditions or disapproving shall be stated in writing to the subdivider. Reference should be made to the specific sections of these land development regulations, the Comprehensive Plan, or other ordinances or regulations of the County with which the preliminary plat does not comply.

5.16.5 The action of the Board of County Commissioners shall be noted on two (2) copies of the preliminary plat. One (1) copy shall be returned to the subdivider and the other retained in the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

5.16.6 Approval of the preliminary plat shall not constitute approval of the final plat. Approval of the preliminary plat shall be deemed an expression of approval of the layout submitted as a guide to the preparation of the final plat. Any change in the number and configuration of lots and/or the addition of a new street subsequent to preliminary plat approval shall require the subdivider to re-submit the preliminary plat and follow the procedures for approval of the preliminary plat. Approval of the preliminary plat shall be valid for a period of twenty-four (24) months, but may be extended by a request from the subdivider and approval of the Board of County Commissioners for a period not to exceed an additional twelve (12) months, provided the request for extension is made prior to the expiration of the initial approval period. After the expiration date, the subdivider must re-submit the preliminary plat and follow the procedures for approval of the preliminary plat.

5.16.7 Approval of the final plat shall not be issued by the Board of County Commissioners prior to the review and approval of construction plans as provided in Section 5.17 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 5.17 CONSTRUCTION PLANS PROCEDURES

5.17.1 Step 1 - Either at the time of submission of preliminary plat materials or following preliminary plat approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the subdivider shall submit twelve (12) copies of the construction plan materials as specified herein to the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

5.17.2 Step 2 - The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall transmit copies of the construction plan materials to the County Attorney, County Road Superintendent, County Health Department, Water Management District and other appropriate departments or agencies as the case may require for review and comment.

5.17.3 Step 3 - Following review by these agencies, the Board of County Commissioners shall consider approval with conditions, or disapproval of the construction plans at a regularly scheduled meeting as part of a previously prepared agenda. The reasons for approving with conditions or disapproving shall be stated in writing to the subdivider. Reference should be made to the specific sections of these or other applicable ordinances or regulations with which the construction plans do not comply.

5.17.4 At this stage, if the proposed subdivision is a large one (1) and the Board of County Commissioners finds that development in stages is consistent with the intent and purpose of these land development regulations, the Board of County Commissioners, with the aid of the Land Development Regulation Administrator and appropriate departments shall, if approval of the preliminary plat and construction plans has been given, work out an agreement (or agreements) with the subdivider. This agreement (or agreements) shall include, but not to be limited to, provisions for carrying out the required construction and improvements to completion and the developing of the subdivision in stages.

This agreement (called the Subdivider's Agreement) shall constitute a covenant by the Board of County Commissioners and the subdivider of the subdivision. The terms and conditions of which shall run with the land and be binding upon all successors in interest to the subdivider.

5.17.5 Approval of the preliminary plat and construction plans by the Board of County Commissioners is authorization for the subdivider to proceed with site development and the installation of improvements in accordance with the approved construction plans, subject to the approval of other agencies having authority. In the event minor changes or deviations from the approved construction plans are necessary due to requirements caused by actual construction, the Board of County Commissioners shall authorize such minor changes or deviations. If minor changes or deviations are authorized, the subdivider shall submit new construction plan materials as specified herein.

SECTION 5.18 FINAL PLAT PROCEDURE

5.18.1 Step 1 - While the preliminary plat approval is in effect, the subdivider shall submit twelve (12) copies of the final plat for approval to the Land Development Regulation Administrator. The final plat shall include the information required in Section 5.37 of these land development regulations. The final plat shall also be accompanied by a copy of any conditions imposed at the time of conditional approval of the preliminary plat or of the construction plans. Also, the final plat shall conform to all applicable provisions of Chapter 177, Florida Statutes, as amended.

5.18.2 Step 2 - The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall transmit copies of the final plat and materials to the County Attorney, County Road Superintendent, County Health Department, Water Management District and other appropriate departments or agencies as the case may require for review and comment. The

5.18.3 Step 3 - Following review by these agencies, the Board of County Commissioners shall consider and take action on the final plat at a regularly scheduled meeting as part of a previously prepared agenda. The final plat shall conform with the preliminary plat as approved and, at the option of the subdivider, shall constitute only that portion of the

approved preliminary plat which he or she proposes to record provided, however, that such portion conforms with these land development regulations. Approval by the Board of County Commissioners shall not be shown on the final plat until all requirements of these land development regulations have been met and the following conditions have been complied with:

1. Upon completion of the improvements, the Board of County Commissioners or its authorized representative has inspected the construction work to determine that the work has been completed in a satisfactory manner and complies with the requirements of these land development regulations or a surety device has been posed which meets the requirements of Section 5.39;
2. Upon completion of improvements in the subdivision, the subdivider has submitted three (3) sets and one (1) reproducible set of prints showing “as-built" improvements;
3. Subdivider's Agreement as required in Section 5.17.4 of these land development regulations has been entered into by the subdivider and the Board of County Commissioners;
4. Certificate of the Surveyor has been executed (see Section 5.38 and Appendix A);
5. Certificate of the Subdivider's Engineer has been executed (see Section 5.38 and Appendix A) or a Certificate of Estimated Cost (see Appendix A) has been completed and a surety device has been provided by the subdivider to satisfy the requirements of Section 5.39);
6. Certificate of Approval of the County Health Department has been executed (see Section 5.38 and Appendix A); and
7. Certificate of Approval by the County Attorney has been executed (see Section 5.38 and Appendix A).

5.18.4 Step 4 - Upon final plat approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the subdivider shall submit the original reproducible mylar and three (3) copies of the approved final plat for execution to the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Upon execution, the subdivider shall take the signed original of the approved final plat to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County for recording. The subdivider shall pay all recording costs. Two (2) signed copies of the final plat shall be filed in the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

SECTION 5.19 GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS

Where required by these land development regulations, the subdivider shall grade and improve streets; install sidewalks, street name signs, street lights, fire hydrants, and curbs and gutters, place monuments and corner stakes and install sanitary sewer and water mains and storm water facilities in accordance with the specifications of these land development regulations and any other specifications established by the Board of County Commissioners. Required improvements shall be paid for by the subdivider.

In addition to the requirements established herein, all subdivision plats shall comply with the following laws, rules and regulations:

1. Applicable statutory provisions;
2. The Building Code, and other applicable land development regulations of the County; and
3. The Comprehensive Plan in effect at the time of submission.

4. Rules and regulations of the Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, the appropriate Water Management District and other appropriate regional, State and Federal agencies.

5. Rules and regulations of the Florida Department of Transportation if the subdivision or any lot contained therein abuts a State highway.

SECTION 5.20 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS

The subdivider shall maintain and repair all improvements which these land development regulations require the subdivider to construct in the subdivision for a period of one (1) year after the completion of the same. A final plat shall neither be approved by the Board of County Commissioners nor accepted for filing until the subdivider posts a maintenance bond to cover at least ten percent (10%) of the estimated costs of all required improvements for a period of one (1) year (See Appendix A). All defects which occur within one (1) year after completion of all required improvements shall be remedied and corrected at the subdivider's expense.

SECTION 5.21 SUBDIVISIONS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF MUNICIPALITIES BUT CONNECTED TO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Subdivisions which are located outside the corporate limits of any municipality but are to be connected to and serviced by municipal utilities such as water, sewage and/or natural gas shall meet all the requirements of the applicable sections of these land development regulations, as well as municipal regulations governing the design, construction and connection of such utilities.

SECTION 5.22 MONUMENTS

The subdivider shall adhere to the requirements of Chapter 177, Florida Statutes, as amended, regarding the placement of all monuments.

SECTION 5.23 LOT IMPROVEMENTS

5.23.1 Arrangement. The lot arrangement shall be such that there will be no foreseeable difficulties, for reasons of topography or other conditions, in securing building permits to build on all lots in compliance with these land development regulations and other applicable regulations and in providing driveway access to buildings on such lots from an approved street.

5.23.2 Dimensions and Design. Lot dimensions, shall comply with any minimum standards as established within these land development regulations and provided, that the lot length shall not exceed four (4) times the width of lots, except as provided in Policies I.1.6 and I.2.2 of the Comprehensive Plan. In general, side lot lines shall be at right angles to street lines (or radial to curving street lines), unless variation from this requirement will provide a better street or lot plan. The entrance of automobiles from the lot to the street shall be approximately at right angles or radial to street lines. Corner lots shall be sufficiently wider and larger to permit additional yard area. Lots shall be laid out so as to provide positive drainage away from all buildings and individual lot drainage shall be coordinated with the general storm water drainage pattern for the area in accordance with approved construction plans (see Article 8 of these land development regulations).

5.23.3 Double Frontage. Double frontage and reversed frontage lots shall be prohibited except where necessary to provide separation of residential development from existing streets or to overcome specific disadvantages of topography and orientation.

5.23.4 Access. Lots within a subdivision may derive access from an existing street.

5.23.5 Corner Stakes. The subdivider shall adhere to the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, regarding the placement of corner stakes.

SECTION 5.24 USE OF SUBDIVIDED LOTS

The proposed use of lots within any subdivision shall comply with those uses permitted by the Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations. Further, whenever any land in the unincorporated area of the County is subdivided, a building permit for the construction of a residence, commercial building or other principal structure on less than a lot as platted within such subdivided land shall only be issued in conformance with Section 4.2.8 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 5.25 PUBLIC PURPOSE SITES

The Board of County Commissioners may require the dedication to the public of public purpose sites (school sites, parks, playground or other public areas) as are attributable by the Board of County Commissioners to the demand created by the subdivision. At the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, the subdivider may be required to pay in cash an amount equal to the fair market value of such public purpose sites, said fair market value to be estimated on the basis of platted land without improvements.

SECTION 5.26 STREETS

5.26.1 General Requirements.

1. The arrangements, character, extent, width, grade and location of all streets shall conform with the Comprehensive Plan, where applicable, and shall be considered in their relations to existing and planned streets, to topographical conditions, to public convenience and safety and to the proposed uses of land to be served by such streets. Streets within a subdivision shall be dedicated to the perpetual use of the public and shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards established in these land development regulations. However, the Board of County Commissioners may approve private streets when constructed to the specifications of these land development regulations and when adequate provision for initial installation and future private maintenance is made for such streets.

2. Work performed under these land development regulations concerning road right-of-way clearing and grubbing, earthwork, stabilizing and construction of a base and surface course shall meet the minimum requirements of the Florida Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition and amendments, where applicable, unless stated otherwise herein. These specifications are intended to govern the equipment, materials, construction methods and quality control of the work, unless otherwise provided herein. The provisions of those specifications pertaining to basis of payment are not applicable to these land development regulations.

5.26.2 Street Improvement Schedule. Street improvements shall be provided as required by the following schedule. Improvements shall conform with:

1. STANDARD A, for commercial and industrial subdivisions.

2. STANDARD B, for residential subdivisions where any lot is less than or equal to ten thousand (10,000) square feet.

3. STANDARD C, for residential subdivisions where all lots are greater than ten thousand (10,000) square feet, but less than five (5) acres.

4. STANDARD D, for residential subdivisions where all lots are greater than or equal to five (5) acres.

Where the proposed subdivision includes an existing street, said street shall also be improved as required to conform with this schedule. This requirement shall not apply to any abutting street which is not connected with the proposed subdivision's street system.

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT

5.26.2.1 Grading and Centerline Gradients

Standards A, B, C and D: Grading and Centerline Gradients shall be a maximum of eight (8) percent and a minimum of three-tenths (.3) of a percent for standard A and B and a maximum of eight (8) percent (no minimum) for standards C, and D.

5.26.2.2 Arterial Streets

Standards A, B, C and D: Arterial Streets shall be improved as follows: Two (2) twenty-four (24) foot wearing surfaces with twenty (20) foot median. The subdivider shall be required to install the second twenty-four (24) foot wearing surface only in large subdivisions where projected average daily traffic generated on the arterial by the subdivision exceeds seven thousand (7,000) vehicles. Minimum right-of-way shall be one hundred (100) feet.

5.26.2.3 Collector Streets

Standards A, B, C and D: Collector Streets shall be improved as follows:

1. Thirty-six (36) foot wearing surface and minimum right-of-way of eighty (80) feet.

5.26.2.4 Local Streets shall be improved as follows:

1. Standard A: Twenty-four (24) foot wearing surface and minimum right-of-way of sixty (60) feet.
2. Standards B and C: Twenty (20) foot wearing surface and minimum right-of-way of sixty (60) feet.
3. Standard D: Twenty (20) foot pavement base and minimum right-of-way of sixty (60) feet.

5.26.2.5 Marginal Access Streets shall be improved as follows:

1. Standard A: Twenty-four (24) foot wearing surface and minimum right-of-way of sixty (60) feet.
2. Standards B and C: Twenty (20) foot wearing surface and minimum right-of-way of sixty (60) feet.
3. Standard D: Twenty (20) foot pavement base and minimum right-of-way of sixty (60) feet.

5.26.2.6 Curb and gutter (see Appendix A) shall be provided as follows:

1. Standards A and B: Type E or F curb.
2. Standards C and D: Curbs not required.

5.26.2.7 Stabilized Shoulders

Standards B, C and D: Stabilized Shoulders shall be required on both sides of all streets not having curb and gutter. Stabilized shoulders shall be six (6) feet in width and constructed as specified for the subgrade [see Section 5.26.2.9] except that they shall be constructed to a compacted thickness of six (6) inches and have a minimum Limerock Bearing Ratio (LBR) of thirty (30).

5.26.2.8 Roadside Swales

Standards B, C and D: Roadside Swales shall have side slopes and back slopes no steeper than four (4) to one (1). Run-off may be accumulated and carried in the swales in the right-of-way up to but not above the point where flooding of the shoulders or roadside property would occur. Water in excess of this quantity shall be diverted from the roadside swales and carried away by storm sewers or other approved means.

5.26.2.9 Subgrade

Standards A, B, C and D: Subgrade shall have a compacted thickness of eight (8) inches, stabilized to a minimum Limerock Bearing Ratio of forty (40) and compacted to ninety-eight (98) percent of Standard Proctor Density (American Society for Testing Materials D1557). Also where soil classified as AASHO (American Association of State Highway Officials) soil groups A-6 or A-7 are encountered in the subgrade, such materials shall be removed to a minimum depth of eighteen (18) inches below the pavement base and replaced with acceptable material and where soil classified as AASHO (American Association of State Highway Officials) soil group A-8 is encountered, in the subgrade, all such materials shall be removed.

5.26.2.10 Pavement Base shall be improved as follows:

1. Arterial

   Standards A, B, C and D: Eight (8) inches of compacted limerock.

2. Collector, Local, and Marginal Access Streets:

   a. Standard A: Eight (8) inches of compacted limerock.

   b. Standards B and C: Six (6) inches of compacted limerock.

   c. Standard D: Six (6) inches of compacted limerock to a minimum Limerock Bearing Ratio (LBR) of one hundred (100) shall be placed above the stabilized subgrade. The limerock shall be compacted to a density not less than of ninety-five (95%) percent of the Modified Proctor AASHO (American Society of State Highway Officials) T-180.

5.26.2.11 Wearing Surface shall be improved as follows:

1. Arterials

   Standards A, B, C and D: One and one-half (1 1/2) inches of Type I or Type II asphaltic concrete surface course.

2. Collector, Local, and Marginal Access Streets:

   a. Standards A, B and C: One and one-fourth (1 1/4) inch of Type I or Type II asphaltic concrete surface course.

b. Standard D: Wearing surface is not required.

5.26.2.12 Grassing

Standards A, B C and D: Grassing shall be provided as follows:

1. Seeding and mulching shall be performed on all areas within the right-of-way, except for that part of the right-of-way covered by a wearing surface or, where these land development regulations do not require a wearing surface, that part covered by the pavement base.

2. Sodding may be required in areas of high erosion potential.

5.26.2.13 Concrete Sidewalks are not required unless, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners, pedestrian traffic will justify the installation of sidewalks as a safety precaution.

If sidewalks are required, they shall be installed by the subdivider, provide curb cuts for bicycles and handicapped access, and constructed at least five (5) feet wide and four (4) inches thick.

5.26.2.14 Quality Control. The subdivider shall be required to have qualified soils and materials testing laboratory certify to the Board of County Commissioners that all materials and improvements entering into the completed work are in compliance with these land development regulations. All costs shall be borne by the subdivider and copies of the test results shall be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners with the final plat. There shall be a minimum of one (1) density test on subgrade and base for every one thousand (1,000) square yards each. In addition, there shall be a minimum of one (1) Florida Bearing Value Test (FBV) for every one thousand (1,000) square yards of the subgrade.

5.26.3 Design Standards.

5.26.3.1 Topography and Arrangement.

1. Streets shall be related appropriately to the topography. All streets shall be arranged so as to place as many building sites as possible at or above the grades of the streets. Grades of streets shall conform as closely as possible to the original topography. A combination of steep grades and curves shall be avoided.

2. Local streets shall be laid out to discourage use by through traffic, to permit efficient drainage and utility systems and to require the minimum number of streets necessary to provide convenient and safe access to property.

3. The rigid rectangular gridiron street pattern need not necessarily be adhered to, and the use of curvilinear streets, cul-de-sacs, or U-shaped streets may be allowed where such configuration will result in a more desirable layout.

4. In commercial and industrial development, the streets and other accessway shall be planned in connection with the grouping of buildings, location of rail facilities and the provision of alleys, truck loading and maneuvering areas, and walks and parking areas so as to minimize conflict of movement between the various types of traffic, including pedestrian traffic.

5.26.3.2 Blocks.

1. Blocks shall have sufficient width to provide for two (2) tiers of lots of appropriate depths. Exceptions to this prescribed block width shall be permitted in blocks adjacent to existing streets, railroads or waterways.

2. The lengths, widths and shapes of blocks shall be such as are appropriate for the locality and the type of development contemplated, but block lengths in residential areas shall not exceed two thousand two hundred (2,200) feet, nor be less than four hundred (400) feet in length.

3. In long blocks, the Board of County Commissioners may require the reservation of an easement through the block to accommodate utilities, drainage facilities or pedestrian traffic.

Pedestrian ways or crosswalks, not less than ten (10) feet wide, may be required by the Board of County Commissioners through the center of blocks more than eight hundred (800) feet long where deemed essential to provide circulation or access to schools, playgrounds, shopping centers, transportation or other community facilities.

5.26.3.3 Access Roads to Subdivisions.

Access roads as used herein shall include any existing County road or roads which may be proposed to provide access to a proposed subdivision or to any lot therein as provided for in Section 5.23.4. With the exception of existing County maintained roads containing right-of-ways of less than sixty (60) feet in width, all access roads shall have a right-of-way of sixty (60) feet in width. All roads, regardless of right-of-way width shall be, opened, graded and stabilized as specified in Section 5.26.2.9 to a width of eleven (11) feet on each side of the road centerline to the extent that all types of motor vehicles may easily travel over the roads. Such access road or roads shall be paved as specified in Section 5.26.2.11.2 from the proposed subdivision to the closest paved state, County or municipal road at the expense of the subdivider. This section (5.26.3.3.) only applies inside the urban developments in the County.

5.26.3.4 Street Names. The following standards shall be followed in establishing street names:

1. No two (2) streets shall have the same name.

2. Streets in a proposed subdivision which are extensions of existing streets shall have the same name as the existing street.

3. No street names shall be used which will duplicate or be confused with the names of existing or other proposed streets.

4. All street names shall conform to the street naming and addressing system of the County.

5. The Board of County Commissioners shall have final authority to approve the names of all streets.

5.26.3.5 Road and Street Signs.

1. Road and Street Signs are traffic control signs such as stop signs and speed limit signs, and for all subdivisions, all road and street signs shall be designed in number and location to meet Florida Department of Transportation standards and shall be shown on the preliminary plat. Prior to approval of the final plat, the subdivider shall install such road and street signage as approved by the Board of County Commissioners and shall maintain and repair such signage as provided for in Section 5.20 herein. In lieu of installation of such signage prior to the approval of the final plat, the posting of a surety device in accordance with Section 5.39 herein shall be filed, approved and accepted by the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Street name signs are signs within a subdivision which identify street names. Street name signs shall be placed, by the subdivider, at all intersections within or abutting the subdivision, the type and location of which to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners, shall be submitted as part of the preliminary plat and shall conform to the street naming and addressing system of the County.

5.26.3.6 Street Lights. Installation of street lights is not required unless, the Board of County Commissioners determines that public safety justifies the installation of street lights. If street lights are required, they shall be installed by the subdivider and constructed according to the standards of the Board of County Commissioners.

5.26.3.7 Reserve Strips. The creation of reserve strips shall not be permitted adjacent to a proposed street in such a manner as to deny access to such street from property adjacent to the proposed subdivision.

5.26.3.8 Construction of Roads and Dead-End Streets.

1. Construction of Roads. The arrangement of streets shall provide for the continuation of arterial and/or collector streets between the proposed subdivision and adjacent properties when such continuation is necessary to convenient movement of traffic, effective fire protection, for efficient provision of utilities and where such continuation is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

   If the property adjacent to the proposed subdivision is undeveloped and the street must temporarily be a stub street (a street planned for future continuation), the street right-of-way shall be extended to the property line of the proposed subdivision. All stub streets which are two hundred fifty (250) feet or less shall have a temporary T- or L-shaped turnabout, while stub streets which are greater than two hundred fifty (250) feet shall have a temporary cul-de-sac turnabout.

   There shall be a notation on the final plat that land used for a temporary T- or L-shaped cul-de-sac or turnabout which is outside the normal street right-of-way shall revert to abutting land owners whenever the street is continued. The subdivider of the adjoining area shall pay the cost of restoring any stub street to its original design cross-section and extending the street. The Board of County Commissioners may limit the length of temporary stub streets in accordance with the design standards of these land development regulations.

5.26.3.9 Cul-de-sac Streets. Cul-de-sacs shall be provided with a turnaround having an outside roadway radius of at least forty (40) feet, and a street property line radius of at least fifty (50) feet (see Appendix A). Cul-de-sacs shall have a maximum length of one thousand three hundred twenty feet (1,320) including the turnaround.

5.26.3.10 Intersections.

1. Streets shall be laid out so as to intersect as nearly as possible at right angles (see Appendix C). A proposed intersection of two (2) new streets at an angle of less than seventy-five (75) degrees shall not be acceptable. An oblique street should be curved approaching an intersection and should be approximately at right angles for at least one- hundred (100) feet therefrom. No more than two (2) streets shall intersect at any one (1) point unless specifically approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Proposed new intersections along one (1) side of an existing street shall, wherever practicable, coincide with any existing intersections on the opposite side of such street. Street jogs with center-line offsets of less than one hundred twenty-five (125) feet shall not be permitted (see Appendix A). Where proposed streets intersect major streets, their alignment shall be continuous.
3. Minimum curb radii at the intersection of two (2) local streets shall be at least twenty (20) feet, and a minimum curb radius at an intersection involving a collector street shall be at least twenty-five (25) feet. Abrupt changes in alignment within a block shall have the corners cut off in accordance with standard engineering practice to permit safe vehicular movement.

SECTION 5.27 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS (Refer to Article 7 and 8 of these land development regulations).

SECTION 5.28 SANITARY SEWER

5.28.1 Where a publicly-owned sanitary sewer system is available and reasonably accessible as determined by the Board of County Commissioners, the subdivider shall provide sanitary sewer services to each lot within the subdivision. All sewer lines serving lots within the subdivision shall be designed to operate on a gravity flow basis wherever possible. If a wearing surface [see Section 5.26.2.11] and sanitary sewer lines are required, all sewer lines shall be installed by the subdivider prior to the paving of the street.

5.28.2 Where lots cannot be served by the extension of an existing publicly-owned sanitary sewer, an alternate method of sewage disposal for each lot may be used in compliance with all applicable standards of the County Health Department, the Florida Department of Health, the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation and any other regional, State or Federal agency, as applicable. Alternative methods of sewage disposal shall be so installed as to simplify later connections to a publicly-owned sanitary sewer system as service becomes available.

5.28.3 The subdivider shall furnish written proof to the Board of County Commissioners which shows that provisions for sanitary sewage disposal of the entire subdivision meets with the approval of the County Health Department. Preliminary plat and construction plan approval shall not be given until this condition has been met.

SECTION 5.29 WATER SUPPLY

5.29.1 Where a publicly-owned water supply is available and within a reasonable distance as determined by the Board of County Commissioners, the subdivider shall provide a system of water mains and shall connect the system to such supply. If a wearing surface [see Section 5.26.2.11] and water mains are required, all water lines shall be installed by the subdivider prior to the paving of the street.

5.29.2 Where no publicly-owned water supply is available within a reasonable distance, an alternate supply may be used when in compliance with all applicable standards of the County Health Department, the Florida Department of Health the Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

5.29.3 The subdivider shall furnish written proof to the Board of County Commissioners which shows that provisions for water supply of the entire subdivision meet with the approval of the County Health Department. Preliminary plat and construction plan approval shall not be given until this condition has been met.

5.29.4 Fire protection improvements shall be provided when the subdivision is connected to a publicly-owned water system and shall include the installation of fire hydrants to water mains with a minimum pipe size of six (6) inches in diameter.

If fire protection improvements are required, then fire hydrants shall be located no more than one thousand (1,000) feet apart and within five hundred (500) feet of each lot. Also, the distribution system shall be capable of delivering, in addition to domestic requirements of residual pressures of not less than twenty (20) pounds per square inch and fire flows of at least five hundred (500) gallons per minute.

SECTION 5.30 WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS

New central water and sanitary sewer systems where required by the Comprehensive Plan shall be designed by a Florida registered engineer in accordance with all applicable regulations of the County Health Department, the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, the Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Health.

SECTION 5.31 UTILITIES

5.31.1 Location. Utility location within the road right-of-way shall be as shown in Appendix A.

5.31.2 Easements. Normally, utility easements across lots or centered on rear or side lot lines will not be permitted. Where, due to topography or other circumstances beyond the control of the subdivider, such easements are deemed by the Board of County Commissioners to be necessary to the reasonable development of the property, such easements shall be at least fifteen (15) feet wide and centered as near as practical between the lots.

SECTION 5.32 PRELIMINARY PLAT SPECIFICATIONS

The preliminary plat shall be drawn clearly and legibly at a scale of at least one (1) inch equals two hundred (200) feet using a sheet size of twenty-four (24) inches by thirty-six (36) inches, reserving a three (3) inch binding margin on the left side and one half (1/2) inch margin on the other three sides (see Appendix A). If more than one (1) sheet is required, an index map relating each sheet to the entire subdivision shall be shown on the first sheet.

Twelve (12) sets of the preliminary plat and necessary supporting material shall be submitted in accordance with the procedure outlined in Section 5.16 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 5.33 REQUIRED INFORMATION ON PRELIMINARY PLAT

The preliminary plat shall contain the following information.

1. Proposed name of subdivision, and existing name if re-subdivision is proposed.
2. Name, address and telephone number of the subdivider and agent of the subdivider.
3. Name, address, telephone number and registration number of surveyor and engineer.
4. Date of boundary survey, north arrow, graphic scale, date of plat drawing and space for revision dates.
5. Existing contours at five (5) foot intervals based on U.S. Coastal and Geodetic Datum for the tract to be subdivided and extending twenty-five (25) feet beyond the tract boundary.
6. Vicinity map showing location with respect to existing roads, landmarks, section lines and quarter section lines, and total acreage of the subdivision and total number of lots. The vicinity map shall be drawn to show clearly the information required, but not less than one (1) inch to two thousand (2,000) feet. U.S. Geological Survey Maps may be used as a reference guide for the vicinity map.
7. Boundary line of the tract, by bearing and distance, drawn by a heavy line.
8. Legal description of the tract to be subdivided.
9. Names of owners of adjoining land with their approximate acreage or, if developed, names of abutting subdivisions.
10. Existing streets, utilities and easements on and adjacent to the tract, including the name, purpose, location and size of each and the invert elevation of sewers.
11. Other existing improvements including buildings on or adjacent to the tract.
12. Preliminary layout including streets and easements with dimensions and street names, lot lines with appropriate dimensions, land to be reserved or dedicated for public or common uses and any land to be used for purposes other than single-family dwellings.
13. Block letters and lot numbers, lot lines and scaled dimensions.
14. Zoning district boundaries on and abutting the tract.
15. Proposed method of water supply, sewage disposal, drainage and street lighting.
16. Minimum building front, side and rear setback lines as required by these land development regulations.
17. Typical street cross-sections for each street type and the location of all road and street signs and street name signs as required within these land development regulations shall also be noted on a separate sheet.
18. Natural features, including lakes, marshes or swamps, water courses, wooded areas and land subject to the 100-year flood as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency official flood maps.
19. Surface drainage and direction of flow and method of disposition and retention indicated.
20. Soil survey map.
21. Subsurface conditions of the tract showing: subsurface soil, rock and ground water conditions, location and results of soil percolation tests and location and extent of muck pockets.
22. Existing and proposed covenants and restrictions.
23. Inscription stating "NOT FOR FINAL RECORDING".

24. For proposed subdivisions greater than or equal to twenty (20) acres in size located within areas identified by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as Critical Wildlife Conservation Areas shall be required to evaluate the impacts of the development on wildlife habitats and vegetative communities in accordance with Policy V.4.9 of the Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 5.34 CONSTRUCTION PLAN SPECIFICATIONS

Plans for the required improvements shall be prepared for the approval of the Board of County Commissioners prior to construction and either at the time of submission of the preliminary plat or after approval of the preliminary plat. Construction plans shall show the proposed locations, sizes, grades and general design features of each facility.

5.34.1 Required Materials for Submission. Twelve (12) sets of construction plans and necessary supporting material shall be submitted in accordance with the procedure outlined in Section 5.17 of these land development regulations.

5.34.2 Plans Specifications. Construction plans shall be drawn to a scale of one (1) inch represents two hundred (200) feet or larger and shall consist of the following:

1. A topographic map of the subdivision with a maximum contour interval of one (1) foot where overall slopes are zero (0) percent to two (2) percent, two (2) feet where slopes are over two (2) percent, based on U.S. Coast and Geodetic Datum. This topographic map shall be prepared by a Florida registered land surveyor.

2. A contour drainage map of the basins within the proposed subdivision, with the size of each basin shown in acres. The outlines and sizes, in acres, of all existing and proposed drainage areas shall be shown and related to corresponding points of flow concentration. Each drainage area shall be clearly delineated. Flow paths shall be indicated throughout, including any final outfalls from the subdivision and basins. Existing and proposed structures affecting the drainage shall be shown.

3. Plans showing proposed design features and typical sections of canals, swales and all other open channels, storm sewers, all drainage structures, and other proposed subdivision improvements.

4. Plans and profiles for all proposed streets and curbs are required. Where proposed streets intersect existing streets, elevations and other pertinent details shall be shown for existing streets for a minimum distance of three hundred (300) feet from point of intersection.

5. Plans of any proposed water distribution system and sanitary sewer collection system showing pipe sizes and location of valves, pumping stations and fire hydrants, where the installation of such facilities are required by these land development regulations.

6. Plans for all road and street signs and street name signs showing the location of such signage and any other traffic safety control devices which is required or proposed. In addition, the specifications for such signage shall be provided as part of this plan, which shall detail in diagram form as necessary the size, material, color and specifications for installation of such signage.

SECTION 5.35 SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT

The Subdivider's Agreement, required in Section 5.17.4 shall specify the following:

1. The work to be done, and the time specified therefore, by the subdivider.

2. The variances, if any, approved by the Board of County Commissioners to standard requirements (see Article 12 of these land development regulations).
3. The participation in the development, if any, by the Board of County Commissioners and the time for completion of such work.
4. The lien, if any, imposed upon the land of the subdivider for any work performed by the Board of County Commissioners.
5. The conveyance by the subdivider to the County of all required water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer lines installed within dedicated public right-of-way.
6. The agreement of the subdivider to maintain and repair all improvements which these land development regulations require the subdivider to install in the subdivision for a period of one (1) year after completion of the same.

SECTION 5.36 FINAL PLAT SPECIFICATIONS

The final plat shall be drawn clearly and legibly in ink at a scale of at least one (1) inch equals two hundred (200) feet using a sheet size of twenty-four (24) inches by thirty-six (36) inches. Each sheet shall be drawn with a marginal line completely around the sheet and placed so as to leave a three (3) inch binding margin on the left side and a one-half (1/2) inch margin on the other three (3) sides (see Appendix A). If more than one (1) sheet is required, an index map relating each sheet to the entire subdivision shall be shown on the first sheet.

Twelve (12) sets of the final plat and necessary supporting material shall be submitted in accordance with the procedure outlined in Section 5.18 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 5.37 REQUIRED INFORMATION ON FINAL PLAT

1. Name of subdivision shall be shown in bold legible letters, as stated in Chapter 177, Florida Statutes, as amended. The name of the subdivision shall be shown on each sheet included and shall have legible lettering of the same size and type including the words "section," "unit," "replat," or "amended".
2. Name and address of subdivider.
3. North arrow, graphic scale and date of plat drawing.
4. Vicinity map showing location with respect to existing streets, landmarks, and total acreage of the subdivision and total number of lots. The vicinity map shall be drawn to show clearly the information required, but not less than one (1) inch to two thousand (2,000) feet. U.S. Geological Survey Maps may be used as a reference guide for the vicinity map.
5. Exact boundary line of the tract, determined by a field survey, giving distances to the nearest one-hundredth (1/100) foot and angles to the nearest second, shall be balanced and closed with an apparent error of closure not to exceed one (1) in five thousand (5,000).
6. Legal description of the tract.
7. Unplatted adjoining lands and names of abutting subdivisions.
8. Location of streams, lakes and swamps, and land subject to the 100-year flood as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency official flood maps.
9. Bearing and distance to permanent points on the nearest existing street lines of bench marks or other permanent monuments (not less than three (3)) shall be accurately described on the plat.
10. Municipal and County lines shall be accurately tied to the lines of the subdivision by distance and angles when such lines traverse or are reasonably close to the subdivision.

11. The closest land lot corner shall be accurately tied to the lines of the subdivision by distance and angles.
12. Location, dimensions and purposes of any land reserved or dedicated for public use.
13. Exact locations, width and names of all streets within and immediately adjoining the new subdivision.
14. Street right-of-way lines shall show deflection angles of intersection, radii and lines of tangents.
15. Lot lines shall be shown with dimensions to the nearest one hundredth (1/100) foot and bearings.
16. Lots shall be numbered in numerical order and blocks lettered alphabetically.
17. Accurate location and description of monuments and markers.
18. Minimum building front, side and rear yard setback lines as required by these land development regulations.
19. Reference to recorded subdivision plats of adjoining platted land shall be shown by recorded names, plat book and page number.
20. Covenants and restrictions notice in accordance with Section 177.09(28), Florida Statutes.

SECTION 5.38 SIGNED CERTIFICATES

The following certificates shall appear on the final plat. Certificates listed within this section shall be properly signed before the final plat is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners and the Certificate of Approval by the Board of County Commissioners shall be properly signed after the final plat is approved by the Board of County Commissioners. (see Appendix A).

1. Certificate of Surveyor and Mapper.
2. Certificate of the Subdivider's Engineer.
3. Certificate of Tax Collector.
4. Certificate of Approval by County Health Department.
5. Certificate of Approval by the Attorney for the County.
6. Certificate of Approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 5.39 BONDING IN LIEU OF COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

A final plat shall neither be approved by the Board of County Commissioners nor accepted for filing until the improvements required by these land development regulations have been constructed in a satisfactory manner or, in lieu of such construction, the posting of a surety device. Such surety, in the form of a surety bond, performance bond, escrow agreement, or other collateral (the form of which to be approved the attorney for the County) shall be filed with the Board of County Commissioners. Such surety shall:

5.39.1 Cover at least one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the estimated cost of all required improvements such as streets, drainage, fill, and other public improvements with estimated costs provided by the subdivider's engineer. A certificate of the estimated cost shall appear on the final plat (see Appendix A). This certificate shall be properly signed before the final plat is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners. This estimated cost shall represent the total estimated cost of installing all required improvements. Such estimate shall be prepared by a Florida registered engineer. As an alternative to the above, bids of two (2) licensed contractors or a copy of all executed contracts for the installation of the above mentioned improvements may be submitted.

5.39.2 Be conditioned upon the faithful performance by the subdivider of all work required to complete all improvements and installations for the subdivision or unit division thereof, in compliance with these land development regulations and within a specified time as determined between the subdivider and the Board of County Commissioners.

5.39.3 Be payable to, and for the indemnification of, the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 5.40 OTHER DOCUMENT REQUIRED ON THE FINAL PLAT

5.40.1 Dedication. A dedication to the public by the owners of the land involved of all streets, drainage easements and other rights-of-way however designated and shown on the plat for perpetual use for public purposes, including vehicular access rights where required. If the property is encumbered by a mortgage, the owner of the mortgage shall join in the dedication or in some other manner subordinate the mortgagee's interest to the dedication of public right-of-way.

SECTION 5.41 OTHER DOCUMENT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH FINAL PLAT

5.41.1 Certificate of Title and Encumbrances. Title certification as required by Chapter 177, Florida Statutes, as amended.

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HIGH NATURAL GROUNDWATER AQUIFER RECHARGE AND POTABLE WATER WELLFIELD REGULATIONS

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SECTION 6.1 HIGH NATURAL GROUNDWATER AQUIFER RECHARGE PROTECTION

6.1.1 High Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Areas. For the purposes of these land development regulations, such recharge areas shall be as identified as high groundwater recharge areas on the Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan.

6.1.2 High Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Area Requirements. Within the areas designated as High Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Areas. All proposed development shall comply with the following:

1. Stormwater management practices shall not include drainage wells and sinkholes for stormwater disposal where recharge is into potable water aquifers. Where development is proposed in areas with existing wells, these wells shall be abandoned, including adequate sealing and plugging according to Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, as amended. The site and development plan shall clearly indicate that the proposed stormwater disposal methods meet requirements established in Article 7 herein;

2. Well construction, modification or closure shall be regulated in accordance with the criteria established by the Water Management District and the Florida Department of Health.

3. Abandoned wells shall be closed in accordance with the criteria established by Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, as amended;

4. No person shall discharge or cause to or permit the discharge of a regulated material, as defined in Section 2.1 of these land development regulations (or as listed in Chapter 442, Florida Statutes, as amended), to the soils, groundwater or surfacewater of any High Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Area;

5. No person shall tamper or bypass or cause or permit tampering with or bypassing of the containment of a regulated material storage system, within any High Natural Groundwater Recharge Area, except as necessary for maintenance or testing of those components; and

6. Landfill and storage facilities for hazardous/toxic wastes shall also require approval as a special exception by the Board of Adjustment as required in Article 12 of these land development regulations.

7. The County shall prohibit the discharge or spray irrigation of primary treated effluent from a community sanitary sewer facility within the High Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Area.

8. The County shall require that the following impervious surface coverages (including buildings and paved areas such as driveways) be maintained, within the High Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Area, as follows:

   a. For parcels equal to or greater than one (1) acre - impervious surface shall not exceed twenty percent (20%); or

   b. For parcels less than one (1) acre - impervious surface shall not exceed forty percent (40%).

6.1.3 Notification upon Sale or Transfer. Owners of real property located either partly or entirely within a High Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Area, shall at the time of any transfer of interest in such property, create in any deed, lease or other document conveying such interest a notation that the property is subject to the provisions for High Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Area protection of these land development regulations.

SECTION 6.2 POTABLE WATER WELLFIELD PROTECTION

6.2.1 Wellfield Management Zone. A wellfield protection area shall be established as a three hundred (300) foot radius around community water facility wellheads as identified in the Comprehensive Plan. The first two hundred (200) foot radius shall be a zone of exclusion, where no development activities shall be permitted and within the remainder of the wellfield protection zone new land uses shall be required to adhere to the following standards, which shall apply for the issuance of development orders for structures or uses within the Wellfield Management Zone:

6.2.1.1 New Uses. No new uses of land shall be permitted which require or involve storage, use or manufacture of regulated materials as defined in Section 2.1 herein.

6.2.1.2 Limitation on New Wells. No new wells shall be permitted for construction or contracted in a surficial intermediate, or Floridan Aquifer System. Exemptions as approved by the Board of County Commissioners, after a recommendation has been provided to the Board of County Commissioners by the Planning and Zoning Board, may be granted on a case by case basis and shall be limited to:

1. Wells constructed by a municipality, County or Community Water Association or their contractor as part of a monitoring system surrounding the wellfield. New construction or repair of the wellfield production wells or other well construction or modification required in the operations of a municipal, County or Community Water Association water treatment plant.
2. Wells constructed as part of a County/Florida Department of Environmental Protection-approved contaminant assessment/remediation plan where ground water contamination has been identified or is suspected.
3. Wells constructed for private water supply in locations where the cost of connection to a public water utility would exceed the cost of the proposed private supply well and pumping system by a factor of two and one-half (2 1/2) times.
4. Geotechnical borings in the surficial aquifer system.

6.2.1.3 Discharge Prohibited. No person shall discharge or cause to or permit the discharge of a regulated material, as defined in Section 2.1 of these land development regulations, or within Chapter 442, Florida Statutes, as amended, to the soils, groundwater or surface water of any Wellfield Management Zone.

6.2.1.4 Landfills Prohibited. New sanitary landfills, as defined by Chapter 17-7, Florida Administrative Code, as amended shall be prohibited within Wellfield Management Zones.

6.2.1.5 Limitation of Septic Tanks. New septic tank wastewater treatment systems shall be prohibited within Wellfield Management Zones, except where the cost of connection of a public wastewater utility would exceed the cost of the proposed septic tank and installation by a factor of two and one-half (2 1/2) times or where no public sanitary sewer system is available.

6.2.1.6 Sanitary Sewer Plants Prohibited. New domestic and/or industrial wastewater treatment facilities shall be prohibited within Wellfield Management Zones.

6.2.1.7 Transportation of Regulated Materials. Transportation of regulated materials is prohibited within the Wellfield Management Zone except local traffic serving facilities within the Wellfield Management Zone.

6.2.1.8 Material Exemptions. The Board of County Commissioners, after the request has been heard and a recommendation provided to the Board of County Commissioners by the Planning and Zoning Board, may exempt any material from the requirements of these land development regulations if, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners, it has been demonstrated that the material, in the quantity and/or solution handled or the conditions under which it is stored, does not present a significant actual or potential hazard to the contamination of groundwater in case of a discharge.

6.2.1.9 Temporary Storage Permit. A temporary permit approval shall be required for the temporary storage of regulated materials in containers or tanks exceeding fifty (50) gallons aggregate volume for use in normal agricultural or forestry practices and in construction activities within the Wellfield Management Zone. The temporary permit procedure shall consist of application to the Planning and Zoning Board for the proposed activity requiring temporary hazardous material storage. The application shall be made on County forms and shall include details of the proposed activity, a schedule of activity, types and quantities of regulated materials to be stored and a plan for monitoring and remedial action, where necessary, as determined by the Board of County Commissioners. Following a recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board on the application for temporary permit, the Board of County Commissioners shall approve, approve with conditions or deny the application. If the applicant chooses to appeal a decision by the Board of County Commissioners, procedures set forth in Article 12 shall be followed.

6.2.2 Notification upon Sale or Transfer. Owners of real property located either partly or entirely within a Wellfield Management Zone, shall at the time of any transfer of interest in such property; create in any deed, lease or other document conveying such interest a notation that the property is subject to the provisions for potable water wellfield protection of these land development regulations.

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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

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SECTION 7.1 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

7.1.1 General. In addition to meeting the requirements of these land development regulations, the design and performance of stormwater management systems shall comply with applicable State and Water Management District regulations (Chapter 62, Rules of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Administrative Code and 40B-4 Rules of the Water Management District, Florida Administrative Code, as amended). In all cases the strictest of the applicable standards shall apply.

SECTION 7.2 EXEMPTIONS

7.2.1 General Exemptions. The following development activities are exempt from these land development regulations, except that steps to control erosion and sedimentation must be taken for all development and any development exempt from Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code or Chapter 40B-4, Florida Administrative Code as cited above which is adjacent to or drains into a surface water, canal or stream, or which empties into a sinkhole, shall first allow the runoff to enter a grassed swale or other conveyance designed to percolate eighty percent (80%) of the runoff from a three (3) year, one (1) hour design storm within seventy (72) hours after a storm event. In addition, any development exempt from Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code or Chapter 40B-4, Florida Administrative Code as cited above, which is directly discharged into an Outstanding Florida Water shall include an additional level of treatment equal to the runoff of the first one and one-half (1 1/2) inches of rainfall from the design storm consistent with Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, as amended, in order to meet the receiving water quality standards of Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code as a stormwater discharge facilities shall be designed so as not to lower the receiving water quality below the minimum condition necessary to assure the suitability of water for the designated use of its classification as established in Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, as amended.

1. The clearing of land which is to be used solely for agriculture, silviculture, floriculture, or horticulture provided no obstruction or impoundment of surface water will take place. Also, the construction, maintenance, and operation of self-contained agricultural drainage systems provided adjacent properties will not be impacted and sound engineering practices are followed.

2. The construction, alteration or maintenance of a private residence or agricultural building provided the total impervious area is less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet (i.e., house, barn, driveways) and provided further that the residence or agricultural building is not adjacent to an Outstanding Florida Water or adjacent to or drains into a surface water, canal, or stream or which empties into a sinkhole.

3. The connection of a system to an existing permitted system provided the existing system has been designed to accommodate the proposed system.

4. The placement of culverts whose sole purpose is to convey sheet flow when an existing facility is being repaired or maintained provided the culvert is not placed in a stream or wetland.

5. Existing systems that are operated and maintained properly and pose no threat to public health and safety.

6. Connections to existing surfacewater management systems that are owned, operated and maintained by a public entity provided, the proposed connections comply with a surfacewater management plan compatible with the Water Management District's requirements.

7. Any development within a subdivision if each of the following conditions have been met:

   a. Stormwater management provisions for the subdivision were previously approved and remain valid as part of a final plat or development plan; and

   b. The development is conducted in accordance with the stormwater management provisions submitted with the construction plan.

8. Action taken under emergency conditions to prevent imminent harm or danger to persons, or to protect property from imminent fire, violent storms, hurricanes or other hazards. A report of the emergency action shall be made to the Board of County Commissioners and Water Management District as soon as practicable.

SECTION 7.3 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

7.3.1 Natural Drainage System Utilized to Extent Feasible. To the extent practicable, all development shall conform to the natural contours of the land and natural and preexisting man-made drainage ways shall remain undisturbed.

7.3.2 Lot Boundaries. To the extent practicable, lot boundaries shall be made to coincide with natural and preexisting man-made drainage ways within subdivisions to avoid the creation of lots that can be built upon only by altering such drainage ways.

7.3.3 Developments To Drain Properly. All developments shall be provided with a drainage system that is adequate to prevent the undue retention of stormwater on the development site. Stormwater shall not be regarded as unduly retained if:

1. The retention results from a technique, practice or device deliberately installed as part of a sedimentation or stormwater runoff control plan approved by the Water Management District; or

2. The retention is not substantially different in location or degree than that experienced by the development site in its pre-development stage, unless such retention presents a danger to health to safety.

7.3.4 Storm Water Management General. All developments shall be constructed and maintained so that post-development runoff rates and pollutant loads do not exceed pre-development conditions. While development activity is underway and after it is completed, the characteristics of stormwater runoff shall approximate the rate, volume quality and timing of stormwater runoff that occurred under the natural unimproved conditions or existing state, except that the first one-half (1/2) inch of stormwater runoff shall be treated in an off line retention system or according to other best management practices as described in the Water Management District's Surfacewater Management Permitting Manual, as amended. More specifically:

1. No development may be constructed or maintained so that such development impedes the natural flow of water from higher adjacent properties across such development, thereby causing substantial damage to such higher adjacent properties; and

2. No development may be constructed or maintained so that stormwaters from such development are collected and channeled onto lower adjacent properties.

7.3.5 Sedimentation and Erosion Control**.** Final plat approval for subdivisions may not be given with respect to any development that would cause land disturbing activity subject to the jurisdiction of the Water Management District, unless the Water Management District has certified to the County, either that:

1. The proposed construction plans are approved for permitting by the Water Management District; or

2. The Water Management District has examined the preliminary plat for the subdivision and it reasonably appears that permits for such subdivision improvements can be approved, upon submission of the subdivider of construction plans. However in this case, construction of the development may not begin until the Water Management District issues its permit.

For the purposes of this section, land disturbing activity means: (1) use of the land in residential, industrial, educational, institutional or commercial development; or (2) street construction and maintenance that results in a change in the natural cover or topography and that may cause or contribute to sedimentation.

7.3.6 Water Quality. The proposed development and development activity shall not violate the water quality standards as set forth in Chapter 62-3, Florida Administrative Code, as amended.

Facilities which directly discharge into an Outstanding Florida Water shall include an additional level of treatment equal to the runoff of the first one and one-half (1 1/2) inches of rainfall from the design storm consistent with Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, as amended, in order to meet the receiving water quality standards of Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, as amended. Stormwater discharge facilities shall be designed so as not to lower the receiving water quality below the minimum conditions necessary to assure the suitability of water for the designated use of its classification as established in Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code, as amended.

7.3.7 Design Standards. To comply with the foregoing standards the proposed stormwater management system shall conform with the following:

1. Detention and retention systems shall be designed in conformance with the Water Management District's Surfacewater Management Permitting Manual, as amended.

2. Natural systems shall be used to accommodate stormwater, to the maximum extent practicable,

3. The proposed stormwater management system shall be designed to accommodate the stormwater that both originates within the development and stormwater that flows onto or across the development from adjacent lands.

4. The proposed stormwater management system shall be designed to function properly for a minimum twenty (20) year life.

5. Design and construction of the proposed stormwater management system shall be certified as meeting the requirements of these land development regulations and the Water Management District's Surfacewater Permitting Manual, as amended, by a professional engineer, architect, or landscape architect, registered in the State of Florida.

6. No stormwater may be channeled or directed into a sanitary sewer.

7. The proposed stormwater management system shall coordinate with and connect to the drainage systems or drainage ways on surrounding properties or roads, whenever practicable.

8. Use of drainage swales rather than curb and gutter and storm sewers in subdivisions is provided for in Article 5 of these land development regulations. Private roads and access ways within unsubdivided developments shall utilize curb and gutter and storm drains to provide adequate drainage if the grade of such roads or access ways is too steep to provide drainage in another manner or if other sufficient reasons exist to require such construction.

9. Stormwater management systems shall be designed and constructed to provide retention of run-off volumes such that the peak discharge from the developed site shall not exceed the equivalent peak discharge from the natural or undeveloped site.

10. The Board of County Commissioners may require any water retention areas to be fenced and screened by trees or shrubbery.

11. In areas where high ground water and other conditions exist and it is deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners, subsurface drainage facilities shall be installed. If a wearing surface (see Article 5 of these land development regulations) and subsurface drainage facilities are required, all subsurface drainage facilities shall be installed by the subdivider prior to the paving of the street.

12. All required improvements shall be installed so as to maintain natural watercourses.

13. Construction specifications for drainage swales, curbs and gutters are contained in Article 5 and Appendix A of these land development regulations.

14. The banks of detention and retention areas shall be sloped to accommodate, and shall be planted with vegetation which will maintain the integrity of the bank.

15. Dredging, clearing of vegetation, deepening, widening, straightening, stabilizing or otherwise altering natural surface waters shall be minimized.

16. Natural surface water shall not be used as sediment traps during or after development.

17. For aesthetic reasons and to increase shoreline habitat, the shorelines of detention and retention areas shall be curving rather than straight.

18. Water reuse and conservation shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be achieved by incorporating the stormwater management system into irrigation systems serving the development, if any.

19. Vegetated buffers of sufficient width to prevent erosion shall be retained or created along the shores, banks or edges of all natural or man-made surface waters.

20. In phased developments, the stormwater management system for each integrated stage of completion shall be capable of functioning independently as required by these land development regulations.

21. All detention and retention basins, except natural water bodies used for this purpose, shall be accessible for maintenance from streets or public rights-of-way.

SECTION 7.4 MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

7.4.1 Maintenance by an Acceptable Entity. All stormwater management systems that are not dedicated to the County shall be operated and maintained by one (1) of the following entities:

1. A local governmental unit including a school board, special district or other governmental unit.
2. A regional water management agency or an active water control district created pursuant to Chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as amended, or drainage district created by special act, or special assessment district created pursuant to Chapter 170, Florida Statues, as amended.
3. A state or federal agency.
4. An officially franchised, licensed, or approved communication, water, sewer, electrical or other public utility.
5. The property owner or developer if:
    a. Written proof as submitted in the appropriate form by either letter or resolution, that a governmental entity as set forth in paragraphs 1-3 above, will accept the operation and maintenance of the stormwater management and discharge facility at a time certain in the future.
    b. A surety bond or other assurance of continued financial capacity to operate and maintain the system is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners. The developer shall maintain and repair all improvements which these stormwater management regulations require the developer to construct. The developer shall post a maintenance bond to cover at least ten percent (10%) of the estimated costs of all required stormwater improvements (See Appendix A).
6. For-profit or non-profit corporations, including home-owners associations, property owners associations, condominium owners associations or master associations if:
    a. The owner or developer submits documents constituting legal capacity and a binding legal obligation between the entity and the County, whereby the entity affirmatively takes responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the stormwater management facility.
    b. The association has sufficient powers reflected in its organizational or operational documents to:
        (1) Operate and maintain the stormwater management system as permitted by the Water Management District;
        (2) Establish rules and regulations;
        (3) Assess members;
        (4) Contract for services; and
        (5) Exist perpetually, with the Articles of Incorporation providing that if the association is dissolved, the stormwater management system will be maintained by an acceptable entity as described above.

7.4.2 Phased Projects. If a project is to be constructed in phases and subsequent phases will use the same stormwater management systems as the initial phase or phases, the operation/maintenance entity shall have the ability to accept responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the stormwater management systems of future phases of the project.

In phased developments that have an integrated stormwater management system, but employ independent operation/maintenance entities for different phases, the operation/maintenance entities, either separately or collectively, shall have the responsibility and authority to operate and maintain the stormwater management system for the entire project. That authority shall include cross easements for stormwater management and the authority and ability of each entity to enter and maintain all facilities, should any entity fail to maintain a portion of the stormwater management system within the project.

7.4.3 Applicant as Acceptable Entity. The applicant shall be an acceptable entity and shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the stormwater management system from the time construction begins until the stormwater management system is dedicated to and accepted by another acceptable entity.

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FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REGULATIONS

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SECTION 8.1 STANDARDS FOR REDUCING FLOOD HAZARDS IN THE AREA OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD

The standards in the Article apply to all development within the Areas of Special Flood Hazard as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map.

For the purposes of this section, "substantial improvement" means for a building constructed prior to the effective date of these land development regulations, any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a building the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure either:

1. Before the improvement or repair is started or
2. If the structure has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred.

"Substantial improvement" occurs which the first alteration on any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. The term does not, however, include either:

1. Any project for improvement of a structure to comply with existing state or local health, sanitary or safety code specifications that are solely necessary to insure safe living conditions, or
2. Any alteration of a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the designated by the County as historic sites and structures.

In all areas of special flood hazard, the following provisions are required:

1. New construction and substantial improvements shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or later movement of the structure;
2. Mobile homes shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This standard shall be in addition to and consistent with applicable state requirements for resisting wind forces;
3. New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage;
4. New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage;
5. Electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment, and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding;
6. New and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system;
7. New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters;
8. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located and constructed to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding;
9. Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvements to a structure which is in compliance with the provisions of these land development regulations, shall meet the requirements of "new construction" as defined in Section 2.1; and
10. Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvements to a building which is not in compliance with the provisions of this Article, shall be undertaken only if said non-conformity is not furthered, extended or replaced.

SECTION 8.2 STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

New construction or substantial improvement of any residential structure shall have the lowest floor, including a basement as defined within Section 2.1 of these land development regulations, elevated no lower than one (1) foot above base flood elevation. Should solid foundation perimeter walls be used to elevate a structure, openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movements of flood waters shall be provided in accordance with the standards herein. (For areas within unnumbered "A" zones, please refer to the standards listed in Section 8.7 herein.)

SECTION 8.3 STANDARDS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

New construction or substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or nonresidential structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated no lower than one (1) foot above the level of the base flood elevation. Structures located in all A-zones may be flood-proofed in lieu of being elevated provided that all areas of the structure below the required elevation are water tight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and use structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effect of buoyancy. A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the standards of this section are satisfied.

SECTION 8.4 STANDARDS FOR ELEVATED BUILDINGS

New construction or substantial improvements of elevated buildings that include fully enclosed areas formed by foundation and other exterior walls below the base flood elevation shall be designed to preclude finished living space and designed to allow for the entry and exit of floodwaters to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls.

1. Designs for complying with this requirement must either be certified by a professional engineer or architect or meet the following minimum criteria:
    a. Provide a minimum two (2) openings having a total net area of not less than one (1) square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;
    b. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above grade; and
    c. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices provided they permit the automatic flow of floodwaters in both directions.
2. Electrical, plumbing and other utility connections are prohibited below the base flood elevation.
3. Access to the enclosed areas shall be the minimum necessary to allow for parking of vehicles (garage door) or limited storage of maintenance equipment used in connection with the premises (standard exterior door) or entry to the living area (stairway or elevator).
4. The interior portion of such enclosed area shall not be partitioned or finished into separate rooms.

SECTION 8.5 STANDARDS FOR FLOODWAYS

Since the floodway is an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of flood waters which carry debris, potential projectiles and has erosion potential, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements and other developments unless certification (with supporting technical data) by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that encroachments shall not result in any increase in flood levels during occurrence of the base flood discharge;

2. All new construction and substantial improvements shall comply with all applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of this Article.

3. Prohibit the placement of mobile homes, except in an existing mobile home parks or subdivisions, which existed prior to the adoption of these land development regulations. A replacement mobile home may be placed on a lot in an existing mobile home park or subdivision provided the anchoring and elevation standards established herein are met.

SECTION 8.6 STANDARDS FOR STREAMS WITHOUT ESTABLISHED BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS AND/OR FLOODWAYS

Located within the areas of special flood hazard, where small streams exist, but where no base flood data have been provided or where no floodways have been provided, the following provisions shall apply:

Where a perennial river stream or creek is located no encroachments, including fill material or buildings shall be located a distance of the stream bank equal to two (2) times the width of the stream at the top of the bank or fifty (50) feet, whichever is greater, unless certification by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that such encroachments shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge and the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one (1) foot at any point within the community. The engineering certification should be supported by technical data that conforms to standard hydraulic engineering principles.

SECTION 8.7 STANDARDS FOR UNNUMBERED “A” ZONES

Located within the A-zone areas of special flood hazard, area denoted with the letter "A" with no suffix, referred to as "unnumbered A zones". These are areas where special flood hazards exist but where no base flood data has been provided. The following provisions shall apply:

1. A minimum, no encroachments, including fill material or structures shall be located within a distance of the stream bank equal to two (2) times the width of the stream at the top of the bank or fifty (50) feet, whichever is greater.

2. New construction or substantial improvements of buildings or mobile homes shall be elevated or flood-proofed in accordance with the design standards of this Article to be:

    a. At least two (2) feet above highest elevation of any adjacent unpaved road, or unpaved access easement; or at least one (1) foot above the highest elevation on any adjacent paved road or paved access easement; or

    b. Elevated or flood-proofed in accordance with the design standards of this Article to elevate structure to one (1) foot above an elevation established in accordance with the best available data of such agencies as the Army Corps of Engineers or Water Management District.

3. Accessory or temporary structures shall be permitted as provided within this Article.

SECTION 8.8 STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL FLOOD AREAS WHERE THE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED

Located within of special flood hazard, areas of special flood hazard where base flood elevation has been provided. The following provisions shall apply:

1. No encroachments, including fill material or structures shall be located within areas of special flood hazard, unless certification by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one (1) foot at any point within the community. The engineering certification should be supported by technical data that conforms to standard hydraulic engineering principles;
2. A minimum, no encroachments, including fill material or structures shall be located within a distance of the stream bank equal to two (2) times the width of the stream at the top of the bank or fifty (50) feet, whichever is greater;
3. New construction or substantial improvements of buildings or mobile homes shall be elevated or flood-proofed in accordance with the design standards of this Article to elevate the structure to one (1) foot above the base flood elevation.
4. For all development projects, including mobile home parks and subdivisions, greater than five (5) acres or fifty (50) lots, whichever is lesser, base flood elevation information shall be provided in accordance with this Article, as part of the development proposal; and
5. Accessory or temporary structures shall be permitted as provided within this Article.

SECTION 8.9 STANDARDS FOR AREAS OF SHALLOW FLOODING

The following standards apply to areas of shallow flooding located within the area of special flood hazard.

1. The lowest floor of all new construction of and substantial improvements to residential structures shall be elevated above the highest adjacent grade at least as high as the depth number specified in feet on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (at least two (2) feet if no depth number is specified.)
2. The lowest floor of all new construction of and substantial improvements to nonresidential structures shall:
    a. Have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to the depth number specified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map, in feet, above the highest adjacent grade. If no depth number is specified, the lowest floor, including basement shall be elevated at least two (2) feet above the highest adjacent grade; or
    b. Together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities be completely flood-proofed to or above the level so that any space below that level is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy.

SECTION 8.10 REQUIRED FLOOR ELEVATION

No new residential building may be constructed and no substantial improvement of a residential building may take place within any floodplain unless the lowest floor (including any portion of the structure below grade) of the building or improvement is elevated to one (1) foot above the base flood level. (For areas within unnumbered “A” zones, please refer to the standards listed in Section 8.7 herein.)

1. Residential accessory structures shall be allowed within floodplains provided they are firmly anchored to prevent flotation.

2. Anchoring of any accessory buildings may be done by bolting the building to a concrete slab or by over-the-top ties. When bolting to a concrete slab, one-half (1/2) inch bolts six (6) feet on center with a minimum of two (2) per side with a force adequate to secure the building is required.

SECTION 8.11 EXEMPTIONS FROM THE GENERAL STANDARDS OF THIS ARTICLE

Structures that represent a minimal investment and that are subordinate to an accessory to the primary structure or of a temporary nature, may be exempted from the general standards of this Article, provided the following criteria are met:

1. The structure is not used for human habitation;
2. The structure is designed and constructed so as to have a low potential for damage during a flood (eg. using flood resistant materials);
3. The structure shall be located on the building site so as to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters;
4. The structure is firmly anchored to prevent flotation, per the provisions of this Article;
5. All electrical service, heating/cooling equipment, and other mechanical or electrical equipment is either elevated above the required elevation of this Article or is floodproofed; and
6. A temporary structure, such as fruit stands and construction site offices, may remain on the property for not more than one hundred eighty (180) days if the structure is mobile, or can be made so, and is capable of being removed from the site with a minimum of four (4) hours warning. The temporary nature of the structure shall be clearly marked on the face of the permit and shall clearly show the expiration date. In addition, a plan for the removal of the structure, providing contacts and the name of individuals responsible for removal of the structure shall be on file with the Land Development Regulation Administrator for a period of not less than five (5) years of issue.

SECTION 8.12 MOBILE HOME CRITERIA

Notwithstanding any other provision of these land development regulations, no mobile home may be located within that portion of the floodplain outside of the floodway, unless the following criteria are met:

1. All mobile homes placed, or substantially improved, on individual lots or parcels, in expansions to existing mobile home parks or subdivisions, or in substantially improved mobile home parks or subdivisions, must meet all the requirements for new construction, including elevation and anchoring.
2. All mobile homes placed or substantially improved in an existing mobile home park or subdivision must be elevated so that:
    a. The lowest floor of the mobile home is elevated no lower than one (1) foot above the level of the base flood elevation on a permanent foundation; or
    b. The mobile home chassis is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at lease an equivalent strength, of no less than thirty-six (36) inches in height above grade.
    c. The mobile home must be securely anchored to the adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement.

d. In an existing mobile home park or subdivision on which a mobile home has incurred "substantial damage" as the result of flood, any mobile home placed or substantially improved must meet the standards of this Article.

e. All recreational vehicles placed on sites must either:

(1) Be fully licensed and ready for highway use; or

(2) The recreational vehicle must meet all the requirements for new construction, including anchoring and elevation requirements of this Article.

A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices and has no permanently attached structures.

SECTION 8.13 STABILIZATION OF SLOPES

Whenever any portion of a floodplain is filled in with fill dirt, slopes shall be adequately stabilized to withstand the erosive force of the base flood.

SECTION 8.14 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SUBDIVISIONS

An applicant requesting the plat approval of a major or minor subdivision shall be informed by the Land Development Regulation Administrator of the use and condition restrictions contained within this Article and Article 5 of these land development regulations. Lands which lie within any "flood hazard area" as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Insurance Rate Map, shall be subdivided and developed only if:

1. All such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage;
2. All public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located, elevated and/or constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage;
3. Adequate drainage is provided so as to reduce exposure to flood hazards;
4. New or replacement water supply systems and/or sanitary sewage systems are designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters and require on-site waste disposal systems to be located so as to avoid impairment of them or contamination from them during flooding;
5. All preliminary subdivision plats shall identify any areas of special flood hazard and the elevation of the base flood;
6. All final subdivision plats shall identify the elevation of proposed structures and pads. If the site is filled above base flood, the final pad elevation shall be certified by a professional engineer or surveyor;
7. Each lot must include a site suitable for constructing a structure in conformity with the standards of Article 7 and 8 of these land development regulations;
8. Base flood elevation data shall be provided for subdivision proposals and other proposed development, (including mobile home parks), which is greater than the lesser of fifty (50) lots or five (5) acres;
9. All agreements for deed, purchase agreements, leases or other contracts for sale or exchange of lots within an area of special flood hazard and all instruments conveying title to lots within an area of special flood hazard must prominently publish the following flood hazard warning in the document:

PLEASE NOTE

This property may be subject to flooding. You should contact the Land Development Regulation Administrator and obtain the latest information about flood elevations and restrictions before making plans for the use of this property.

SECTION 8.15 WATER SUPPLY AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS IN FLOODWAYS AND FLOODPLAINS

Whenever any portion of a proposed development is located within a floodway or floodplain, the Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Environmental Regulation and the Water Management District shall be informed by the subdivider that a specified area within the development lies within a floodway or floodplain. Thereafter, approval of the proposed systems by such agencies shall constitute a certification that:

1. Such water supply system is designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into it;
2. Such sanitary sewer system is designed to eliminate infiltration of flood waters into it and discharges from it into flood waters; and
3. Any on-site sewage disposal system is located to avoid impairment to it or contamination from it during flooding.

SECTION 8.16 ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADMINISTRATOR RELATED TO FLOOD INSURANCE AND FLOOD CONTROL

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall:

1. For the purpose of the determination of applicable flood insurance risk premium rates within Zone A on the Flood Insurance Rate Map published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency:
   a. Obtain from the applicant the elevation, which is certified by a registered professional engineer or surveyor (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest habitable floor (including any portion of the structure below grade) of all new or substantially improved structures; and
   b. Obtain, from the applicant for all structures that have been flood-proofed (whether or not such structures contain a portion which is below grade), the elevation, which is certified by a registered professional engineer or surveyor, (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure was floodproofed.
2. Notify, in riverine situations, adjacent communities, the local district office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of Florida National Flood Insurance Program Coordinating Office (Florida Department of Community Affairs), the Regional Planning Council and the Water Management District prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse and submit copies of such notification to the Federal Insurance Administrator.
3. Ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained.
4. Advised the applicant that additional federal or state permits may be required, and if specific federal or state permit requirements are known, inform applicant of such permit requirements.

5. Verify actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement of all new or substantially improved structures are in accordance with these regulations.

6. Verify actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the new or substantially improved structures have been flood-proofed are in accordance with these regulations. Include the certification by professional engineer or architect of compliance in the record of the application.

7. Decide boundaries of areas of special flood hazard where mapped boundaries conflict with actual field conditions. Such decision may be appealed in accordance with these land development regulations.

8. Utilize the best available base flood elevation data for instances in which such data is not provided in accordance with these land development regulations. Base flood elevation data shall be provided for subdivision proposals and other proposed development in excess of fifty (50) lots or five (5) acres.

9. Maintain records, available for public inspection, in the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator

SECTION 8.17 LOCATION OF BOUNDARIES OF FLOODPLAIN AND FLOODWAY DISTRICTS

As used in this Article, the terms floodplain and floodway refer in the first instance to certain areas whose boundaries are determined and can be located on the ground by reference to the specific fluvial characteristics set forth in the definitions of these terms in Section 2.1.

SECTION 8.18 STANDARDS FOR REDUCING FLOOD HAZARDS IN THE SUWANNEE RIVER CORRIDOR

In the Suwannee River Floodplain, the following regulations shall apply:

8.18.1 Scope of Floodplain Regulations. This section requires a permit for all development of any land within the one hundred (100) year flood area of the river stated in this section. No development of any land in the lying within the one hundred (100) year flood area of this river shall be commenced without first obtaining a permit as set forth herein. This permit shall be referred to herein as the Development Permit. This Section also provides additional requirements for the subdivision of land lying within the one hundred (100) year flood area.

8.18.2 Establishment of Official One Hundred (100) Year Flood Elevations and Map Series. The most recent and reliable flood elevations established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or, if not available, Water Management District based on the historical flood elevations of record which most closely approximate the 100-year flood shall be used.

These elevations shall be referred to as the "Official One Hundred (100) Year Flood Elevations". These areas shall be delineated by the "Official One Hundred (100) Year Flood Map Series". The said Map Series shall be available in the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

8.18.3 Compliance. All development shall be in compliance with the terms of these land development regulations and other applicable regulations.

8.18.4 Abrogation and Greater Restrictions. This section does not repeal any existing easements, covenants, deed restrictions or ordinances. However, where this section and such other restrictions conflict whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.

8.18.5 Interpretation. In the interpretation and application of this section all provisions shall be: (1) considered an minimum requirements, and, (2) deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.

8.18.6 Establishment of Development Permit. A Development Permit shall be required for development of land located within the area delineated on the official one hundred (100) year flood map and having ground elevations less than the official one hundred (100) year flood elevation.

8.18.6.1 Application for a Development Permit shall be made to the Land Development Regulation Administrator and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: plans in duplicate drawn showing the nature, location, dimensions and elevations of the area in question; and the location of existing or proposed structure, modifications and fill.

8.18.6.2 The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall forward the application to the appropriate agencies to process the following:

a. The official one hundred (100) year flood elevation(s) and the official ten (10) year flood elevation(s). (Agency: Water Management District).

b. Elevation of the lowest habitable floor of all proposed structures. (Agency: Water Management District).

c. A wastewater permit indicating the location of onsite wastewater disposal systems or sanitary sewers with grade, pipe, size and points of discharge. (Agency: County Health Department).

d. Certificates of compliance with other federal, state, regional or local agency permit requirements attached to the Development Permit form. This may include compliance with the water well requirements of the Water Management District and the Department of Health and the septic tank requirements of the Department of Health.

8.18.7 Subdivision Plat Approval. Subdivision plats, submitted pursuant to the requirements of Article 5 of these land development regulations, and lying totally or partially within the one hundred (100) year flood area shall include the following information:

a. A complete plat map of the proposed subdivision drawn at two (2) foot elevations, depicting the location of all bodies of water within the boundaries or bordering along the subdivision, and delineation of the official one hundred (100) year flood elevation and official ten (10) Year Flood Elevation. A Florida professional engineer shall certify the adverse effects of any said bodies of water on the described lands and development during ten (10), and one hundred (100) year flood stages;

b. The location of all permanent elevation monuments;

c. A plan view of the subdivision plat with contour lines connecting points of equal depth of floodwaters based on the official one hundred (100) year flood elevations at not less than two (2) foot contour elevations;

d. Preliminary engineering plans, prepared by a registered Florida professional engineer which show the proposed location of roads, profile grade showing proposed grade line and original grade line, fill-excavation, ditches and drainage structures; and

e. The following flood hazard warning shall be prominently displayed on the plat:

PLEASE NOTE

This property may be subject to flooding. You should contact the Land Development Regulation Administrator and obtain the latest information about flood elevations and restrictions before making plans for the use of this property.

8.18.8 General Requirements and Minimum Standards of Design. In all areas where the official one hundred (100) year flood elevations have been provided as set forth in these land development regulations, the following provisions shall apply:

8.18.8.1 Construction - New construction or substantial improvement of any structure, including mobile homes, shall have the lowest habitable floor elevated to one (1) foot above the official one hundred (100) year flood elevations without the use of fill.

8.18.8.2 Roads - All roads shall be constructed to specifications set forth in Article 5 of these land development regulations, and if possible construct at natural grade but in any event the road shall be designed to accommodate the natural flow of water. In the case of subdivisions, the foregoing shall be certified by a registered Florida professional engineer.

8.18.8.3 Increase in Flood Elevations - No permit shall be approved if proposed levees, fills, structures or other features will individually or collectively increase the flood elevations beyond the upstream property limits of the developer's property line.

8.18.8.4 Permanent Elevation Monuments - The developer shall install permanent elevation monuments for each lot within the subdivision. (The monument may be shared by adjacent lots).

8.18.8.5 Drainage Facilities - Drainage facilities shall be designed to store and convey the flow of stormwaters without damage to persons or property pursuant to the provisions of these land development regulations and other applicable local or state rules governing stormwater discharge.

8.18.8.6 Wastewater Disposal - If a mound absorption system is necessary to comply with the requirements of Chapter 64E-6, Florida Administrative Code for proper functioning, then the minimum lot or parcel size shall be five (5) acres. The five (5) acre minimum shall not apply to lots or tracts smaller than five (5) acres, which were recorded prior to the effective date of these land development regulations. The volume of fill used in a mound absorption system shall be limited to one hundred sixty (160) cubic yards of fill. For areas where septic tank systems do not meet the requirements these land development regulations or Chapter, Florida Administrative Code,

alternative wastewater disposal systems approved by the Department of Health must be utilized. Sanitary sewer systems shall be designed to withstand flooding to the Official One Hundred (100) Year flood Elevation as follows:

a. Pipe system must be able to withstand pressure of water above ground; and

b. Manholes, pump stations and treatment plants must either be elevated to two (2) feet above the official one hundred (100) year flood elevation or sealed to hydrostatic pressure of one hundred (100) year flood.

8.18.8.7 Erosion and Sedimentation Control - The developer shall be required to utilize grading techniques, site design, landscaping, sedimentation basins, special vegetation cover and other measures to reduce erosion and sedimentation caused by the development.

8.18.8.8 Riverbank Setback - All development activities must take place landward of the Riverbank Setback Line, which is a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet for residential uses and for all uses other than residential (excepting public resource based recreational activities), a riverbank setback as established in Rule 40B-4, Florida Administrative Code, as amended, shall be required. Vegetation riverward of the Riverbank Setback Line shall be preserved provided that reasonable access shall not be unduly restricted. Elevated boardwalks and docks may be constructed riverward of the Riverbank Setback Line subject to all other applicable regulations.

8.18.9 Development Permit Review. The Land Development Regulation Administrator is hereby appointed to administer and implement this Article. Duties of the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. Review all development permit forms for completeness of information and for accuracy in order to allow for a timely review by the Land Development Regulation Administrator and other agencies. If the development permit form is determined to be incomplete or inaccurate, the Land Development Administrator shall not begin review for compliance with this Article until such time as a complete and accurate form is provided.

b. Review all development permit forms to determine if the proposed development complies with the general requirements and minimum standards of design. If the proposed development does not comply with the provisions of this Article, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall deny the development permit.

c. Review all development permit forms for certificates of compliance as required in this Article.

d. Information to be obtained and maintained by the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall include the following:

(1) Verify and record the actual elevation of the lowest habitable floor of all new or substantially improved structures;

(2) All records pertaining to the provisions of this Article shall be maintained in the Office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator and shall be open for public inspection; and

(3) Copies of all development permits issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall be supplied to the Water Management District.

ARTICLE NINE

MINIMUM HOUSING REGULATIONS

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SECTION 9.1 ARTICLE REMEDIAL

This Article is hereby declared to be remedial and shall be construed to secure the beneficial interests and purposes thereof, which are public safety, health and general welfare, through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards incident to the construction, alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use and occupancy of residential buildings.

SECTION 9.2 SCOPE

The provisions of this Article shall apply to all vacant buildings or portions thereof used, or designed or intended to be used, for human habitation, regardless of when such building may have been constructed.

This Article establishes minimum standards for occupancy of a vacant structure, and does not replace or modify standards otherwise established for construction, replacement or repair of buildings except such as are contrary to the provisions of this Article.

Buildings or structures moved into or within the County shall comply with the requirements in the County Building Code for new buildings.

SECTION 9.3 EXISTING BUILDINGS

9.3.1 Alterations, repairs or rehabilitation work may be made to any existing building without requiring the building to comply with all the requirements of this Article provided that the alteration, repair or rehabilitation work conforms to the requirements of the County Building Code for new construction. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall determine, subject to appeal to the Board of Adjustments, the extent, if any, to which the existing building shall be made to conform to the requirements of this Article for new construction.

9.3.2 Alterations, repairs or rehabilitation work shall not cause an existing building to become unsafe as defined in Section 2.1 of these land development regulations.

9.3.3 If the occupancy classification of an existing building is changed, the building shall be made to conform to the intent of this Article for the new occupancy classification as established by the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

9.3.4 Repairs and alterations, not covered by the preceding paragraphs of this Article, restoring a building to its condition previous to damage or deterioration, or altering it in conformity with the provisions of this Article or in such manner as will not extend or increase an existing nonconformity or hazard, may be made with the same kind of materials as those of which the building is constructed; but not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the roof covering of a building shall be replaced in any period of twelve (12) months unless the entire roof covering is made to conform with the requirements of the County Building Code for new buildings.

SECTION 9.4 SPECIAL HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND DISTRICTS

The provisions of this Article relating to the construction alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or moving buildings or structures shall not be mandatory for existing buildings or structures designated by these land development regulations as historic buildings when such buildings or structures are judged by the Land Development Regulation Administrator to be safe and in the public interest of health, safety and welfare regarding any proposed construction, alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or moving of buildings. The applicant shall submit complete architectural and engineering plans and specifications bearing the seal of a professional engineer or architect registered in the State of Florida.

SECTION 9.5 MAINTENANCE

All buildings or structures, both existing and new, and all parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. All devices or safeguards which are required by this Article in a building when erected, altered or repaired shall be maintained in good working order. The owner, or his designated agent, shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings, structures and premises.

SECTION 9.6 APPLICATION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to cancel, modify or set aside any other provision of these land development regulations.

SECTION 9.7 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall be the enforcement officer of the provisions of this Article.

SECTION 9.8 RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYEES

An officer or employee of the County shall not be financially interested in the furnishing of labor, material or appliances for the construction, alteration or maintenance of a building, or in the making of plans or of specifications therefore, unless he or she is the owner of such building. Such officer or employee shall not engage in any work which is inconsistent with his or her duties or with the interests of the County.

SECTION 9.9 RECORDS

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall keep, or cause to be kept, a record of such actions related to this Article.

SECTION 9.10 RIGHT OF ENTRY

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall enforce the provisions of this Article, and such Land Development Regulation Administrator, or their duly authorized representative upon presentation of proper identification to the owner, agent or tenant in charge of such property, may enter any building, structure, dwelling, apartment, apartment house or premises, during all reasonable hours, except in cases of emergency where extreme hazards are known to exist which may involve the potential loss of life or severe property damage, in which case the above limitations shall not apply.

SECTION 9.11 UNSAFE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

All residential buildings or structures used as such which are unsafe, unsanitary, unfit for human habitation or not provided with adequate egress; or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use constitute a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, are severally in contemplation of this Article, unsafe buildings. All such unsafe buildings are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by repair and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the following procedure:

9.11.1 Whenever the Land Development Regulation Administrator determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that there has been a violation of any provision of this Article, he or she shall give notice of such alleged violation to the person or persons responsible therefore and such alleged violations shall constitute a nuisance. Such notice shall.

1. Be put in writing;
2. Include a statement of the reasons why it is being issued;
3. Allow one hundred twenty (120) days time for the performance of any act it requires;
4. Said notice shall further state that, if such repairs reconstruction, alterations, removal, or demolition are not voluntarily completed within the stated time as set forth in the notice, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall institute such legal proceedings charging the person or persons, firm, corporation or agent with a violation of this Article.

   In addition, the notice shall include a statement advising that any person having any legal interest in the property may appeal the notice by the Land Development Regulation Administrator to the Board of Adjustment; and that such appeal shall be in writing in the form specified by the County and shall be filed with the Land Development Regulation Administrator within thirty (30) days from the date of the notice and that failure to appeal in the time specified will constitute a waiver of all rights to an appeal.

9.11.2 Service of notice shall be as follows:

1. By depositing the notice in the United States Post Office addressed to the owner at his last known address by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, thereon; or
2. By posting and keeping posted for ten (10) days a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place on the premises to be repaired and a posted notice to be located in a conspicuous place at the County Courthouse.

9.11.3 When a residential building is to be demolished, it shall be done so in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 9.12 REQUIREMENTS NOT COVERED BY THIS ARTICLE

Any requirement, not specifically covered by this Article, found necessary for the safety, health and general welfare of the occupants of any dwelling, shall be determined by the Land Development Regulation Administrator be subject to appeal to the Board of Adjustment.

SECTION 9.13 LIABILITY

Any officer or employee charged with the enforcement of this Article, in the discharge of their duties, shall not thereby render themselves liable personally, and they are hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of their duties. Any suit brought against any officer or employee because of this Article shall be defended by the County Attorney until the final termination of the proceedings.

SECTION 9.14 LETTER OF COMPLIANCE

A letter indicating compliance with the provisions of this Article may be issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

SECTION 9.15 INSPECTIONS

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall make or cause to be made inspections to determine the condition of residential buildings and premises in the interest of safeguarding the health and safety of the occupants of such buildings and of the general public. For the purpose of making such inspections, the Land Development Regulation Administrator, or their agent, is hereby authorized to enter, examine and survey at all reasonable times all residential buildings and premises. The owner or occupant of every residential building or the person in charge thereof shall give the Land Development Regulation Administrator free access to such residential building and its premises, at all reasonable times for the purpose of such inspection, examination and survey.

SECTION 9.16 HARDSHIPS
(Refer to Section 12.3.4 of these land development regulations.)

SECTION 9.17 DECISIONS

All decisions of the Board of Adjustment to vary the application of any provision of this Article or to modify an order of the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall specify in what manner such variance or modification is made, the conditions upon which it is made, and the reasons therefor. Every decision shall be promptly filed in the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

SECTION 9.18 APPEALS
(Refer to Section 12.1.3 of these land development regulations.)

SECTION 9.19 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR BASE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

No person shall occupy as owner-occupant or let or sublet to another for occupancy any vacant dwelling or vacant dwelling unit designed or intended to be used for the purpose of living, sleeping, cooking or eating therein without first obtaining a Certificate of Land Development Regulation Compliance from the Land Development Regulation Administrator, nor shall any vacant dwelling building be permitted to exist which does not comply with the following requirements.

9.19.1 Sanitary Facilities Required. Every dwelling unit shall contain not less than a kitchen sink, lavatory, tub or shower, and a water closet all in good working condition and properly connected to an approved water and sanitary sewer system. Every plumbing fixture and water and wastewater pipe shall be properly installed and maintained in good sanitary working condition free from defects, leaks and obstructions.

9.19.2 Location of Sanitary Facilities.

1. All required plumbing fixtures shall be located within the dwelling unit and be accessible to the occupants of same. The water closet, tub or shower and lavatory shall be located in a room affording privacy to the user and such room shall have a minimum floor space of thirty (30) square feet, with no dimension less than four (4) feet; and

2. Bathrooms shall be accessible from habitable rooms, hallways, corridors or other protected or enclosed areas, not including kitchens or other food preparation areas.

9.19.3 Hot and Cold Water Supply. Every dwelling unit shall have connected to the kitchen sink, lavatory and tub or shower an adequate supply of both cold water and hot water.

9.19.4 Water Heating Facilities. Every dwelling unit shall have water heating facilities which are properly installed and maintained in a safe and good working condition and are capable of heating water to such a temperature as to permit an adequate amount of water to be drawn at every required kitchen sink, lavatory basin, bathtub or shower at a temperature of not less than one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit. Minimum storage capacity of the water heater shall be thirty (30) gallons. Such water heating facilities shall be capable of meeting the requirements of this Article when the dwelling or dwelling unit heating facilities required under the provisions of this Article are not in operation. Apartment houses may use a centralized water heating facility capable of heating an adequate amount of water as required by the Southern Standard Plumbing Code to not less than one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit.

9.19.5 Heating Facilities.

1. Every dwelling unit shall have heating facilities which are properly installed, are maintained in safe and good working conditions, and are capable of safely and adequately heating all habitable rooms and bathrooms in every dwelling unit located therein to a temperature of at least seventy (70) degrees Fahrenheit at a distance three (3) feet above floor level, under ordinary minimum winter conditions;

2. Where a central heating system is not provided, each dwelling unit shall be provided with facilities whereby heating appliances may be connected;

3. Unvented fuel burning heaters shall be prohibited except for gas heaters listed for unvented use and the total input rating of the unvented heaters is less than thirty (30) British thermal units per hour per cubic feet of room content; and

4. Unvented fuel burning heaters shall be prohibited in bedrooms.

9.19.6 Cooking and Heating Equipment. All cooking and heating equipment and facilities shall be installed in accordance with the building, mechanical, gas or electrical code and shall be maintained in a safe and good working condition. Portable cooking equipment employing flame is prohibited.

9.19.7 Garbage Disposal Facilities. Every dwelling unit shall have adequate garbage disposal facilities or garbage storage containers.

9.19.8 Fire Protection. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or shall let to another for occupancy, any building or structure which does not comply with the applicable provisions of the fire prevention code of the County.

9.19.9 Smoke Detector Systems. Every dwelling unit shall be provided with an approved listed smoke detector, installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and listing. When activated, the detector shall provide an audible alarm. The detector shall be tested in accordance with and meet the requirements of Underwriters Laboratory 217, Single and Multiple Station Smoke Detectors.

SECTION 9.20 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR LIGHT AND VENTILATION

9.20.1 Size. Every habitable room shall have at least one (1) window or skylight facing directly to the outdoors. The minimum total window area, measured between stops, for every habitable room shall be eight percent (8%) of the floor area of such room. Whenever walls or other portions of structures face a window of any such room and such light-obstruction structures are located less than three (3) feet from the window and extend to a level above that of the ceiling of the room, such a window shall not be deemed to face directly to the outdoors and shall not be included as contributing to the required minimum total window area. Whenever the only window in a room is a skylight-type window in the top of such room, the total window area of such skylight shall equal at least fifteen percent (15%) of the total floor area of such room.

9.20.2 Habitable Rooms.

1. Every habitable room shall have at least one (1) window or skylight which can be easily opened, or such other device as will adequately ventilate the room. The total of openable window area in every habitable room shall equal to at least forty-five percent (45%) of the minimum window area size or minimum skylight-type window size, as required, or shall have other approved, equivalent ventilation; and

2. Year round mechanically ventilating conditioned air systems may be substituted for windows, as required herein, in rooms other than rooms used for sleeping purposes. Window type air-conditioning units are not included in this exception.

9.20.3 Bathroom. Every bathroom shall comply with the light and ventilation requirements for habitable rooms except that no window or skylight shall be required in adequately ventilated bathrooms equipped with an approved ventilating system.

9.20.4 Electric Lights and Outlets Required. Where there is electric service available to the building structure, every habitable room or space shall contain at least two (2) separate and remote convenience outlets and bedrooms shall have, in addition, at least one (1) wall switch controlled ceiling or wall type light fixture. In kitchens, three (3) separate and remote convenience outlets shall be provided, and a wall or ceiling type light fixture controlled by a wall switch shall be required. Every hall, water closet compartment, bathroom, laundry room or furnace room shall contain at least one (1) electric fixture. In bathrooms, the electric light fixture shall be controlled by a wall switch. In addition to the electric light fixture in every bathroom and laundry room, there shall be provided at least one (1) convenience outlet. Any new bathroom outlet shall have ground-fault circuit interrupter protection. Every such outlet and fixture shall be properly installed, shall be maintained in good and safe working condition, and shall be connected to the source of electric power in a safe manner.

9.20.5 Light in Public Halls and Stairways. Every common hall and inside stairway in every building, other than one-family dwellings, shall be adequately lighted at all times with an illumination of at least one (1) foot candle intensity at the floor in the darkest portion of the normally traveled stairs and passageways.

SECTION 9.21 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Every electrical outlet and fixture required by this Article shall be installed, maintained and connected to a source of electric power in accordance with the provisions of the electrical code of the County.

SECTION 9.22 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR OF STRUCTURES

9.22.1 Foundation. The building foundation system shall be maintained in a safe manner and capable of supporting the load which normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

9.22.2 Exterior Walls. Every exterior wall shall be free of holes, breaks, loose or rotting boards or timbers, and any other conditions which might admit rain, or dampness to the interior portions of the walls or to the occupied spaces of the building. All siding material shall be kept in repair.

9.22.3 Roofs. Roofs shall be structurally sound and maintained in a safe manner and have no defects which might admit rain or cause dampness in the walls or interior portion of the building.

9.22.4 Means of Egress. Every dwelling unit shall have safe, unobstructed means of egress with minimum ceiling height of seven (7) feet leading to a safe and open space at ground level. Stairs shall have a minimum head room of six (6) feet eight (8) inches.

9.22.5 Stairs, Porches and Appurtenance. Every inside and outside stair, porch and any appurtenance thereto shall be safe to use and capable of supporting the load that normal use may cause to be placed thereon; and shall be kept in sound condition and good repair.

9.22.6 Protective Railings. Protective railings shall be required on any unenclosed structure over thirty (30) inches from the ground level or on any steps containing four (4) risers or more.

9.22.7 Windows and Doors. Every window, exterior door and basement or cellar door and hatchway shall be substantially weathertight, watertight, and rodent proof; and shall be kept in sound working condition and good repair.

9.22.8 Windows to be Glazed. Every window sash shall be fully supplied with glass window panes or an approved substitute which are without open cracks or holes.

9.22.9 Window Sash. Window sash shall be properly fitted and weathertight within the window frame.

9.22.10 Windows to be Openable. Every window required for light and ventilation for habitable rooms shall be capable of being easily opened and secured in position by window hardware.

9.22.11 Hardware. Every exterior door shall be provided with proper hardware and be maintained in good condition.

9.22.12 Door Frames. Every exterior door shall fit reasonably well within its frame so as to substantially exclude rain and wind from entering the dwelling building.

9.22.13 Screens. Dwelling units which do not have a central air conditioning system shall have screens on all exterior openable windows and shall have a screen door with a self-closing device on all exterior doors except for the one (1) main entrance door.

9.22.14 Protective Treatment. All exterior wood surfaces, other than decay resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. All siding shall be weather resistant and water tight. All masonry joints shall be sufficiently tuck pointed to insure water and air tightness.

9.22.15 Accessory Structures. Garages, storage buildings and other accessory structures shall be maintained and kept in good repair and sound structural condition.

9.22.16 Interior Floor, Walls, and Ceilings. Every floor, interior wall and ceiling shall be substantially rodent proof; shall be kept in sound condition and good repair; and shall be safe to use and capable of supporting the load which normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

Every toilet, bathroom and kitchen floor surface shall be constructed and maintained so as to be substantially impervious to water and so as to permit such floor to be easily kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

9.22.17 Structural Supports. Every structural element of the dwelling shall be maintained structurally sound and show no evidence of deterioration which would render them incapable of carrying loads which normal use may cause to be placed thereon.

9.22.18 Protective Railings for Interior Stairs. Interior stairs and stairwells more than four (4) risers high shall have handrails located in accordance with the requirements of the building code. Handrails or protective railings shall be capable of bearing normally imposed loads and be maintained in good condition.

9.22.19 Firestopping and Draftstopping.

1. Firestopping shall be maintained to cut off all concealed draft openings both horizontal and vertical and to form a fire barrier between floors and between the upper floor and the roof space; and
2. Draftstopping shall be maintained to cut off all concealed draft openings in floor/ceiling assemblies and in attics.

SECTION 9.23 MINIMUM DWELLING SPACE REQUIREMENTS

9.23.1 Required Space in Dwelling Unit. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Land Development Regulation Compliance the dwelling unit shall contain at least one hundred fifty (150) square feet of floor space for the first occupant thereof and at least one hundred (100) additional square feet of floor area per additional occupant. The floor area shall be calculated on the basis of the total area of all habitable rooms.

9.23.2 Required Space in Sleeping Rooms. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Land Development Regulation Compliance in every dwelling unit of two (2) or more rooms, every room occupied for sleeping purposes by one (1) occupant shall contain at least seventy (70) square feet of floor space, and every room occupied for sleeping purposes by more than one occupant shall contain at least fifty (50) square feet of floor space for each occupant thereof.

9.23.3 Minimum Ceiling Height. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Land Development Regulation Compliance all habitable rooms other than kitchen, storage rooms and laundry rooms shall have a ceiling height of not less than seven (7) feet. Hallways, corridors, bathrooms, water closet rooms and kitchens shall have a ceiling height of not less than seven (7) feet measured to the lowest projection from the ceiling.

If any room in a building has a sloping ceiling, the prescribed ceiling height for the room is required in only one-half (1/2) the area thereof. No portion of the room measuring less than five (5) feet from the finished floor to the finished ceiling shall be included in any computation of the minimum area thereof.

9.23.4 Occupancy of Dwelling Unit Below Grade. No basement or cellar space shall be used as a habitable room or dwelling unit unless:

1. The floor and walls are impervious to leakage of underground and surface runoff water and are insulated against dampness;
2. The total of window area in each room is equal to at least the minimum window area size as required in this Article;
3. Such required minimum window area is located entirely above the grade of the ground adjoining such window area; and
4. The total of openable window area in each room is equal to at least the minimum as required in this Article, except where there is supplied some other device affording adequate ventilation.

SECTION 9.24 SANITATION REQUIREMENTS

9.24.1 Sanitation. Every owner of a multiple dwelling shall be responsible for maintaining in a clean and sanitary condition the shared or common areas of the dwelling and premises thereof.

9.24.2 Cleanliness. Every tenant of a dwelling unit shall keep in a clean and sanitary condition that part of the dwelling, dwelling unit and premises thereof which he or she occupies or which is provided for his or her particular use.

9.24.3 Garbage Disposal. Every tenant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall dispose of all his or her garbage and any other organic waste which might provide food for rodents and all rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing it in the garbage disposal facilities or garbage or rubbish storage containers.

9.24.4 Care of Premises. It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of a residential building, structure or property to utilize the premises of such residential property for the open storage of any abandoned motor vehicle, ice box, refrigerator, stove, glass, building material, building rubbish or similar items. It shall be the duty and responsibility of every such owner or occupant to keep the premises of such residential property clean and to remove from the premises all such abandoned items as listed above, including but not limited to weeds, dead trees, trash and garbage.

9.24.5 Extermination. Every occupant of a one (1) family dwelling building and every owner of a building containing two (2) or more dwelling units shall be responsible for the extermination of any insects, rodents or other pests within the building or premises.

9.24.6 Use and Operation of Supplied Plumbing Fixtures. Every tenant of a dwelling unit shall keep all plumbing fixtures therein in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be responsible for the exercise of reasonable care in the proper use and operation thereof.

SECTION 9.25 ROOMING HOUSES

No person shall operate a rooming house, or shall occupy or let to another for occupancy any rooming unit in any rooming house, except in compliance with the provisions of this Article.

9.25.1 Water Closet, Lavatory and Bath Facilities.

1. At least one (1) flush water closet, lavatory basin and bathtub or shower, properly connected to a water and sanitary sewer system and in good working condition, shall be supplied for each four (4) rooms within a rooming house wherever said facilities are shared; and

2. All such facilities shall be located on the floor they serve within the dwelling so as to be reasonably accessible from a common hall or passageway to all persons sharing such facilities.

9.25.2 Water Heater Required. Every lavatory basin and bathtub or shower shall be supplied with hot water at all times.

9.25.3 Minimum Floor Area for Sleeping Purposes. Every room occupied for sleeping purposes by one (1) person shall contain at least seventy (70) square feet of floor space and every room occupied for sleeping purposes by more than one (1) person shall contain at least fifty (50) square feet of floor space for each occupant thereof.

9.25.4 Exit Requirement. Every rooming unit shall have safe, unobstructed means of egress leading to safe and open space at ground level, as required by the building code of the County.

9.25.5 Sanitary Conditions. The operator of every rooming house shall be responsible for the sanitary maintenance of all walls, floors, and ceilings, and for maintenance of a sanitary condition in every other part of the rooming house; and he or she shall be further responsible for the sanitary maintenance of the entire premises where the entire structure or building is leased or occupied by the operator.

SECTION 9.26 DESIGNATION OF UNFIT DWELLINGS AND LEGAL PROCEDURE OF CONDEMNATION

The designation of vacant dwellings or vacant dwelling units as unfit for human habitation and the procedure for the condemnation and posting of such unfit dwellings or dwelling units shall be carried out in compliance with the following requirements:

9.26.1 Dangerous Structures. Any vacant dwelling or vacant dwelling unit which shall be found to have any of the following defects shall be condemned as unfit for human habitation and declared to be a nuisance and shall be so designated and posted by the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

1. One (1) which is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe or vermin-infested that it creates a serious hazard to the health or safety of the occupants or the public.

2. One (1) which lacks illumination, ventilation or sanitation facilities adequate to protect the health or safety of the occupants or the public.

9.26.2 Form of Notice. Whenever the Land Development Regulation Administrator has declared a vacant one (1) family dwelling or multi-family dwelling as unfit for human habitation and constituting a nuisance, he or she shall give notice to the owner of such declaration and posting of the one (1) family dwelling or multi-family dwelling as unfit for human habitation. Such notice shall:

1. Be in writing;

2. Include a description of the real estate sufficient for identification;

3. Said notice shall further state that, if such repairs, reconstruction, alterations, removal, or demolition are not voluntarily completed within the stated time as set forth in the notice, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall institute such legal proceedings charging the person or persons, firm, corporation, or agent with a violation of this Article.

In addition, the notice shall include a statement advising that any person having any legal interest in the property may appeal the notice by the Land Development Regulation Administrator to the Board of Adjustment; and that such appeal shall be in writing in the form specified by the County and shall be filed with the Land Development Regulation Administrator within thirty (30) days from the date of the notice and that failure to appeal in the time specified will constitute a waiver of all rights to an appeal.

9.26.3 Service of Notice. Service of notice shall be as follows:

1. By depositing the notice in the United States Post Office addressed to the owner at his last known address by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, thereon; or

2. By posting and keeping posted for ten (10) days a copy of the notice in placard form in a conspicuous place on the premises and a posted notice to be located in a conspicuous place at the County Courthouse.

9.26.4 Occupancy of Building. No dwelling or dwelling unit which has been condemned and placarded as unfit for human habitation shall again be used for human habitation until approval is secured from and such placard is removed by the Land Development Regulation Administrator. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall remove such placard whenever the defect or defects upon which the condemnation and placarding action were based have been eliminated.

9.26.5 Removal of Placard or Notice. No person shall deface or remove the placard from any dwelling or dwelling unit which has been condemned as unfit for human habitation and placarded as such, except as provided herein.

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SECTION 10.1 SCOPE

10.1.1 Article Remedial. This Article is hereby declared to be remedial and shall be constructed to secure the beneficial interests and purposes thereof, which are public safety, health and general welfare, through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards incident to the construction, alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use and occupancy of buildings, structures or premises.

10.1.2 Scope. The provisions of this Article shall apply to unoccupied and unsafe buildings or structures as herein defined, and shall apply equally to new and existing conditions.

10.1.3 Alterations, Repairs or Rehabilitation Work.

1. Alterations, repairs or rehabilitation work may be made to any existing building without requiring the building to comply with all the requirements of the County Building Code provided that the alteration, repair or rehabilitation work conforms to the requirements of the County Building Code for new construction. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall determine, subject to appeal to the Board of Adjustment the extent, if any, to which the existing building shall be made to conform to the requirements of the County Building Code for new construction;

2. Alterations, repairs or rehabilitation work shall not cause an existing building to become unsafe as defined in Section 2.1 of these land development regulations;

3. If the occupancy classification of an existing building is changed, the building shall be made to conform to the intent of the County Building Code for the new occupancy classification as established by the Land Development Regulation Administrator; and

4. Repairs and alterations, not covered by the preceding paragraphs of this Article, restoring a building to its condition previous to damage or deterioration, or altering it in conformity with the provisions of this Article or in such manner as will not extend or increase an existing nonconformity or hazard, may be made with the same kind of materials as those of which the building is constructed.

10.1.4 Special Historic Buildings and Districts. The provisions of this Article relating to the construction alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or moving buildings or structures shall not be mandatory for existing buildings or structures identified and classified by the Comprehensive Plan and these land development regulations as historic buildings when such buildings or structures are judged by the Land Development Regulation Administrator to be safe and in the public interest of health, safety and welfare regarding any proposed construction, alteration, repair, enlargement, restoration, relocation or moving of buildings within fire districts. The applicant shall be required to submit complete architectural and engineering plans and specifications bearing the seal of a registered Florida professional engineer or architect.

SECTION 10.2 ORGANIZATION

10.2.1 Enforcement Officer. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall be the enforcement officer of the provisions of this Article.

10.2.2 Restrictions on Employees. An officer or employee connected with the County shall not have a financial interest in the furnishing of labor, material or appliances for the construction, alteration, demolition, repair or maintenance of a building, or in the making of plans or of specifications therefor, unless he or she is the owner of such building. Such officer or employee shall not engage in any work which is inconsistent with his or her duties or with the interests of the County.

10.2.3 Records. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall keep or cause to be kept, a record of the actions related to this Article.

SECTION 10.3 POWERS & DUTIES OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADMINISTRATOR

10.3.1 Right of Entry. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall enforce the provisions of this Article, and such Land Development Regulation Administrator, or their duly authorized representative upon presentation of proper identification to the owner, agent or tenant in charge of such property, may enter any building, structure, dwelling, apartment, apartment house or premises, during all reasonable hours, except in cases of emergency where extreme hazards are known to exist which may involve the potential loss of life or severe property damage, in which case the above limitation shall not apply.

10.3.2 Inspections. The Land Development Regulation Administrator, and other authorized representatives are hereby authorized to make such inspections and take such actions as may be required to enforce the provisions of this Article.

10.3.3 Liability. Any officer or employee of the County charged with the enforcement of this Article, acting for the County in the discharge of their duties, shall not thereby render themselves liable personally, and they are hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of duties. Any suit brought against any officer or employee because of such act performed in the enforcement of any provision of this Article shall be defended by the County Attorney until the final termination of the proceedings.

SECTION 10.4 APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
(Refer to Section 12.1.4 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 10.5 INSPECTIONS

10.5.1 General. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall inspect or cause to be inspected any building, structure or portion thereof which is or may be unsafe.

10.5.2 Action Required. After the Land Development Regulation Administrator has inspected or caused to be inspected a building, structure or portion thereof and has determined that such building, structure or portion thereof is unsafe, he or she shall initiate proceedings to cause the abatement of the unsafe condition by repair or demolition.

SECTION 10.6 NOTICE

10.6.1 Form.

1. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall prepare and issue a notice of unsafe building directed to the owner of record of the building or structure. The notice shall contain, but not be limited to, the following:

   a. The street address and/or legal description of the building, structure or premise;

b. A statement indicating the building or structure has been declared unsafe by the Land Development Regulation Administrator, and a report adequately documenting the conditions determined to have rendered the building or structure unsafe under the provisions of this Article; and

c. The action required to be taken as determined by the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

2. If the building or structure is to be repaired, the notice shall require that all necessary permits be secured and the work commenced within sixty (60) days and continued to completion within such time as the Land Development Regulation Administrator determines. The notice shall also indicate the degree to which the repairs must comply with the provisions of the County Building Code, in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

3. If the building or structure is to be demolished, the notice shall require that all required permits for demolition be secured and that the demolition be completed within ninety (90) days except as provided under "Extension of Time," found within this Article.

   a. A statement advising that any person having any legal interest in the property may appeal the notice by the Land Development Regulation Administrator to the Board of Adjustment; and that such appeal shall be in writing in the form specified by the County and shall be filed with the Land Development Regulation Administrator within thirty (30) days from the date of the notice and that failure to appeal in the time specified will constitute a waiver of all rights to appeal.

4. The notice and all attachments thereto shall be served upon the owner of record and posted on the property in a conspicuous location. A copy of the notice and all attachments thereto shall also be served on any person determined from official public records to have a legal interest in the property. Failure of the Land Development Regulation Administrator to serve any person herein required to be served other than the owner of record shall not invalidate any proceedings hereunder nor shall it relieve any other person served from any obligation imposed on him or her.

5. The notice shall be served by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested to the property owner, as it appears on the official public records. If addresses are not available on any person required to be served the notice, the notice addressed to such person shall be mailed to the address of the building or structure involved in the proceedings. The failure of any person to receive notice, other than the owner of record, shall not invalidate any proceedings under this Article. Service by certified mail as herein described shall be effective on the date the notice was received as indicated on the return receipt, or returned refused or unclaimed.

6. Proof of service of the notice shall be by written declaration indicating the date, time and manner in which service was made and signed by the person served on by the return receipt.

SECTION 10.7 STANDARDS FOR COMPLIANCE

When ordering the repair or demolition of an unsafe building or structure, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall order that such work be done in accordance with the County Building Code or demolished at the option of the owner.

SECTION 10.8 COMPLIANCE

10.8.1 Failure to Respond. Any person who, after the order of the Land Development Regulation Administrator or the decision of the Board of Adjustment becomes final, fails or refuses to respond to the direction of such order, shall be prosecuted to the extent provided for by Article 15 of these land development regulations.

10.8.2 Failure to Commence Work. (1) Whenever the required repair or demolition is not commenced within sixty (60) days after the effective date of any order, the building, structure or premise shall be posted as follows:

UNSAFE BUILDING

DO NOT OCCUPY

It shall be punishable by law to occupy this

building or remove or deface this notice.

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10.8.3 Subsequent to posting the building, the Land Development Regulation Administrator may cause the building to be repaired to the extent required to render it safe or, if the notice required demolition, to cause the building or structure to be demolished and all debris removed from the premise.

The cost of repair or demolition shall constitute a lien on the property and shall be collected in a manner provided by law.

10.8.4 Any monies received from the sale of a building or from the demolition thereof, over and above the cost incurred, shall be paid to the owner of record or other persons lawfully entitled thereto.

SECTION 10.9 EXTENSION OF TIME

The Board of Adjustment may approve one (1) or more extensions of time as it may determine to be reasonable to initiate or complete the required repair or demolition. However, such extension or extensions shall not exceed a total of ninety (90) days. Such request for extensions shall be made in writing stating the reasons therefor.

SECTION 10.10 INTERFERENCE

No person shall obstruct or interfere with the implementation of any action required by the final notice of the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Any person found interfering or obstructing such actions shall be prosecuted to the extent provided for by Article 15 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 10.11 PERFORMANCE OF WORK

The repair or demolition of an unsafe building as required in the notice by the Land Development Regulation Administrator or the final decision by the Board of Adjustment shall be performed in an expeditious and workmanlike manner in accordance with the requirements of this Article and all other applicable provisions of these land development regulations and accepted engineering practice standards.

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HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES PRESERVATION REGULATIONS

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SECTION 11.1 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD DESIGNATED AS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY

The Planning and Zoning Board shall serve as the Historic Preservation Agency (hereinafter referred to within this Article as the Agency) to meet the requirements and carry out the responsibilities of this Article.

SECTION 11.2 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE AGENCY

In addition to the powers and duties stated within Article 3 of these land development regulations, the Agency shall take action necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this Article. These actions may include, but are not limited to:

1. Surveying and inventorying of historic buildings and areas and archeological sites and the plan for their preservation and historic designation;
2. Recommending the designation of historic districts and individual landmarks and landmark sites;
3. Regulating alterations, demolitions, relocations and new construction to designated property;
4. Adopting guidelines for changes to designated property;
5. Working with and advising the federal, state and other appropriate governmental agencies and other agencies or boards of local government;
6. Advising and assisting property owners and other persons and groups including neighborhood organizations who are interested in historic preservation;
7. Undertaking educational programs which contribute to the awareness of the preservation of historic sites and structures; and
8. Reviewing applications for historic designation.

SECTION 11.3 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Consideration of the designation of a landmark, landmark site or a historic district shall be initiated by the filing of an application for designation by the Board of County Commissioners, Historic Preservation Agency or any person provided, however, that no such person shall propose a designation of a structure, premises, or an area as a landmark, landmark site or a historic district, which he or she does not own except as agent or attorney for a property owner. The County shall charge a fee for each application as provided for in Article 1 of these land development regulations. The applicant shall complete an application form provided by the Land Development Regulation Administrator which shall include:

1. A written description of the architectural, historical or archeological significance of the proposed landmark, landmark site or historic district and specifically addressing and documenting those related points containing the criteria for designation of property within this Article;
2. Date of construction of the structures on the property and the names of the former owners;
3. Photographs of the property; and
4. Legal description and map of the property to be designated as a landmark, landmark site or historic district.

On applications for the designation of historic districts, the applicant shall also submit (1) Evidence of the approval of the district from two-thirds (2/3) of the property owners; and (2) A written description of the boundaries of the district. The Land Development Regulation Administrator or their designee shall determine when an application is complete and may request additional information when such application is determined to be incomplete.

Applications for such designation shall be considered as applications for amendment of the Historical Resources Map of the Comprehensive Plan and amendment to the Official Zoning Atlas.

SECTION 11.4 PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR DESIGNATIONS

Following the submission of a completed application the Agency shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed designation. Notice of the public hearing and notice to the owner shall be given in accordance with Article 13 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 11.5 CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY

The Agency may recommend the designation of property as a landmark, landmark site or historic district after the public hearing based upon one (1) or more of the following criteria:

1. Its value is a significant reminder of the cultural or archeological heritage of the County, state or nation;
2. Its location is a site of a significant local, state, or national event;
3. It is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the County, state, or nation;
4. It is identified as the work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the County, state, or nation;
5. Its value as a building is recognized for the quality of its architecture, and it retains sufficient elements showing its architectural significance;
6. It has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style, value for the study of a period, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials;
7. Its character is a geographically definable area possessing a significant concentration, or continuity of sites, buildings, objects or structures united in past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development; or
8. Its character is an established and geographically definable neighborhood, united in culture, architectural style, or physical plan and development.

SECTION 11.6 AGENCY RECOMMENDATION

After evaluating the testimony, survey information and other material presented at the public hearing, the Agency shall make its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on the property or area under consideration. Applications for designation shall be recommended for approval or denial. If the Agency recommends a designation, it shall explain how the proposed landmark, landmark site or historic district qualifies for designation under the criteria contained in this Article.

SECTION 11.7 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECISION

The Board of County Commissioners shall approve or disapprove the proposed designation as an amendment to the Historical Resources Map of the Comprehensive Plan and amendment to the Official Zoning Atlas.

SECTION 11.8 SUCCESSIVE APPLICATIONS

Upon denial of the application for designation, there shall be a twelve (12) month waiting period before any applicant may resubmit the proposal, unless the Agency waives said waiting period based upon consideration of the following factors:

1. There is presented with such new written petition new evidence bearing upon the subject matter of the written petition, which could not reasonably have been presented to the Agency at the time of the previous hearing on the written petition; or
2. Failure to waive said twelve (12) months waiting period constitutes a hardship to the applicant resulting from mistake, inadvertence, or newly discovered matters of consideration.

SECTION 11.9 AMENDMENTS AND RESCISSIONS

The designation of any landmark, landmark site or historic district may be amended or rescinded through the same procedure used for the original designation.

SECTION 11.10 APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO LANDMARKS AND LANDMARK SITES

11.10.1 Certificate of Appropriateness. No person may undertake the following actions affecting a designated landmark or landmark site without first obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Agency:

1. Alteration of an archeological site or the exterior part or premises of a building or a structure;
2. New construction;
3. Demolition; or
4. Relocation.

11.10.2 Review of New Construction and Alterations. Review of new construction and alterations to designated buildings and structures shall be limited to exterior changes visible to the public. The Land Development Regulation Administrator is authorized to issue a Stop Work Order whenever any alteration, new construction, demolition or relocation is undertaken on a designated landmark or a designated landmark site without a Certificate of Appropriateness.

A Certificate of Appropriateness shall be in addition to any other building permits required by law. The issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Agency shall not relieve the property owner of the duty to comply with other state and local laws and regulations.

Ordinary repairs and maintenance, that are otherwise permitted by law, may be undertaken without a Certificate of Appropriateness provided this work on a designated landmark or a designated landmark site does not alter the exterior appearance of the building, structure, or archeological site, or alter elements significant to its architectural or historic integrity.

No Certificate of Appropriateness for alteration, new construction, demolition, or relocation pursuant to the provisions of this Article shall be effective for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the Agency's decision. If during that thirty (30) day period an appeal is made to the Board of County Commissioners, the decision of the Agency shall automatically be stayed pending Board of County Commissioners review.

11.10.3 Application Procedure for Certificate of Appropriateness. Each application for a Certificate of Appropriateness shall be accompanied by the required fee. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall forward to the Agency each application for a Certificate of Appropriateness that would authorize an alteration, new construction, demolition or relocation affecting a designated landmark or a designated landmark site.

The applicant shall complete an application form provided by the Land Development Regulation Administrator containing in part the following information:

1. Drawings of the proposed work;
2. Photographs of the existing building or structure and adjacent properties; and
3. Information about the building materials to be used.

   The Land Development Regulation Administrator or their designee shall determine when an application is complete and may request additional information when such application is determined to be incomplete.

11.10.4 Public Hearings for Certificates of Appropriateness. The Agency shall hold a public hearing on each Certificate of Appropriateness on a completed application in accordance with the public hearing procedures set forth in Article 13 of these land development regulations. The Agency shall approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove each application, based on the criteria contained in this Article.

In approving or denying applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for alterations, new construction, demolition or relocation, the Agency shall use the following general guidelines:

1. The effect of the proposed work on the landmark or the property upon which such work is to be done;
2. The relationship between such work and other structures on the landmark site or other property in the historic district;
3. The extent to which the historic, architectural or archeological significance, architectural style, design, arrangement, texture, materials and color of the landmark or the property will be affected;
4. Whether the denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness would deprive the property owner of reasonable beneficial use of his or her property; and
5. Whether the plans may be reasonably carried out by the applicant.

No Certificate of Appropriateness for demolitions shall be issued by the Agency until the applicant has demonstrated that no other feasible alternative to demolition can be found. The Agency may ask interested individuals and organizations for assistance in seeking an alternative to demolition. On all demolition applications, the Agency shall study the question of economic hardship for the applicant and shall determine whether the landmark can be put to reasonable beneficial use without the approval of the demolition application. In the case of an income-producing building, the Agency shall also determine whether the applicant can obtain a reasonable return from his or her existing building. The Agency may ask applicants for additional information to be used in making these determinations including, but not limited to, evidence that the plans for a new building on the site will be implemented. If the applicant fails to establish the lack of a reasonable beneficial use or the lack of a reasonable return, the Agency shall deny the demolition application.

The Agency may grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition even though the designated landmark or designated landmark site has reasonable beneficial use if: (1) The Agency determines that the property no longer contributes to a historic district or no longer has significance as a historic, architectural or archeological landmark; and (2) The Agency determines that the demolition of the designated property is required by a community redevelopment plan or the Comprehensive Plan.

ARTICLE TWELVE

APPEALS, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, VARIANCES AND INTERPRETATIONS

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ARTICLE TWELVE APPEALS, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, VARIANCES AND INTERPRETATIONS

SECTION 12.1 APPEALS

An appeal from any decision of an administrator or board may be taken by any aggrieved person, as follows:

12.1.1 Zoning Regulation Appeals Provisions.

1. Board of Adjustment: Appeals: How Taken

   a. Appeals; hearings; notice. Appeals to the Board of Adjustment concerning interpretation or administration of Article 4 of these land development regulations, for special exception or for variance under these land development regulations may be taken by any person aggrieved or by any officer, agency or bureau of the County affected by any decision of the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Such written appeals shall be taken by filing, within thirty (30) days after said decision is rendered, with the Land Development Regulation Administrator a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof.

      Before rendering a decision upon an appeal, the Board of Adjustment shall hold a public hearing. The Board of Adjustment shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing, give public notice thereof. In addition, in the case of an appeal for special exception or variance, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall erect a sign advertising the appeal on a prominent position on the land in question. At the hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent or attorney. Appellants may be required to assume such reasonable costs as the Board of County Commissioners may determine through action in setting fees to be charged for appeals.

   b. Stay of proceedings. An appeal stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the Land Development Regulation Administrator from whom the appeal is taken certifies to the Board of Adjustment after the notice of appeal is filed that, by reason of facts stated in the certificate, a stay would, in the Land Development Regulation Administrator's opinion, cause imminent peril to life and property. In such case, proceedings shall not be stayed other than by a restraining order which may be granted by the Board of Adjustment or by a court of competent jurisdiction on application, on notice to the Land Development Regulation Administrator from whom the appeal is taken and on due cause shown.

   c. Decisions. The concurring vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Adjustment who are present and voting shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision or determination of the Land Development Regulation Administrator or to decide in favor of the appellant in respect to any matter upon which it is required to pass under the terms of Article 4 of these land development regulations or to effect any variance of Article 4 of these land development regulations.

2. Appeals From Decisions of Planning and Zoning Board. Wherever in Article 4 of these land development regulations the Planning and Zoning Board is required to make a final decision rather than an advisory recommendation, said decision shall be final provided that any person or persons, jointly or severally aggrieved by said decision of the Planning and Zoning Board, or any officer, department, board,

commission or bureau of the County aggrieved by said decision may, within thirty (30) days after said decision is rendered, appeal said decision to the Board of County Commissioners by filing a written notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof with the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

12.1.2 Flood Damage Prevention Regulations Appeals Provisions.

1. Appeals Procedure. The Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any requirement, decision or determination made by the Land Development Regulation Administrator in the enforcement or administration of Article 8 of these land development regulations.

   Any such appeal shall be in written form and filed within thirty (30) days of the decision of the Land Development Regulation Administrator, and filed with the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Such appeal shall state the location of the property, the date of the notice of violations, and the number of such notice. The appellant must state the modification requested the reasons therefor, and the hardship or conditions upon which the appeal is made.

   Standing to appeal shall be limited to those property owners affected by the decision of the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

2. Decision. In passing upon such appeal, the Board of Adjustment shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, and standards specified in Article 8 of these land development regulations.

   a. Upon consideration of the factors of Article 8 herein the Board of Adjustment may attach such conditions to the granting of modifications to the Land Development Regulation Administrator's determination as it deems necessary to further the purposes of Article 8 of these land development regulations.

12.1.3 Minimum Housing Regulation Appeals Provisions. Any person receiving written notice from the Land Development Regulation Administrator of deficiencies in his or her property under Article 9 of these land development regulations may within thirty (30) days following the date of such notice enter a written appeal to the Board of Adjustment, and file the same in writing with the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

Such appeal shall state the location of the property, the date of the notice of violations and the number of such notice. The appellant must state the modification requested, the reasons therefor, and the hardship or conditions upon which the appeal is made.

12.1.4 Hazardous Building Regulations Appeal Provisions.

1. Form of Appeal**.** Any person served notice in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 may appeal such action of the Land Development Regulation Administrator under this Article to the Board of Adjustment. Such appeal must be filed in writing with the Land Development Regulation Administrator within thirty (30) days from the date of service and must contain at least the following information:

   a. Identification of the building or structure concerned by street address or legal description;

   b. A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant;

   c. A statement identifying the specific order or section being appealed;

d. A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard; and

e. The legal signatures of all appellants and their official mailing addresses.

2. Upon the filing of an appeal, the Board of Adjustment shall as soon as practicable fix a date, time and location for the hearing of the appeal. Written notice of the time and location of the hearing shall be mailed to each appellant at the address on the appeal by certified mail, return receipt requested.

3. Failure to Appear. Failure of any person to appear at the hearing set forth in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall constitute a waiver of his or her right to an appeal on the notice.

4. Scope of Appeal. The appeal public hearing shall offer the appellant reasonable opportunity to be heard on only those specific matters or issues raised by the appellant in their appeal.

   The appellant may appear at the hearing in person or through their attorney or other designated representative.

5. Staying of Notice Under Appeal. Enforcement of any notice issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator under the provisions of this Article shall be held in abeyance during the course of an appeal.

12.1.5 Historic Preservation Regulation Appeal Provisions.

Within thirty (30) days of the Agency decision any person may appeal to the Board of County Commissioners any decision of the Agency on an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. If during that thirty (30) day period a written appeal is made to the Board of County Commissioners, the decision of the Agency shall automatically be stayed pending the Board of County Commissioners review. The Board of County Commissioners shall approve, approve with modifications or disapprove the application.

12.1.6 Appeals General. For appeal procedures for all Articles of these land development regulations not specifically described above, the following shall apply:

1. An appeal from any final order or decision of the Land Development Regulation Administrator, Board of Adjustment or Planning and Zoning Board may be taken by any aggrieved person. Appeals from the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall be heard by the Board of Adjustment. Appeals from the Board of Adjustment or Planning and Zoning Board shall be heard by the Board of County Commissioners. An appeal is taken by filing with the Land Development Regulation Administrator a written notice of appeal specifying the grounds therefor, and paying the specified filing fee. A notice of appeal shall be considered filed with the Land Development Regulation Administrator when delivered to the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator with the appropriate filing fee. The date and time of filing shall be entered on the notice by County staff.

2. An appeal must be taken within thirty (30) days after the date of the decision or order appealed from, regardless of the date the decision or order is reduced to writing.

3. Whenever an appeal is filed, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall forthwith transmit to the Board which shall hear the appeal (either the Board of Adjustment or the Board of County Commissioners, as the case may be) all the papers constituting the record relating to the action appealed.

4. An appeal of a decision by the Land Development Regulation Administrator to the Board of Adjustment stays all actions by the Land Development Regulation Administrator seeking enforcement of or compliance with the order or decision appealed, unless the Land Development Regulation Administrator certifies to the Board of Adjustment that (because of the facts stated in the certificate) a stay would, in the Land Development Regulation Administrator's opinion, cause imminent peril to life or property. In that case, proceedings shall not be stayed except by order of the Board of Adjustment or a court of competent jurisdiction on application, on notice to the Land Development Regulation Administrator from whom the appeal is taken and on due cause shown. All other appeals stay all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed, except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction and showing that a stay would cause imminent peril or irreparable harm to life or property.
5. The appellate board (Board of Adjustment or Board of County Commissioners, as appropriate) by the concurring vote of a majority of the members of the board who are present and voting may reverse or affirm (wholly or partly) or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed and shall make any order, requirement, decision or determination that in its opinion ought to be made in the case before it. In making its decision, the appellate board shall have all the powers of the officer or board from whom the appeal is taken. The proceedings before the appellate board shall consist of a hearing certiorari. Before rendering a decision upon an appeal, the appellate board shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing, give public notice thereof, as well as due notice to the parties involved. At the appellate hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent or attorney, appellants may be required to assume such reasonable costs as the Board of County Commissioners may determine through action in setting fees to be charged for appeals.
6. Any person or persons, jointly or severally, aggrieved by any decision of the Board of County Commissioners may apply to the Circuit Court having jurisdiction in the County for judicial relief within thirty (30) days after the rendition of the decision by the Board of County Commissioners. The proceedings in the Circuit Court shall be by petition for writ certiorari, which shall be governed by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

SECTION 12.2 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

12.2.1 Board of Adjustment: Powers and Duties: Special Exceptions. The Board of Adjustment shall have the power to hear and decide upon appeals in specific cases such special exceptions as the Board of Adjustment is specifically authorized to pass on under the terms of Article 4 of these land development regulations; to decide such questions as are involved in the determination of when special exceptions should be granted; and to grant special exceptions with appropriate conditions and safeguards or to deny special exceptions when not in harmony with the purpose and intent of these land development regulations.

Appropriate conditions and safeguards may include, but are not limited to, reasonable time limits within which the action for which special exception is requested shall be begun or completed, or both. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the special exception is granted, shall be deemed a violation of these land development regulations and punishable as provided in these land development regulations.

If the Board of Adjustment shall deny a special exception, it shall state fully in its record its reasons for doing so. Such reasons shall take into account the factors stated in this Article, or such of them as may be applicable to the action of denial, and the particular regulations relating to the specific special exception requested, if any.

The procedure for taking an appeal for a special exception shall be as set forth in this Article, and in addition, a special exception shall not be granted by the Board of Adjustment unless and until:

1. Written Petition. A written petition for special exception is submitted by the applicant indicating the section of Article 4 of these land development regulations under which the special exception is sought and stating the grounds on which it is requested, with particular reference to the types of findings which the Board of Adjustment must make under this Article below. The petition should include material necessary to demonstrate that the grant of special exception will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of these land development regulations, will not be injurious to the neighborhood or to adjoining properties, or be otherwise detrimental to the public welfare. Such material shall include, but is not limited to the following:

   a. Site plans at an appropriate scale showing proposed placement of structures on the property; provisions for ingress and egress, offstreet parking and offstreet loading areas, and refuse and service areas; and required yards and other open spaces;

   b. Plans showing proposed locations for utility hook-up;

   c. Plans for screening and buffering with reference as to type, dimensions, and character;

   d. Proposed landscaping; and signs and lighting, including type, dimensions and character.

   Where these land development regulations place additional regulations on specific special exceptions, the petition should demonstrate that such requirements are met.

2. Planning and Zoning Board Report. It is the intent of these land development regulations that all proposed special exceptions shall be heard in the first instance by the Planning and Zoning Board and that the Planning and Zoning Board's report and recommendations in such matters be advisory only to the Board of Adjustment. Within a reasonable time after a proposed special exception is officially received by the Planning and Zoning Board, the Planning and Zoning Board shall submit its report and recommendations concerning the proposed special exception to the Board of Adjustment. Before making a recommendation concerning the proposed special exception, the Planning and Zoning Board shall hold a public hearing to consider the proposed special exception. The Planning and Zoning Board shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing, give public notice thereof. At the hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent.

   Where the designated members of the Planning and Zoning Board perform the functions of the Board of Adjustment, the provisions of this Section shall not apply.

3. Findings. Before any special exception shall be granted, the Board of Adjustment shall make a specific finding that it is empowered under of these land development regulations to grant the special exception described in the petition, and that the granting of the special exception will not adversely affect the public interest. Before

any special exception shall be granted, the Board of Adjustment shall further make a determination that the specific rules governing the individual special exception, if any, have been met by the petitioner and that, further, satisfactory provision and arrangement has been made concerning the following matters, where applicable:

a. Ingress and egress to property and proposed structures thereon with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in case of fire or catastrophe;

b. Offstreet parking and loading areas, where required, with particular attention to the items in (a) above and the economic, noise, glare, or odor effects of the special exception on adjoining properties and properties generally in the district;

c. Refuse and service areas, with particular reference to the items in (a) and (b) above;

d. Utilities, with reference to locations, availability and compatibility;

e. Screening and buffering with reference to type, dimensions and character;

f. Signs, if any, and proposed exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effects, and compatibility and harmony with properties in the district;

g. Required yards and other open space; and

h. Considerations relating to general compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district including but not limited to:

    (1) Whether the proposed use would be in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and would have an adverse effect on the Comprehensive Plan;

    (2) Whether the proposed use is compatible with the established land use pattern;

    (3) Whether the proposed use would materially alter the population density pattern and thereby increase or overtax the load on public facilities such as schools, utilities and streets;

    (4) Whether changed or changing conditions find the proposed use to be advantageous to the community and the neighborhood;

    (5) Whether the proposed use will adversely influence living conditions in the neighborhood;

    (6) Whether the proposed use will create or excessively increase traffic congestion or otherwise affect public safety;

    (7) Whether the proposed use will create a drainage problem;

    (8) Whether the proposed use will seriously reduce light and air to adjacent areas;

    (9) Whether the proposed use will adversely affect property values in the adjacent area;

(10) Whether the proposed use will be a deterrent to the improvement or development of adjacent property in accord with existing regulations; and

(11) Whether the proposed use is out of scale with the needs of the neighborhood or the community.

4. Limitations on subsequent written petition for a special exception. No written petition by an owner of real property for a special exception for a particular parcel of property, or part thereof, shall be filed with the Land Development Regulation Administrator until the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of denial of a written petition for a special exception for such property, or part thereof, unless the Board of Adjustment specifically waives said waiting period based upon a consideration of the following factors:

   a. The new written petition constitutes a proposed special exception different from the one (1) proposed in the denied written petition; or

   b. Failure to waive said twelve (12) month waiting period constitutes a hardship to the applicant resulting from mistake, inadvertence or newly discovered matters of consideration.

SECTION 12.3 VARIANCES, GENERAL

The specific provisions of this Section apply to the following portions of these land development regulations. Not all portions of these land development regulations provide for variances to the requirements contained therein. This is due to the inappropriateness of granting variances to such specific regulations, but not limited to; the use of land, hazardous building requirements and historic site designation.

12.3.1 Variances to Zoning Regulations. The Board of Adjustment shall have power to authorize upon appeal such variance from the terms of these land development regulations as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these land development regulations will result in unnecessary and undue hardship.

In granting any variance to the provisions of Article 4 of these land development regulations, the Board of Adjustment may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with such regulations, including but not limited to, reasonable time limits within which the action for which variance is requested shall be begun or completed, or both. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of these land development regulations.

Under no circumstances shall the Board of Adjustment grant a variance to permit a use not permitted under the terms of these land development regulations in the zoning district involved, or any use expressly or by reasonable implication prohibited by the terms of these land development regulations in the zoning district.

No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures or buildings in the same zoning district and no permitted use of lands, structures or buildings in other zoning districts shall be considered grounds for the authorization of a variance.

The procedure for taking an appeal for a variance shall be as set forth in this Article, and in addition, a variance shall not be granted by the Board of Adjustment unless and until:

12.3.1.1 Written petition. A written petition for a variance from the terms of these land development regulations is submitted by the applicant indicating the section of these land development regulations from which the variance is sought and stating the grounds on which it is requested, with particular reference to the types of findings which the Board of Adjustment must make under Section 12.3.1.2 below.

12.3.1.2 Findings. In order to authorize any variance from the terms of these land development regulations, the Board of Adjustment must find:

1. Special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures or buildings in the same zoning district;
2. The special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant;
3. Granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by these land development regulations to other lands, buildings or structures in the same zoning district;
4. Literal interpretation of the provisions of these land development regulations would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of these land development and would work unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant;
5. The variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure; and
6. The granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of these land development regulations, and that such variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

12.3.1.3 Limitations on subsequent written petition for a variance. No written petition by an owner of real property for a variance for a particular parcel of property, or part thereof, shall be filed with the Land Development Regulation Administrator until the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of denial of a written petition for a variance for such property, or part thereof, unless the Board of Adjustment specially waives said waiting period based upon a consideration of the following factors:

1. The new written petition constituting a proposed variance different from the one proposed in the denied written petition; and
2. Failure to waive said twelve (12) month waiting period constitutes a hardship to the applicant resulting from mistake, inadvertence or newly discovered matters of consideration.

12.3.2 Variances to the Subdivision Regulations. Where the Board of County Commissioners finds that compliance with the design standards for lot and street layout of the provisions of Article 5 of these land development regulations would cause unusual or extraordinary difficulties because of exceptional and unique conditions of topography, access, location, shape, size, drainage, or other physical features of the site, it may grant a variance from the subdivision regulations found herein so that substantial justice may be done and the public

interest secured; provided, that the public interest is protected and the development is in keeping with the general spirit and intent of these land development regulations. No such variance shall be granted if it would have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of these land development regulations. Furthermore, no variance shall be granted from the required improvements as specified within Article 5 of these land development regulations.

12.3.2.1 Conditions. In granting variances and/or modifications, the Board of County Commissioners may require such conditions as will, in the judgement of the Board of County Commissioners secure substantially the objectives of the standards for requirements so varied or modified.

12.3.2.2 Procedures. Variances may be granted upon written request of the subdivider setting forth the reasons for each variance. A petition for any such variance shall be submitted in writing by the subdivider to the Land Development Regulation Administrator for the consideration of the Planning and Zoning Board, in conjunction with the submission of the preliminary plat.

The Planning and Zoning Board shall handle such matter in a public session as part of a previously prepared agenda. The Planning and Zoning Board shall submit its report and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Within a reasonable time after receiving the Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendation, the Board of County Commissioners shall by majority vote either approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request. Such matters shall be handled in a public session as part of a previously prepared agenda.

12.3.3 Variances to Flood Damage Prevention Regulations. The Board of County Commissioners may permit modifications in the minimum standards of design under the following conditions:

1. Because of unique topographic or other conditions of the land involved, and not the result of the actions of the developer, the literal application of the provisions of Article 8 of these land development regulations would impose unnecessary hardship; and

2. Conditions are attached to development permit approval that assure compliance with the requirements of Article 8 of these land development regulations insofar as practical and the modification granted is the minimum modification necessary to make possible a reasonable use of the land;

3. Variances may be issued for the reconstruction, rehabilitation or restoration of structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the State Inventory of Historic Places without regard to the procedures set forth in Article 8 of these land development regulations except that the variance shall be the minimum necessary so as not to destroy the historic character and design of the building, and the Land Development Regulations Administrator shall report such variance to the Federal Emergency Management Agency upon request;

4. In passing upon such variance applications, the Board of County Commissioners shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all standards specified within Article 8 of these land development regulations, and:

    a. The danger that materials may be swept onto other land to the injury of others;

    b. The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;

c. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner;

d. The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community;

e. The necessity of the facility to a waterfront location, in the case of a functionally dependent facility;

f. The availability of alternative locations, not subject to flooding or erosion damage, for the proposed use;

g. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development;

h. The relationship of the proposed use to the Comprehensive Plan and floodplain management program for the County;

i. The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;

j. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and sediment transport of the flood waters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site, and;

k. The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems, and streets and bridges.

5. The purposes and intent of these land development regulations are observed;

6. There is no substantial increase in flood hazard or flood damage potential, if certified by a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida;

7. Upon granting the variance the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall provide written notification specifying the difference between the base flood elevation and the elevation to which the structure is constructed. In addition, such notice shall state that the cost of insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk result form the reduced lowest floor elevation; and

8. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall maintain the records of all variance actions and report any variances to the Federal Emergency Management Agency upon request.

12.3.4 Variances to the Minimum Housing Regulations. Where the literal application of the requirements of Article 9 of these land development regulations would appear to cause undue hardship on an owner or tenant, the owner of such building or structure or their authorized agent, may request the Board of County Commissioners to approve a variance.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

HEARING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, VARIANCES, CERTAIN SPECIAL PERMITS, APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENT

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ARTICLE THIRTEEN HEARING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, VARIANCES, CERTAIN SPECIAL PERMITS, APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENT

SECTION 13.1 GENERAL

Meetings of the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment are required to be open to the public. There is a difference, as noted in the Citizen Participation Procedures In Conjunction with the Comprehensive Planning Program, between workshops, public hearings and public meetings, as well as a difference between meetings conducted by County staff and those conducted by the County advisory boards and Board of County Commissioners. This Article incorporates the Citizen Participation Procedures In Conjunction with the Comprehensive Planning Program by reference and provides more specific requirements for hearing procedures and public notification.

SECTION 13.2 HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

1. Before making a decision on an appeal or an application for a variance, or special exception, or a petition from the Land Development Regulation Administrator for a determination, the Board of Adjustment shall hold a public hearing on the appeal or application.
2. Subject to 13.2 (3), the public hearing shall be open to the public and all persons interested in the outcome of the appeal or application shall be given an opportunity to present evidence and arguments and affected parties may ask questions of persons who testify.
3. The Board of Adjustment may place reasonable and equitable limitation on the presentation of evidence and arguments and the cross-examination of witnesses so that the matter at issue may be heard and decided without undue delay.
4. The Board of Adjustment may continue the hearing until a subsequent meeting and may keep the hearing open to take additional information up to the point a final decision is made. No further notice of a continued hearing need be published.

SECTION 13.3 HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. Before making a recommendation or decision on an application for certain specified special use permits (see Article 14 of these land development regulations), amendment of the Official Zoning Atlas or an amendment to the text of these land development regulations the Planning and Zoning Board or the Board of County Commissioners as the case may require shall hold a public hearing on the application.
2. Subject to 13.2 (3), the public hearing shall be open to the public, and all persons interested in the outcome of the application shall be given an opportunity to be heard.
3. The Planning and Zoning Board or Board of County Commissioners, as the case may be, may place reasonable and equitable limitation on any discussion or presentation so that the matter at issue may be heard and decided without undue delay.
4. The Planning and Zoning Board or the Board of County Commissioners, as the case requires, may continue the hearing until a subsequent meeting and may keep the hearing open to take additional information up to the point a final decision is made. No further notice of a continued hearing need be published.

SECTION 13.4 NOTICE OF HEARING

13.4.1 The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall give notice of any public hearing required by Section 13.2 and 13.3, as follows:

1. Any application requiring a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Board or Board of Adjustment, shall be noticed as a legal advertisement once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, least ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

2. A special permit requiring a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners, shall be noticed as a legal advertisement once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

3. An amendment to these land development regulations, including the Official Zoning Atlas, requiring a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners shall be noticed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 125.66, Florida Statutes.

4. In addition to the above stated notice requirements all rezoning, special exception and variance public hearings before the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment, as applicable, shall also be noticed by prominently posting a sign on the property that is the subject of the proposed action. Such sign shall be posted not less than ten (10) days prior to such public hearing.

The notices required by this section shall state the date, time and place of the public hearing, shall reasonably identify the property that is the subject of the application or appeal, shall give a brief description of the action requested or proposed, shall state the place where a copy of the proposed action may be inspected by the public and shall advise that interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding the proposed action.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

PERMITTING AND CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT

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SECTION 14.1 GENERAL

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall administer and enforce these land development regulations directly or through aides and assistants. In the performance of his or her duties, the Land Development Regulation Administrator may request the assistance of any officer or agency of the County.

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall investigate promptly complaints of violations and report findings and actions to complainants, and shall use best endeavors to prevent violations or to detect and secure the correction of violations. If the Land Development Regulation Administrator finds that a provision of these land development regulations is being violated, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall order the discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures; removal of illegal buildings or structures or of illegal additions, alterations, or structural changes; discontinuance of any illegal work being done; or shall take any other lawful action authorized by these land development regulations necessary to insure compliance with or to prevent violations of these land development regulations.

It is the intent of these land development regulations that questions of interpretation and enforcement shall first be presented to the Land Development Regulation Administrator, and that such questions shall be presented to the Board of Adjustment only on appeal from the decision of the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall maintain written records of official actions regarding:

1. Land development regulation administration;
2. Complaints and actions taken with regard to the land development regulations; and
3. Violations discovered by whatever means, with remedial action taken and disposition of all cases; which shall be public record.

SECTION 14.2 LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ACTION ON BUILDING PERMITS

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall be determine whether applications for building permits required by the Building Code of the County are in accord with the requirements of these land development regulations, and no building permit shall be issued without written certification that plans submitted conform to applicable land development regulations. No building permit shall be issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator except in conformity with the provisions of these land development regulations, unless the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall receive a written order in the form of an administrative review, interpretation, special exception or variance as provided by these land development regulations, or unless he or she shall receive a written order from the Board of County Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 14.3 APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

14.3.1 Information necessary for application. Applications for building permits required by the Building Code of the County shall be accompanied by two (2) copies of the plot and construction plans drawn to scale showing the actual shape and dimensions of the lot to be built upon; the exact sizes and locations on the lot of existing structures, if any; the exact size and location on the lot of the buildings or structures to be erected or altered; the existing use of buildings or structures on the lot, if any; the intended use of each building or structure or parts thereof; the number of families the building is designed to accommodate; the location and number of required off-street parking and off-street loading spaces; and such other information with regard to the lot and existing and proposed structures as may be necessary to determine and provide for the enforcement of these land development regulations. The application shall be accompanied by a survey of the lot, prepared by a land surveyor or engineer registered in Florida. All property stakes shall be in place at the time of application.

14.3.2 Public record. One (1) copy of the plot and construction plans shall be returned to the applicant by the Land Development Regulation Administrator, after marking such copy either as approved or disapproved, and attested by the Land Development Regulation Administrator's signature on the plans. The second copy of the plot and construction plans, similarly marked, shall be retained by the Land Development Regulation Administrator as part of the public record.

14.3.3 Display of permit. Building permits shall be issued in duplicate and one (1) copy shall be kept on the premises affected prominently displayed and protected from the weather when construction work is being performed thereon. No owner, contractor, workman or any other person shall perform any building operations of any kind unless a building permit covering such operation has been displayed as required by these land development regulations, nor shall they perform building operations of any kind after notification of the revocation of the building permit.

14.3.4 Expiration of building permit. Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced in the form of actual construction within six (6) months after its issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of six (6) months after the time the work is commenced; provided that one (1) or more extensions of time, for periods not exceeding ninety (90) days each, may be allowed, and such extensions shall be in writing by the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

14.3.5 Construction and use to be as provided in applications; status of permit issued in error. Building permits issued on the basis of plans and specifications approved by the Land Development Regulation Administrator authorize only the use, arrangement and construction set forth in such approved plans and applications, and no other use, arrangement or construction. Use, arrangement or construction different from that authorized shall be deemed a violation of these land development regulations and punishable as set out in these land development regulations in Article 15.

Statements made by the applicant on the building permit application shall be deemed official statements. Approval of application by the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall in no way exempt the applicant from strict observance of applicable provisions of these land development regulations and all other applicable regulations, ordinances, codes and laws.

A building permit issued in error shall not confer any rights or privileges to the applicant to proceed to construction, and the Board of County Commissioners shall have the power to revoke such permit if actual construction has not commenced.

SECTION 14.4 CERTIFICATE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION COMPLIANCE

14.4.1 General. It shall be unlawful to use or occupy, or permit the use or occupancy, of any building or premises, or part of any building or premises created, erected, changed, converted or wholly or partly altered or enlarged in its use or structure until a Certificate of Land Development Regulation Compliance shall have been issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator stating that the proposed use of the structure or land conforms to the requirements of these land development regulations.

No permit for erection, alteration, moving or repair of any building shall be issued until an application has been made for a Certificate of Land Development Regulation Compliance, and the certificate shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of these land development regulations upon completion of the work.

14.4.2 Temporary Certificate of Land Development Regulation Compliance. A temporary Certificate of Land Development Regulation Compliance may be issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator for a period not exceeding six (6) months during alterations or partial occupancy of a building pending its completion, provided that such temporary certificate may include such conditions and safeguards as are necessary in the circumstances to protect the safety of occupants and the general public.

14.4.3 Records, Violations. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall maintain a record of all Certificates of Land Development Regulation Compliance, and a copy shall be furnished upon request to any person.

Failure to obtain a Certificate of Land Development Regulation Compliance as set out in these land development regulations shall be a violation of these land development regulations and punishable as provided by Article 15 of these land development regulations.

Certificates of Land Development Regulation Compliance issued on the basis of plans and specifications approved by the Land Development Regulation Administrator authorize only the use, arrangement and construction set forth in such approved plans and applications, and no other use, arrangement or construction. Use, arrangement or construction different from that authorized shall be deemed a violation of these land development regulations and punishable as set out in Article 15 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 14.5 ASSURANCE OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Where, by the terms of these land development regulations or other applicable regulations or ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners, provision is made for ensuring to the Board of County Commissioners that the public improvements required will be constructed as required, the following procedures and regulations shall govern. Before any building permit is issued in such situation, the Board of County Commissioners shall require the applicant to present satisfactory evidence that full provision has been made for public improvements, including, but not limited to, utility lines, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, construction or reconstruction of streets or alleys, streets signs, and traffic devices or signals. Where such public improvements are to be constructed by the applicant in accordance with the applicant's permit, the Board of County Commissioners shall require security satisfactory to the Board of County Commissioners in the form of:

1. A deposit in cash or cashier's check; or
2. A performance and payment bond in the amount of one hundred ten percent (110%) of the estimated cost of such improvements.

The purpose of this requirement is to ensure to the Board of County Commissioners that the public improvements required will be properly and timely completed. The form of any such bond or sureties thereon shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney as to form and correctness prior to the issuance of any building permit.

SECTION 14.6 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR BULKHEADS, DOCKS, AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES TO BE LOCATED ON PERENNIAL RIVERS

No bulkhead, dock, pier, wharf or similar structure to be located on perennial rivers of the County shall be erected or expanded without first obtaining a special permit from the Board of County Commissioners. Bulkheads, docks and similar structures to be located on lakes and ponds shall be exempt from the requirements of this Section, but shall require a building permit from the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Proposals to erect or expand such structures shall be submitted in writing to the Land Development Regulation Administrator together with the payment of reasonable fees as the Board of County Commissioners may determine through action in setting fees as set out in Article 1 of these land development regulations. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall forward the request to the Planning and Zoning Board for review and shall erect a sign advertising the permit request on a prominent position on said land. The Planning and Zoning Board shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Article 13 of these land development regulations. The Planning and Zoning Board shall submit its report and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendations shall be advisory only and not binding upon the Board of County Commissioners.

Within a reasonable time after receiving the Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendations, the Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Article 13 of the land development regulations. At the hearing, any person may appear in person or by agent. The Board of County Commissioners shall take final action on the permit request by either approving, approving with conditions or denying the permit request. Appeals from decisions of the Board of County Commissioners shall be heard as set out in Article 12 of these land development regulations.

If State or Federal permission is required for the erection of any such bulkhead, dock, pier, wharf, or similar structure, such permission shall be presented in writing to the Land Development Regulation Administrator prior to the issuance of any building permit for the bulkhead, dock, pier, wharf or similar structure.

SECTION 14.7 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR LAND AND WATER FILLS, DREDGING, EXCAVATION, AND MINING

No mining, borrow pit operations (excepting borrow pit operations of less than one-half (½) acre in size and further excepting the creation of irrigation, agricultural and agricultural water conservation purpose ponds approved by the United States Department of Agriculture), activities which involve the dredging or filling of land or water areas shall be conducted without first obtaining a special permit for such activities from the Board of County Commissioners in conformance with the requirements as stated below. Requests for such special permits shall be submitted in writing to the Land Development Regulation Administrator together with the payment of such reasonable fees as the Board of County Commissioners may determine through action in setting fees as set out in Article 1 of these land development regulations. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall forward the request to the Planning and Zoning Board for review and shall erect a sign advertising the

permit request on a prominent position on said land. The Planning and Zoning Board shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Article 13 of these land development regulations. The Planning and Zoning Board shall submit its report and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendations shall be advisory only and not binding upon the Board of County Commissioners.

Within a reasonable time after receiving the Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendations, the Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Article 13 of these land development regulations. At the hearing, any person may appear in person or by agent. The Board of County Commissioners shall take final action on the permit request by either approving, approving with conditions, or denying the permit request. Appeals from decisions of the Board of County Commissioners shall be heard as set out in Article 12 of these land development regulations.

All such mining activities shall be conducted in accordance with the following criteria:

1. The filing of a mining master plan with the Board of County Commissioners, which shall:
    a. Describe the boundaries of the areas of proposed mining;
    b. Describe the location of existing or proposed processing facilities, highways and railroads;
    c. Provide a topographic map of the area and its relationship to watersheds, drainage ways, floodways, streams, rivers and lakes;
    d. Describe the mining process to be conducted; and
    e. Describe the reclamation process to be conducted after mining, including the delineation of areas to be restored.
2. Upon review of the mining master plan, the Board of County Commissioners may approve, approve with conditions or deny an operating permit to commence the activities stated within the master plan, subject to all areas mined or disturbed by mining operations being reclaimed. Land and water areas shall be considered reclaimed if they include the following, when applicable:
    a. Land areas not less than three (3) feet above the ground water table, that have been graded to a level, gently rolling, sloping or terraced topography, with major continuous slopes no steeper than four (4) horizontal to one (1) vertical and in a way to minimize erosion due to rainfall, break up long uninterrupted slopes and make the surface suitable for vegetation. Vegetation shall be appropriately planted to prevent erosion and promote the future land use of the reclaimed area.
    b. Water areas shall have a diversity of shallow and deep areas to enhance lake productivity for fish and wildlife habitat. Subaqueous slopes shall be no steeper than four (4) horizontal to one (1) vertical out to six (6) foot depth at design elevation. Water quality shall be satisfactory for fish production and other wildlife.
    c. Reclamation shall commence on mined areas, not used for waste settling areas, within eighteen (18) months after mining is completed in the area. Progress shall be according to a time schedule established prior to commencing work and reported upon annually to the Land Development Regulation Administrator as to the reclamation accomplished during the preceding calendar year.

d. Other standards set forth in Chapter 16C-16, Florida Administrative Code, Mine Reclamation, in effect upon the effective date of adoption of these land development regulations. Nothing in these land development regulations shall be in conflict with Chapter 16C-16, Florida Administrative Code, in effect upon the effective date of adoption of these land development regulations.

e. Mining shall be prohibited which will result in an adverse effect on environmentally sensitive lands, such as wetlands, floodplains, endangered, threatened or species of special concern wildlife habitats, as designated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission within the publication entitled Critical Wildlife Conservation Areas, and rare or unique vegetative communities, which cannot be restored, based upon competent and substantial scientific evidence presented to the County at the time the master mining plan is reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners. Environmentally sensitive lands, such as wetlands, floodplains, endangered, threatened or species of special concern wildlife habitats, as designated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission within the publication entitled Critical Wildlife Conservation Areas, and rare or unique vegetative communities, which can be restored shall be restored to the same type, nature and function ecosystem.

For the purposes of these land development regulations "restoration" when used in conjunction with mining operations shall mean the recontouring and revegetation of lands, which will return the type, nature, and function of the ecosystem to the condition in existence immediately prior to mining operations. The County shall recognize technological limitations and economic considerations concerning the methods and practices to be used to restore environmentally sensitive lands, such as wetlands, floodplains, endangered, threatened, or species of special concern wildlife habitats, as designated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission within the publication entitled Critical Wildlife Conservation Areas, and rare or unique vegetative communities. However, such considerations shall not result in environmentally sensitive lands, such as wetlands, floodplains, endangered, threatened or species of special concern wildlife habitats, as designated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission within the publication entitled Critical Wildlife Conservation Areas, and rare or unique vegetative communities, not being restored to the same type, nature and function ecosystem. For example, restoration shall be considered accomplished when immature trees are used; mature trees are not required to be replanted in areas where mature trees were removed to allow for mining.

For the purposes of these land development regulations "revegetation" when used in conjunction with mining operations in reclaimed areas means a cover of vegetation consistent with land form created and the future land uses. In restored areas, it means a cover of vegetation that is designed to return the restored area to the condition in existence prior to mining operations.

In addition to obtaining this permit, the applicant shall meet any additional requirements of the County, regional agencies, the State of Florida and the United States of America.

SECTION 14.8 SPECIAL MOVE-ON PERMITS FOR MOBILE HOMES

It shall be deemed a violation of these land development regulations for any person, firm, corporation or other entity to place or erect any mobile home on any lot or parcel of land within any area subject to these land development regulations for private use without first having secured a mobile home move-on permit from the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Such permit shall be deemed to authorize placement, erection and use of the mobile home only at the location specified in the permit. The responsibility of securing a mobile home move-on permit shall be that of the person causing the mobile home to be moved. The move-on permit shall be posted prominently on the mobile home before such mobile home is moved onto the site.

SECTION 14.9 SPECIAL FAMILY LOT PERMITS

A special family lot permit may be issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator on land zoned Agricultural or Environmentally Sensitive Area within these land development regulations, for the purpose of conveying a lot or parcel to an individual who is the grandparent, parent, stepparent, adopted parent, sibling, child, stepchild, adopted child or grandchild of the person who conveyed the parcel to said individual. This provision is intended to promote the perpetuation of the family homestead in rural areas by making it possible for family members to reside on lots which exceed maximum density for such areas, provided that the lot complies with the following conditions for permitting.

1. The division of a special family lot shall be by recorded separate deed and meet all other applicable land development regulations;
2. The special family lot shall be at least one-half (½) acre in size;
3. This provision for a special family lot shall apply only once to any individual;
4. The special family lot complies with all other conditions for permitting development as set forth in these land development regulations; and
5. If the special family lot is subsequently sold or otherwise transformed to another party, including a nonfamily party, the special density provisions for special family lots shall remain in effect.

SECTION 14.10 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR TEMPORARY USES

Certain uses are temporary in character. They vary in type and degree, as well as length of time involved. Such uses may have little impact on surrounding and nearby properties or they may present questions involving potential incompatibility of the temporary use with existing uses. Unless otherwise specified in these land development regulations, the following regulations shall govern temporary uses.

14.10.1 Temporary use permits issued by Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners may issue a temporary use permit for the temporary utilization of land in a manner not inconsistent with the district regulations, including but not limited to the following uses:

1. In agricultural, commercial, and industrial districts: commercial circuses, carnivals, outdoor concerts, and similar uses.
2. In agricultural and commercial districts: such uses similar to, but not limited to asphalt and concrete batch plants, which provide materials for state and local government road projects.

Requests for such a permit shall be submitted in writing to the Land Development Regulation Administrator together with such reasonable fees as the Board of County Commissioners may determine through action in setting fees as set out in Article 1 of these land development regulations.

The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall forward the request to the Planning and Zoning Board for review and shall erect a sign advertising the request on a prominent position on said land. The Planning and Zoning Board shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Article 13 of the land development regulations. At the public hearing, any person may appear in person or by agent or attorney. The Planning and Zoning Board shall submit its report and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendations shall be advisory only and not binding upon the Board of County Commissioners.

Within a reasonable time after receiving the Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendations, the Board of County Commissioners after public notice shall hold a public hearing to consider the request. The Board of County Commissioners shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing, give public notice thereof. At the public hearing, any person may appear in person or by agent or attorney.

The Board of County Commissioners shall take final action on the request by either approving, approving with conditions, or denying the request. Appeals from decisions of the Board of County Commissioners shall be heard as set out in Article 12 of these land development regulations.

Prior to granting a temporary use permit, the Board of County Commissioners shall ensure that:

1. Any nuisance or hazardous feature involved is suitably separate from adjacent uses;
2. Excessive vehicular traffic will not be generated on minor residential streets; and
3. A vehicular parking problem will not be created.

The temporary use permit, if granted, shall be granted for a specific time period, at the end of which, if the use permitted has not been discontinued, it shall be deemed a violation of these land development regulations and shall be punished as set out in Article 15 of these land development regulations.

Appropriate conditions and safeguards may include, but are not limited to, reasonable time limits within which the action for which temporary use permit is requested shall be begun or completed, or both. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the temporary use permit is granted, shall be deemed a violation of these land development regulations and punishable as provided in Article 15 of these land development regulations.

14.10.2 Temporary use permits issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Certain uses are of short duration and do not create excessive incompatibility during the course of the use. Therefore, the Land Development Regulation Administrator is authorized to issue temporary use permits for the following activities, after a showing that any nuisance or hazardous feature involved is suitably separated from adjacent uses; excessive vehicular traffic will not be generated on local roads; and a vehicular parking problem will not be created:

1. In any zoning district: special events operated by non-profit, eleemosynary organizations.

2. In any zoning district**:** Christmas tree sales lots operated by non-profit, eleemosynary organizations.

3. In any zoning district**:** other uses which are similar to (1) and (2) above and which are of a temporary nature where the period of use will not extend beyond thirty (30) days.

4. In any zoning district**:** mobile homes or travel trailers used for temporary purposes by any agency of municipal, County, State, or Federal government; provided such uses shall not be or include a residential use.

5. In any zoning district**:** mobile homes or travel trailers used as a residence, temporary office, security shelter, or shelter for materials of goods incident to construction on or development of the premises upon which the mobile home or travel trailer is located. Such use shall be strictly limited to the time construction or development is actively underway. In no event shall the use continue more than twelve (12) months without the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of County Commissioners shall give such approval only upon finding that actual construction is continuing.

6. In agricultural, commercial, and industrial districts: temporary religious or revival activities in tents.

7. In agricultural districts: In addition to the principal residential dwelling, a mobile home may be used as an accessory residence, provided that such mobile home is occupied by persons related by blood, adoption or marriage to the family occupying the principal residential use. Such mobile home is exempt from lot area requirements, and shall not be located within required yard areas. Such mobile home shall not be located within twenty (20) feet of any building. A temporary use permit for such mobile home may be granted for a time period up to five (5) years. When the temporary use permit expires, the applicant may reapply for a new temporary use permit.

Requests for such a permit shall be submitted in writing to the Land Development Regulation Administrator together with such reasonable costs as the Board of County Commissioners may determine through action in setting fees as set out in Article 1 of these land development regulations.

Appropriate conditions and safeguards may include, but are not limited to, reasonable time limits within which the action for which temporary use permit is requested shall be begun or completed, or both. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the special permit is granted, shall be deemed a violation of these land development regulations and punishable as provided in Article 15 of these land development regulations.

8. In shopping centers within Commercial Intensive districts only: mobile recycling collection units. These units shall operate only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and shall be subject to the review of the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Application for permits shall include written confirmation of the permission of the shopping center owner and a site plan which includes distances from buildings, roads and property lines. No permit shall be valid for more than thirty (30) days within a twelve (12) month period, and the mobile recycling collection unit must not remain on site more than seven (7) consecutive days. Once the unit is moved off-site, it must be off-site for six (6) consecutive days.

SECTION 14.11 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR HAZARDOUS, BIO-HAZARDOUS AND MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES

No hazardous or bio-hazardous, or medical waste treatment facility shall be constructed without first obtaining a special permit from the Board of County Commissioners. Proposals to erect or expand such facilities shall be submitted in writing to the Land Development Regulation Administrator together with the payment of reasonable fees as the Board of County Commissioners may determine through action in setting fees as set out in Article 1 of these land development regulations. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall forward the request to the Planning and Zoning Board for review. The Planning and Zoning Board shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Article 13 of the land development regulations. At the public hearing, any person may appear in person or by agent or attorney. The Planning and Zoning Board shall submit its report and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendations shall be advisory only and not binding upon the Board of County Commissioners.

Within a reasonable time after receiving the Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendations, the Board of County Commissioners, after public notice, shall hold a public hearing to consider the request. The Board of County Commissioners shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing, give public notice thereof. At the public hearing, any person may appear in person or by agent or attorney.

The Board of County Commissioners shall take final action on the request by either approving, approving with conditions or denying the request. Appeals from decisions of the Board of County Commissioners shall be heard as set out in Article 12 of these land development regulations.

At a minimum, the following standards shall be met by the hazardous, bio-hazardous or medical waste treatment facility:

a. No hazardous or bio-hazardous, or medical waste shall be disposed of by incineration or by any other method which produces air pollution emissions subject to permitting by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation within the County.

b. Hazardous, bio-hazardous, or medical waste treatment facilities shall only be permitted within areas classified as agriculture, within areas designated as rural in the Comprehensive Plan.

c. The Board of County Commissioners when determining approval, approval with conditions or denial of the permit, may consider the following, but not be limited to; the appropriate location of the facility; site design of the facility using site and development plan siting criteria found in Section 14.14; access of facility to principal arterials and major intersections; and the location of public facilities to the site.

SECTION 14.12 SITE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL

Where these land development regulations require site and development plan approval, the Planning and Zoning Board shall approve all site and development plans as a condition precedent to the issuance of building permits by the Land Development Regulation Administrator.

14.12.1 Contents. The site and development plan required to be submitted by the requirements of these land development regulations shall include the following elements, where applicable:

1. Vicinity map - indicating general location of the site, abutting streets, existing utilities, complete legal description of property in question and adjacent land use.
2. Site plan - including but not limited to the following:
    a. Name, location, owner and designer of the proposed development.
    b. Present zoning for subject site.
    c. Location of the site in relation to surrounding properties, including the means of ingress and egress to such properties and any screening or buffers on such properties.
    d. Date, north arrow and graphic scale not less than one (1) inch equal to fifty (50) feet.
    e. Area and dimensions of site.
    f. Location of all property lines, existing right-of- way approaches, sidewalks, curbs and gutters.
    g. Access to utilities and points of utility hook-up.
    h. Location and dimensions of all existing and proposed parking areas and loading areas.
    i. Location, size and design of proposed landscaped areas (including existing trees and required landscaped buffer areas).
    j. Location and size of any lakes, ponds, canals or other waters and waterways.
    k. Structures and major features fully dimensioned including setbacks, distances between structures, floor area, width of driveways, parking spaces, property or lot lines and percent of property covered by structures.
    l. Location of trash receptacles.
    m. For multiple family, hotel, motel, and mobile home park site plans:
        (1) Tabulation of gross acreage.
        (2) Tabulation of density.
        (3) Number of dwelling units proposed.
        (4) Location and percent of total open space and recreation areas.
        (5) Percent of lot covered by buildings.
        (6) Floor area of dwelling units.
        (7) Number of proposed parking spaces.

(8) Street layout.

(9) Layout of mobile home stands (for mobile home parks only).

3. Stormwater management plan - including the following:

a. Existing contours at one (1) foot intervals based on U.S. Coast and Geodetic Datum.

b. Proposed finished elevation of each building site and first floor level.

c. Existing and proposed stormwater management facilities with size and grades.

d. Proposed orderly disposal of surface water runoff.

e. Centerline elevations along adjacent streets.

f. Water Management District surfacewater management permit.

14.12.2 Procedure. Where, by the terms of these land development regulations, approval by the Planning and Zoning Board of a site and development plan is required prior to the issuance of a building permit, twelve (12) sets of such site and development plan shall be submitted to the Land Development Regulation Administrator to be circulated for comment to any other official or department of the County which may have responsibility for some aspect of the site and development plan.

Twelve (12) sets of such site and development plan approval shall be submitted to the Land Development Regulation Administrator not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the public meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board at which the application for site and development plan approval is to be considered together with the payment of such reasonable fees as the Board of County Commissioners may determine through action in setting fees as set out in Article 1 of these land development regulations.

14.12.3 Action on site and development plan. The Land Development Regulation Administrator shall forward the application for site and development plan approval to the Planning and Zoning Board for approval. The Planning and Zoning Board shall handle such matters in a public session as part of a previously prepared agenda, however, no public notice and hearing is required. All matters relating to Planning and Zoning Board consideration of site and development plans shall be a public record and approval, approval with conditions or denial shall require formal action of the Planning and Zoning Board. Appeals from decisions of the Planning and Zoning Board shall be heard as set out in Article 12 of these land development regulations.

In reaching a decision as to whether or not the site and development plan as submitted should be approved with a directive to the Land Development Regulation Administrator to issue building permits, the Planning and Zoning Board shall be guided in its decision and the exercise of its discretion to approve, approve with conditions or to deny by the following standards; the Planning and Zoning Board shall show in its record that each was considered where applicable and it shall make findings in regard to those of the following standards which it finds to be applicable:

1. Sufficiency of statements on ownership and control of the development and sufficiency of conditions of ownership or control, use and permanent maintenance of common open space, common facilities or common lands to insure preservation of such lands and facilities for their intended purpose and to ensure that such common facilities will not become a future liability for the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Density and/or the intended use of the proposed development with particular attention to its relationship to adjacent and nearby properties and effect on those properties and relationship to the Comprehensive Plan.

3. Ingress and egress to the development and proposed structures on the development, with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety, minimization of marginal friction with free movement of traffic on adjacent streets, separation of automotive traffic and pedestrian and other traffic, traffic flow and control, provision of services and servicing of utilities and refuse collection, and access in case of fire, catastrophe or emergency.

4. Location and relationship of offstreet parking and offstreet loading facilities to thoroughfares and internal traffic patterns within the proposed development, with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety, traffic flow and control, access in case of fire or catastrophe, and screening and landscape.

5. Sufficiency of proposed screens and buffers to preserve internal and external harmony and compatibility with uses inside and outside the proposed development.

6. Manner of stormwater management on the property, with particular reference to the effect of provisions for stormwater management on adjacent and nearby properties and the consequences of such stormwater management on overall public stormwater management capacities.

7. Adequacy of provision for sanitary sewers, with particular relationship to overall sanitary sewer availability and capacities.

8. Utilities, with reference to hook-in locations and availability and capacity for the uses projected.

9. Recreation facilities and open spaces, with attention to the size, location and development of the areas as to adequacy, effect on privacy of adjacent and nearby properties and uses within the proposed development and relationship to community open spaces and recreational facilities.

10. General amenities and convenience, with particular reference to assuring that appearance and general layout of the proposed development will be compatible and harmonious with properties in the general area and will not be in conflict with other development in the area as to cause substantial depreciation of property values.

11. Such other standards as may be imposed by these land development regulations on the particular use or activity involved.

14.12.4 Issuance of building permits. Upon the approval of the site and development plan application by the Planning and Zoning Board or its approval with conditions, building permits for the proposed development shall be issued by the Land Development Regulation Administrator. The development shall be built substantially in accordance with the approved site and development plan. If after such approval, should the owner/applicant or his or her successors desire to make any changes in the site and development plan, such changes shall be submitted to the Land Development Regulation Administrator. If the Land Development Regulation Administrator deems there to be a substantial change or deviation from that which is shown on the approved site and development plan, the owner/ applicant or his or her successors shall be required to submit the amended site and development plan for approval as set forth in Section 14.12 of these land development regulations. Failure to submit such amended site and

development plan for determination by the Land Development Regulation Administrator that a substantial change or deviation is occurring or has occurred, prior to such changes, shall constitute a violation of these land development regulations and shall be punishable as provided in Article 15 of these land development regulations.

SECTION 14.13 PROPORTIONATE FAIR-SHARE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

14.13.1 Purpose and Intent - The purpose of this section is to establish a method whereby the impacts of development on transportation facilities can be mitigated by the cooperative efforts of the public and private sectors, to be known as the Proportionate Fair-Share Transportation Program, as required by and in a manner consistent with Section 163.3180(16), Florida Statutes.

14.13.2 Applicability - The Proportionate Fair-Share Transportation Program shall apply to all developments in the County that have been notified of a lack of capacity to satisfy transportation concurrency on a transportation facility in the County Concurrency Management System, including transportation facilities maintained by Florida Department of Transportation or another jurisdiction that are relied upon for concurrency determinations, pursuant to the concurrency requirements of this Article of the Land Development Regulations. The Proportionate Fair-Share Transportation Program does not apply to developments of regional impact using proportionate fair-share under Section 163.3180(12), Florida Statutes, or to developments exempted from concurrency as provided in the Comprehensive Plan and this Article of the Land Development Regulations, and/or Section 163.3180, Florida Statutes, regarding exceptions and de minimis impacts.

14.13.3 General Requirements

1. An applicant may choose to satisfy the transportation concurrency requirements of the County by making a proportionate fair-share contribution, pursuant to the following requirements:

    a. The proposed development is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and applicable land development regulations, and

    b. The Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements in the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan or the long-term schedule of capital improvements for an adopted long-term Concurrency Management System includes a transportation improvement(s) that, upon completion, will satisfy the requirements of the Concurrency Management System. The provisions of paragraph (2) of this General Requirements subsection herein may apply if a project or projects needed to satisfy concurrency are not presently contained within the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan or an adopted long-term schedule of capital improvements for an adopted long-term Concurrency Management System.

2. The County may choose to allow an applicant to satisfy transportation concurrency through the Proportionate Fair-Share Transportation Program by contributing to an improvement that, upon completion, will satisfy the requirements of the Concurrency Management System, but is not contained in the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements in the Capital Improvements Element or a long-term schedule of capital improvements for an adopted long-term Concurrency Management System, where the following apply:

a. The County adopts, by resolution, a commitment to add the improvement to the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements in the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan or long-term schedule of capital improvements for an adopted long-term Concurrency Management System no later than the next regularly scheduled annual Capital Improvements Element update. To qualify for consideration under this section, the proposed improvement must be reviewed by the Local Planning Agency, and determined to be financially feasible pursuant to Section 163.3180(16)(b)1., Florida Statutes, consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and in compliance with the provisions of this section. Financial feasibility for this section means that additional contributions, payments or funding sources are reasonably anticipated during a period not to exceed ten (10) years to fully mitigate impacts on the transportation facilities.

b. If the funds allocated for the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements in the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan are insufficient to fully fund construction of a transportation improvement required by the Concurrency Management System, the County may still enter into a binding proportionate fair-share agreement with the applicant authorizing construction of that amount of development on which the proportionate fair-share is calculated if the proportionate fair-share amount in such agreement is sufficient to pay for one (1) or more improvements which will, in the opinion of the governmental entity or entities maintaining the transportation facilities, significantly benefit the impacted transportation system. The improvement or improvements funded by the proportionate fair-share component must be adopted into the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements in the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan or the long-term schedule of capital improvements for an adopted long-term schedule of capital improvements for an adopted long-term Concurrency Management System at the next regularly scheduled annual Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan update.

3. Any improvement project proposed to meet the applicant's fair-share obligation must meet design standards of the County for locally maintained roadways and those of the Florida Department of Transportation for the state highway system.

14.13.4 Intergovernmental Coordination - Pursuant to policies in the Intergovernmental Coordination Element of the Comprehensive Plan and applicable policies in the North Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, the County shall coordinate with affected jurisdictions, including Florida Department of Transportation, regarding mitigation to impacted facilities not under the jurisdiction of the County. An interlocal agreement may be established with other affected jurisdictions for this purpose.

14.13.5 Application Process

1. Upon notification of a lack of capacity to satisfy transportation concurrency, the applicant shall also be notified in writing of the opportunity to satisfy transportation concurrency through the Proportionate Fair-Share Transportation Program pursuant to the requirements of this section.

2. Prior to submitting an application for a proportionate fair-share agreement, a pre-application meeting shall be held to discuss eligibility, application submittal requirements, potential mitigation options, and related issues. If the impacted facility is on the Strategic Intermodal System, then the Florida Department of Transportation will be notified and invited to participate in the pre-application meeting.

3. Eligible applicants shall submit an application to the County that includes an application fee, as established by a fee resolution, as amended, by the County, and the following:

    a. Name, address and telephone number of owner(s), developer and agent;

    b. Property location, including parcel identification numbers;

    c. Legal description and survey of property;

    d. Project description, including type, intensity and amount of development;

    e. Phasing schedule, if applicable; and

    f. Description of requested proportionate fair-share mitigation method(s).

4. The County shall review the application and certify that the application is sufficient and complete within thirty (30) calendar days. If an application is determined to be insufficient, incomplete or inconsistent with the general requirements of the Proportionate Fair-Share Transportation Program as described in this section, then the applicant will be notified in writing of the reasons for such deficiencies within thirty (30) calendar days of submittal of the application. If such deficiencies are not remedied by the applicant within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the written notification, then the application will be deemed abandoned. The Board of County Commissioners may, in its discretion, grant an extension of time not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days to cure such deficiencies, provided that the applicant has shown good cause for the extension and has taken reasonable steps to effect a cure.

5. Pursuant to Section 163.3180(16)(e), Florida Statutes, proposed proportionate fair-share mitigation for development impacts to facilities on the Strategic Intermodal System requires the concurrence of the Florida Department of Transportation. The applicant shall submit evidence of an agreement between the applicant and the Florida Department of Transportation for inclusion in the proportionate fair-share transportation agreement.

6. When an application is deemed sufficient, complete and eligible, the applicant shall be advised in writing and a proposed proportionate fair-share obligation and binding agreement will be prepared by the County and delivered to the appropriate parties for review, including a copy to the Florida Department of Transportation for any proposed proportionate fair-share mitigation on a Strategic Intermodal System facility, no later than sixty (60) calendar days from the date at which the applicant received the notification of a sufficient application and no fewer than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the Board of County Commissioners meeting when the agreement will be considered.

7. The County shall notify the applicant regarding the date of the Board of County Commissioners meeting when the agreement will be considered for final approval. No proportionate fair-share agreement will be effective until approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

14.13.6 Determining Proportionate Fair-Share Obligation

1. Proportionate fair-share mitigation for concurrency impacts may include, without limitation, separately or collectively, private funds, contributions of land, and construction and contribution of facilities.

2. A development shall not be required to pay more than its proportionate fair-share. The fair market value of the proportionate fair-share mitigation for the impacted facilities shall not differ regardless of the method of mitigation.

3. The methodology used to calculate an applicant's proportionate fair-share obligation shall be as provided for in Section 163.3180 (12), Florida Statutes, as follows:

   The cumulative number of trips from the proposed development expected to reach roadways during peak hours from the complete build out of a stage or phase being approved, divided by the change in the peak hour maximum service volume (MSV) of roadways resulting from construction of an improvement necessary to maintain the adopted level of service (LOS), multiplied by the construction cost, at the time of developer payment, of the improvement necessary to maintain the adopted LOS."

   OR

   Proportionate Fair-Share = $S[[(\text{Development Trips}_i) / (\text{SV Increase}_i)] \times \text{Cost}_i]$

   Where:

Development Trips_i =	Those trips from the stage or phase of development under review that are assigned to roadway segment "I" and have triggered a deficiency per the Concurrency Management System;
SV Increase_i =	Service volume increase provided by the eligible improvement to roadway segment "I" per section E;
Cost_i =	Adjusted cost of the improvement to segment "I". Cost shall include all improvements and associated costs, such as design, right-of-way acquisition, planning, engineering, inspection, and physical development costs directly associated with construction at the anticipated cost in the year it will be incurred.

4. For the purposes of determining proportionate fair-share obligations, the County shall determine improvement costs based upon the actual cost of the improvement as obtained from the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan, or the Florida Department of Transportation Work Program. Where such information is not available, improvement cost shall be determined using one of the following methods.

   a. An analysis by the County of costs by cross section type that incorporates data from recent projects and is updated annually and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. In order to accommodate increases in construction material costs, project costs shall be adjusted by the following inflation factor:

$Cost_n = Cost_0 \times (1 + Cost_growth_{3yr})^n$

Where:

$Cost_n$ =	The cost of the improvements in year n;
$Cost_0$ =	The cost of the improvement in the current year;
$Cost_growth_{3yr}$ =	The growth rate of costs over the last three years;
n =	The number of years until the improvement is constructed.

The three-year growth rate is determined by the following formula:

$Cost_growth_{3yr} = [Cost_growth_{-1} + Cost_growth_{-2} + Cost_growth_{-3}]/3$

Where:

$Cost_growth_{3yr}$ =	The growth rate of costs over the last three years;
$Cost_growth_{-1}$ =	The growth rate of costs in the previous year;
$Cost_growth_{-2}$ =	The growth rate of costs two years prior;
$Cost_growth_{-3}$ =	The growth rate of costs three years prior.

b. The most recent Florida Department of Transportation *Transportation Costs* report, as adjusted based upon the type of cross-section (urban or rural); locally available data from recent projects on acquisition, drainage and utility costs; and significant changes in the cost of materials due to unforeseeable events. Cost estimates for state road improvements not included in the adopted Florida Department of Transportation Work Program shall be determined using this method in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation.

5. If the County has accepted an improvement project proposed by the applicant, then the value of the improvement shall be determined using one (1) of the methods provided in this section.

6. If the County has accepted right-of-way dedication for the proportionate fair-share payment, credit for the dedication of the non-site related right-of-way shall be valued on the date of the dedication at one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the most recent assessed value by the County Property Appraiser or, at the option of the applicant, by fair market value established by an independent appraisal approved by the County and at no expense to the County. The applicant shall supply a drawing and legal description of the land and a certificate of title or title search of the land to the County at no expense to the County. If the estimated value of the right-of-way dedication proposed by the applicant is less than the County estimated total proportionate fair-share obligation for that development, then the applicant must also pay the difference. Prior to purchase or acquisition of any real estate or acceptance of donations of real estate intended to be used for the proportionate fair-share, public or private partners should contact the Florida Department of Transportation for essential information about compliance with federal law and regulations.

14.13.7 Proportionate Fair-Share Agreements

1. Upon execution of a Proportionate Fair-Share Agreement the applicant shall receive County concurrency approval. Should the applicant fail to apply for a development permit within twelve (12) months of the execution of the Proportionate Fair-Share Agreement, then the Proportionate Fair-Share Agreement shall be considered null and void, and the applicant shall be required to reapply.

2. Payment of the proportionate fair-share contribution is due in full prior to issuance of the final development order or recording of the final plat and shall be non-refundable. If the payment is submitted more than twelve (12) months after the date of execution of the Agreement, then the proportionate fair-share cost shall be recalculated at the time of payment based on the best estimate of the construction cost of the required improvement at the time of payment, pursuant to the Determining Proportionate Fair-Share Obligation subsection herein and adjusted accordingly.

3. All developer improvements authorized under this section must be completed prior to issuance of a development permit, or as otherwise established in a binding agreement that is accompanied by a security instrument that is sufficient to ensure the completion of all required improvements. Any required improvements shall be completed before issuance of building permits.

4. Dedication of necessary right-of-way for facility improvements pursuant to a proportionate fair-share agreement must be completed prior to issuance of the final development order or recording of the final plat.

5. Any requested change to a development project subsequent to a development order may be subject to additional proportionate fair-share contributions to the extent the change would generate additional traffic that would require mitigation.

6. Applicants may submit a letter to withdraw from the Proportionate Fair-Share Agreement at any time prior to the execution of the Proportionate Fair-Share Agreement. The application fee and any associated advertising costs to the County are non-refundable.

14.13.8 Appropriation of Fair-Share Revenues

1. Proportionate fair-share revenues shall be placed in the appropriate project account for funding of scheduled improvements in the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan, or as otherwise established in the terms of the Proportionate Fair-Share Agreement. At the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, proportionate fair-share revenues may be used for operational improvements prior to construction of the capacity project from which the proportionate fair-share revenues were derived. Proportionate fair-share revenues may also be used as the fifty percent (50%) local match for funding under the Florida Department of Transportation's Transportation Regional Incentive Program.

2. In the event a scheduled facility improvement is removed from the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan, then the revenues collected for its construction may be applied toward the construction of another improvement within that same corridor or sector that would mitigate the impacts of development pursuant to the requirements of this section.

Where an impacted regional facility has been designated as a regionally significant transportation facility in an adopted regional transportation plan as provided in Section 339.155, Florida Statutes, and then the County may coordinate with other impacted jurisdictions and agencies to apply proportionate fair-share contributions and public contributions to seek funding for improving the impacted regional facility under the Florida Department of Transportation's Transportation Regional Incentive Program. Such coordination shall be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners through an interlocal agreement that establishes a procedure for earmarking of the developer contributions for this purpose.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

ENFORCEMENT AND REVIEW

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ARTICLE FIFTEEN ENFORCEMENT AND REVIEW

SECTION 15.1 COMPLAINTS REGARDING VIOLATIONS

Whenever the Land Development Regulation Administrator receives a written, signed complaint alleging a violation of these land development regulations, he or she shall investigate the complaint, take whatever action is warranted and inform the complainant in writing what actions have been or will be taken.

SECTION 15.2 PERSONS LIABLE

The owner, tenant or occupant of any building or land or part thereof and any architect, builder, contractor, agent or other person who participates in, assists, directs, creates or maintains any situation that is contrary to the requirements of these land development regulations may be held responsible for the violation and suffer the penalties and be subject to the remedies herein provided.

SECTION 15.3 PROCEDURES UPON DISCOVERY OF VIOLATIONS

1. If the Land Development Regulation Administrator finds that any provisions of these land development regulations are being violated, he or she shall send a written notice to the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it. Additional written notices may be sent at the Land Development Administrator's discretion.
2. The final written notice (the initial written notice may be the final notice) shall state what action the Land Development Administrator intends to take if the violation is not corrected and shall advise that the Land Development Regulation Administrator's decision or order may be appealed to the Board of Adjustment in accordance with Section Article 12.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in cases when delay would pose a danger to the public health, safety or welfare, the Land Development Regulation Administrator may seek enforcement without prior written notice by invoking any of the penalties or remedies authorized in this Article.

SECTION 15.4 PENALTIES AND REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS

1. Violations of the provisions of these land development regulations or failure to comply with any of its requirements, including violations of any conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants of variances, special exceptions or special use permits shall constitute a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in Chapter 775, Florida Statutes, as amended. Any person, firm or corporation who violates these land development regulations, or fails to comply with any of its requirements, shall upon conviction of a misdemeanor of the second degree be fined or imprisoned, or both, as provided for in Chapter 125.69, Florida Statutes, as amended and in addition, shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be a separate offense.
2. Any act constituting a violation of the provisions of these land development regulations or a failure to comply with any of its requirements, including violations of any conditions and safeguards established in connection with the grants of variances, special exceptions or special use permits, shall also subject the offender to the penalties provided above. If the offender fails to pay this penalty within ten (10) days after being cited for a violation, the penalty may be recovered by the County in a civil action in the nature of debt. A civil penalty may not be appealed to the Board of Adjustment if the offender was sent a final notice of violation in accordance with this Article and did not take an appeal to the Board of Adjustment within the prescribed time.

3. Each day that any violation continues after notification by the Land Development Regulation Administrator that such violation exists shall be considered a separate offense for purposes of the penalties and remedies specified in this Article.

4. Any one (1), all, or any combination of the foregoing penalties and remedies may be used to enforce these land development regulations.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

AMENDMENTS

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ARTICLE SIXTEEN AMENDMENTS

These land development regulations and Official Zoning Atlas, may from time to time be amended, supplemented, changed or repealed. Procedures shall be as follows:

SECTION 16.1 INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS

A land development regulation amendment may be proposed by:

1. Board of County Commissioners;
2. Planning and Zoning Board;
3. Board of Adjustment;
4. Any department or board of the County;
5. Any person other than those listed in 1, 2, 3, or 4 above; provided, however, that no such person shall propose an amendment for the rezoning of property which he does not own except as agent or attorney for an owner.

   All proposals for land development regulation amendments shall be submitted in writing to the office of the Land Development Regulation Administrator accompanied by all pertinent information which may be required by the Planning and Zoning Board for proper consideration of the matter, along with, for persons under 5 above, the payment of such fees and charges as have been established by the Board of County Commissioners (see Article 1). In the case of an application for the rezoning of land, the Land Development Regulation Administrator shall post a sign advertising the application for rezoning on a prominent position on said land in conformance with Article 13 herein.

SECTION 16.2 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD REPORT

16.2.1 Procedure. It is the intent of these land development regulations that all proposed amendments shall be heard in the first instance by the Planning and Zoning Board. Within a reasonable time after a proposed amendment is filed, the Planning and Zoning Board shall submit its report and recommendation concerning the proposed amendment to the Board of County Commissioners.

Before making a recommendation concerning the proposed amendment, the Planning and Zoning Board shall hold a public hearing to consider the proposed zoning amendment in conformance with Article 13 of these land development regulations.

16.2.2 Nature and requirements of Planning and Zoning Board Report. When pertaining to the rezoning of land, the report and recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Board to the Board of County Commissioners required by Section 16.2.1 above shall show that the Planning and Zoning Board has studied and considered the proposed change in relation to the following, where applicable:

1. Whether the proposed change would be in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and would have an adverse effect on the Comprehensive Plan;
2. The existing land use pattern;
3. Possible creation of an isolated district unrelated to adjacent and nearby districts;
4. The population density pattern and possible increase or overtaxing of the load on public facilities such as schools, utilities and streets;

5. Whether existing district boundaries are illogically drawn in relation to existing conditions on the property proposed for change;

6. Whether changed or changing conditions make the passage of the proposed amendment necessary;

7. Whether the proposed change will adversely influence living conditions in the neighborhood;

8. Whether the proposed change will create or excessively increase traffic congestion or otherwise affect public safety;

9. Whether the proposed change will create a drainage problem;

10. Whether the proposed change will seriously reduce light and air to adjacent areas;

11. Whether the proposed change will adversely affect property values in the adjacent area;

12. Whether the proposed change will be a deterrent to the improvement or development of adjacent property in accord with existing regulations;

13. Whether the proposed change will constitute a grant of special privilege to an individual owner as contrasted with the public welfare;

14. Whether there are substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accord with existing zoning;

15. Whether the change suggested is out of scale with the needs of the neighborhood or the County; and

16. Whether it is impossible to find other adequate sites in the County for the proposed use in districts already permitting such use.

When pertaining to other proposed amendments of these land development regulations. The Planning and Zoning Board shall consider and study:

1. The need and justification for the change.

2. The relationship of the proposed amendment to the purposes and objectives of the comprehensive planning program and to the Comprehensive Plan, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of these land development regulations and other ordinances, regulations, and actions designed to implement the Comprehensive Plan.

16.2.3 Status of Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendations. The report and recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Board required by Section 16.2.1 above shall be advisory only and shall not be binding upon the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 16.3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: ACTION ON PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD REPORT

Within a reasonable time after receiving the Planning and Zoning Board report and recommendation on a proposed zoning amendment, the Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing to consider the proposed zoning amendment in conformance with Article 13 herein. The Board of County Commissioners shall take final action on the proposed zoning amendment by either approving or denying the proposed amendment.

SECTION 16.4 RELATIONSHIP OF AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

If the amendment requires the prior amendment of the Comprehensive Plan adopted pursuant to the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, as amended action on an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan shall be taken prior to final action on such land development regulation amendment. However, this provision shall not prohibit the concurrent review and consideration of a Comprehensive Plan amendment and land development regulation amendment.

SECTION 16.5 LIMITATION ON SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION

No application by an owner of real property for an amendment to the Official Zoning Atlas for a particular parcel of property, or part thereof, shall be received by the Land Development Regulation Administrator until the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of denial of an application for an amendment to the Official Zoning Atlas for such property, or part thereof, unless the Board of County Commissioners specifically waives said waiting period based upon a consideration of the following factors:

1. The new application constitutes a proposed zoning classification different from the one (1) proposed in the denied application; or
2. Failure to waive said twelve (12) month waiting period constitutes a hardship to the applicant resulting from mistake, inadvertence or newly discovered matters of consideration.

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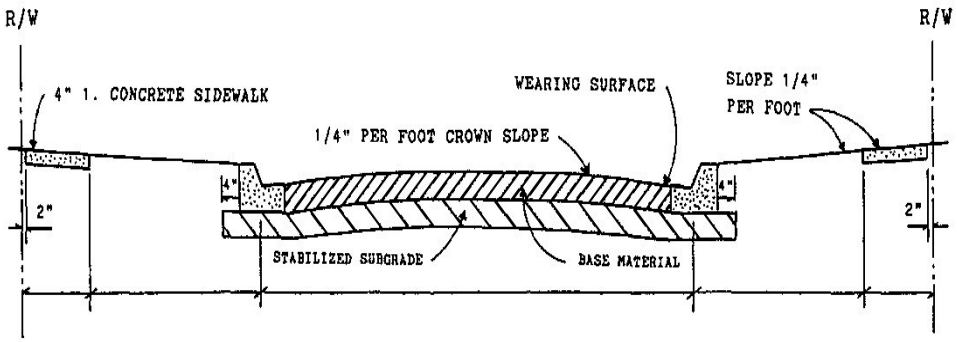

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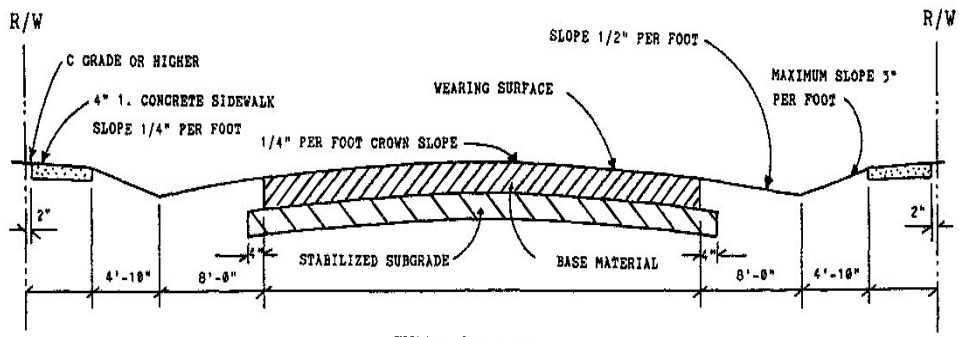

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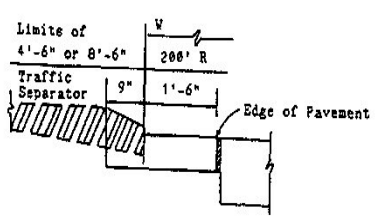

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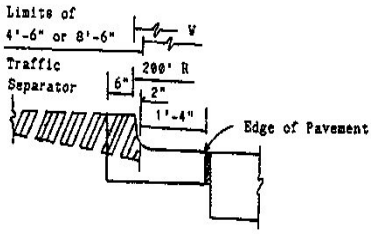

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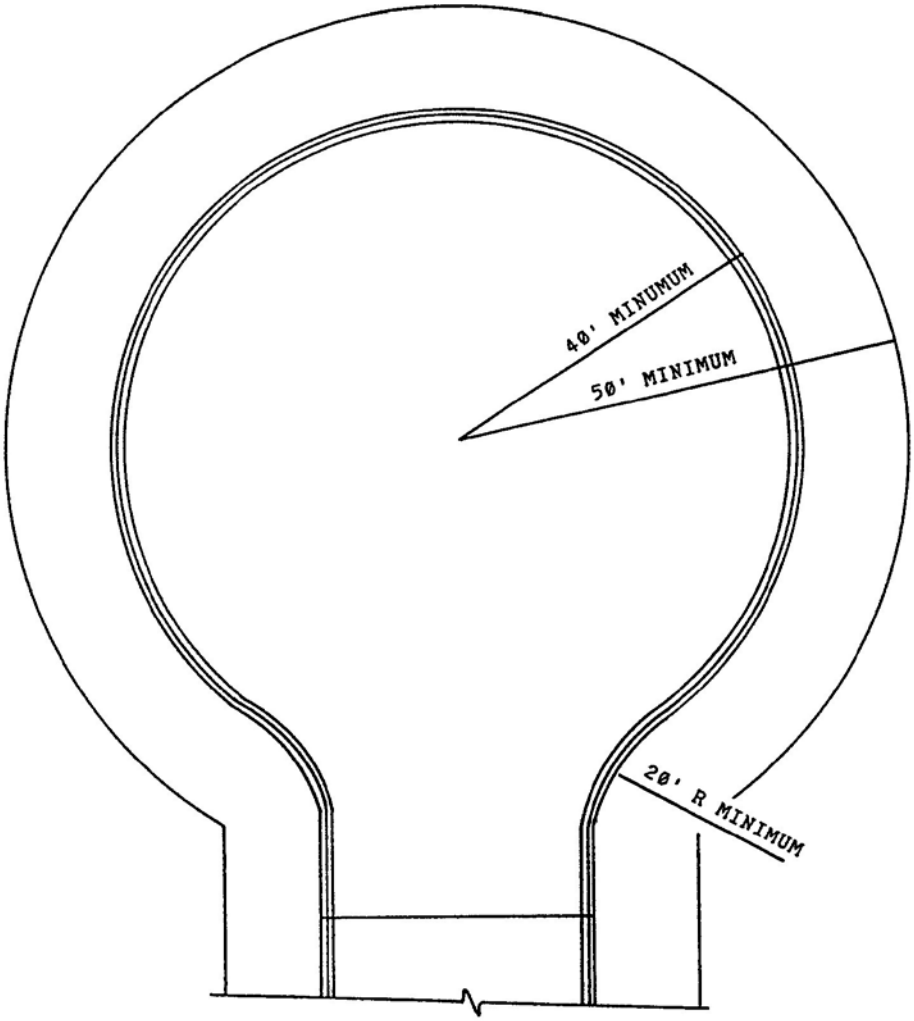

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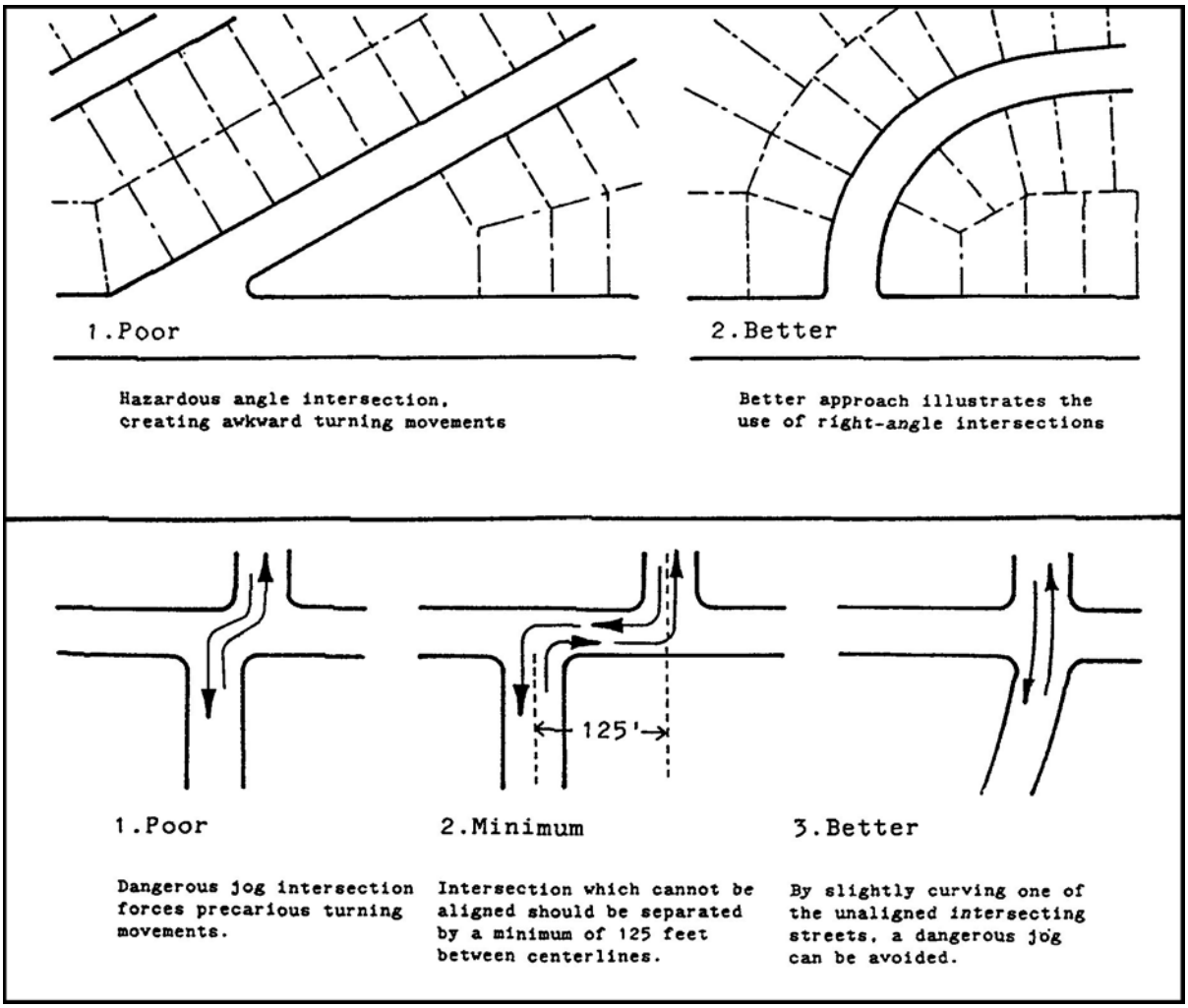
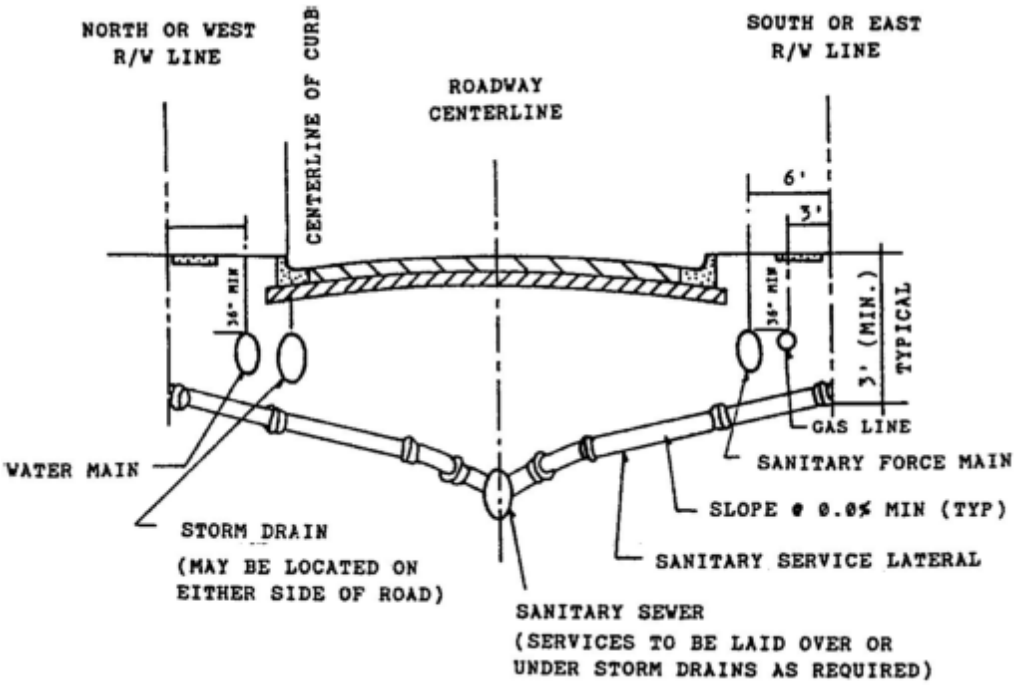




TYPICAL SECTION
LOCAL AND COLLECTOR STREETS

CERTIFICATE OF SURVEYOR AND MAPPER

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, being a licensed and registered land surveyor, as provided under Chapter 472, Florida Statutes, as amended, and is in good standing with the Board of Land Surveyors, does hereby certify that on _____ he/she completed the survey of the lands as shown in the foregoing plat or plan; that said plat is a correct representation of the lands therein described and platted or subdivided; that permanent reference monuments have been placed as shown thereon as required by Chapter 177, Florida Statutes, as amended; and that said land is located in Section _____, Township _____, and Range _____, Lafayette County, Florida.

Printed Name _____

Date _____ Registration Number _____

Certificate of Authorization (Signature) _____

REVIEW BY SURVEYOR AND MAPPER

This is to certify that I have reviewed this plat for conformity to Part 1, Chapter 177 Florida Statues, as amended, but have not verified survey data.

Printed Name _____

Date _____ Registration Number _____

Certificate of Authorization (Signature) _____

CERTIFICATE OF THE
SUBDIVIDER'S ENGINEER

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that on _____, _____ Registered Florida Engineer, as specified within Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, as amended, License No. _____, does hereby certify that all required improvements have been installed in compliance with the approved construction plans and as applicable, any submitted "as built" blue prints in accordance with the requirements of the Board of County Commissioners of Lafayette County, Florida.

_____(SEAL)
Registered Florida Engineer

CERTIFICATE OF TAX COLLECTOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that all payable ad valorem taxes have been paid and all tax sales against the land included within this plat have been redeemed.

_____
Tax Collector

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL BY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Examined on _____

AND

Approved by _____
County Health Department

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Examined on _____

AND

Approved as to Legal Form and Sufficiency by _____.
County Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on _____the foregoing plat was approved by the Board of County Commissioners for Lafayette County, Florida.

_____
Chairman

Attest:

_____ Filed for record on:_____
Clerk of the Circuit Court

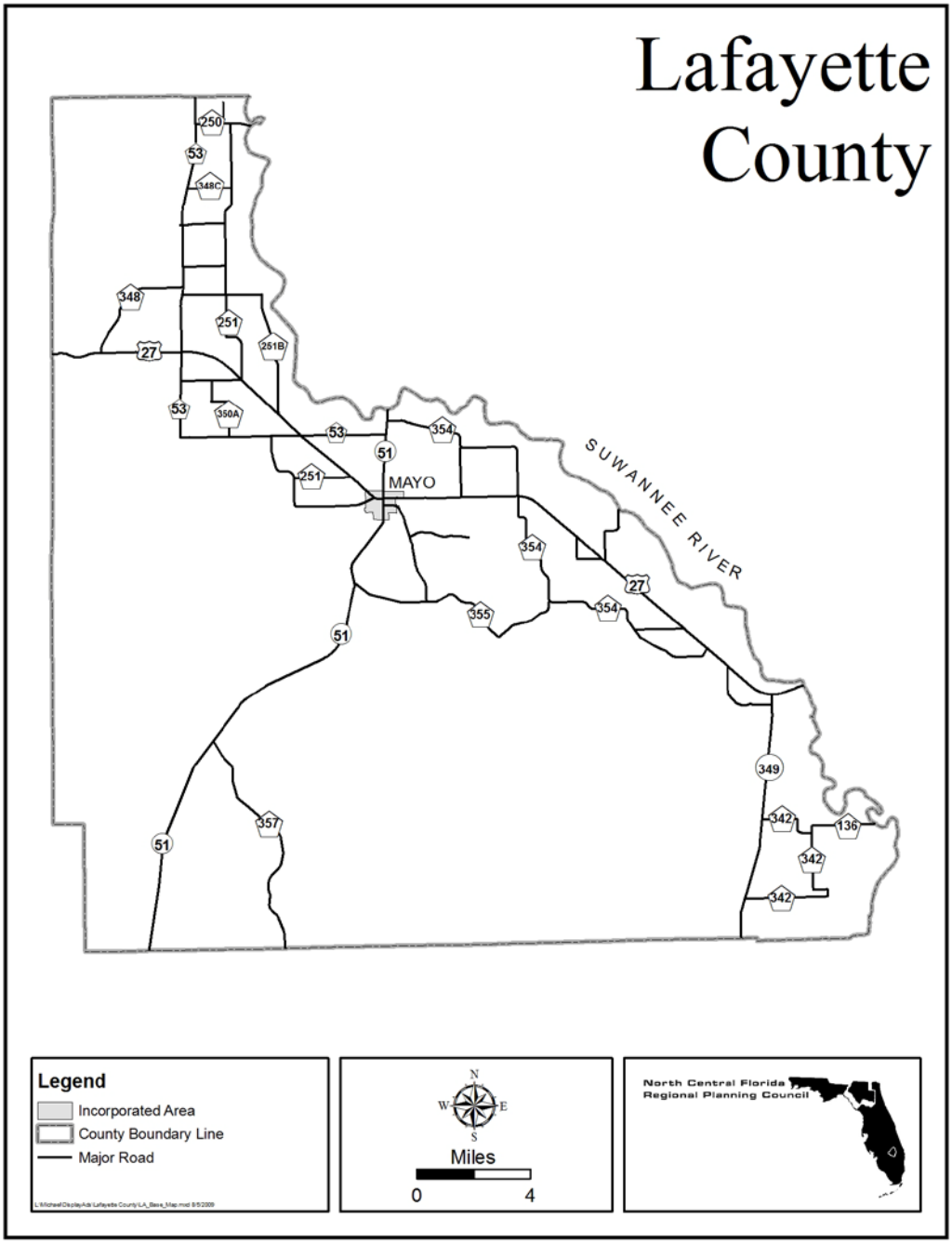
CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED COST

I, _____, Registered Florida Engineer, as specified within Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, as amended, License No._____, do hereby estimate that the total estimated cost of installing all required improvements for the proposed subdivision to be titled _____is $_____.

_____ (SEAL)
Registered Florida Engineer

APPENDIX B

COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD (CN) DISTRICT
LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS
IDENTIFIED ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS



INTRODUCTION

This appendix lists the legal descriptions for Commercial Neighborhood (CN) districts of ten or less acres in size. Due to the scale of the map, properties of ten or less acres are not shown on the Official Zoning Atlas.

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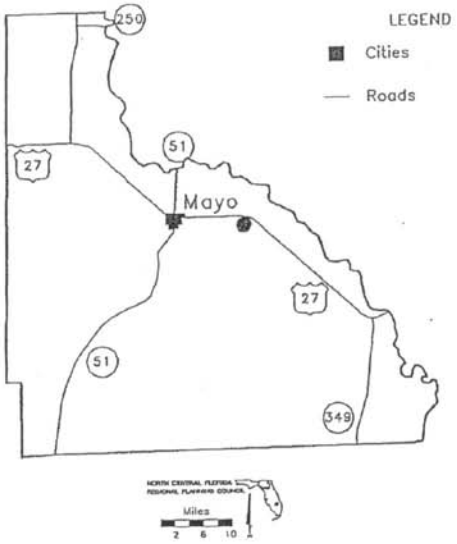
A parcel of land lying within Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 12 East, Lafayette County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: The West 300.00 feet of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 14; and the following property: Commence at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 14; thence North 89°48'19" East along the South line of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 14 a distance of 350.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 00°34'26" West 443.58 feet to the Southeast corner of property described in Official Record Book 36, Page 132 of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida; thence continue North 00°34'26" West 30.00 feet; thence North 89°48'19" East 30.00 feet; thence South 00°34'26" East 275.58 feet; thence North 89°48'19" East 229.00 feet; thence South 00°34'26" East 198.00 feet to the South line of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 14; thence South 89°48'19" West along said South line 259.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Less and Except right-of-way of U.S. Highway 27 (State Road 20) and County Road 354.

Containing 5.63 acres, more or less.



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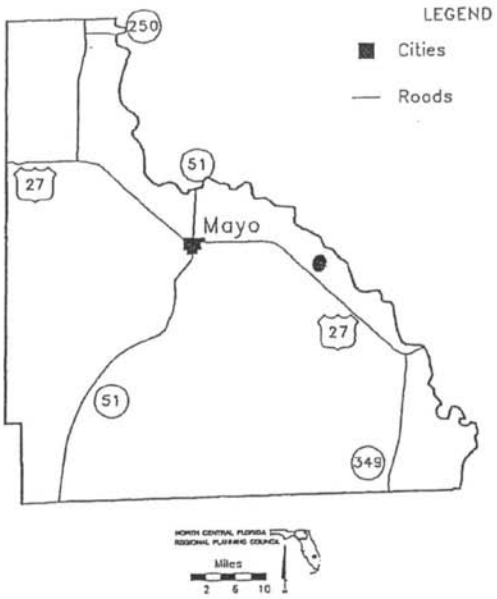
A parcel of land lying within Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 13 East, Lafayette County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: All lands in the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 30 lying and being East of U.S. Highway 27 (State Road 20) as recorded in Deed Book 36, Page 217 of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida.

Containing 2.00 acres, more or less.



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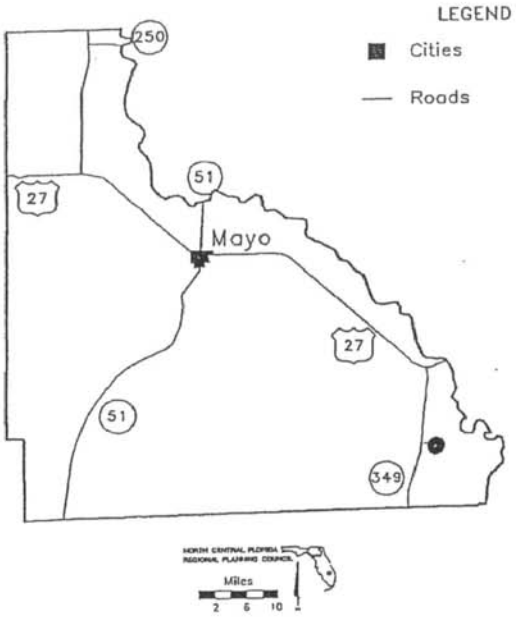
A parcel of land lying within Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 14 East, Lafayette County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: A portion of Lots 12 and 13, Old Lafayette, as recorded in Plat Book A, Page 71, of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida. Commence at the Southwest corner of said Lot 13; thence North 06°38'30" East along the East right-of-way line of State Road 349 a distance of 171.26 feet; thence North 89°52'30" East parallel with the North line of said Lot 12 a distance of 128.07 feet; thence South 06°38'30" West 171.26 feet to the South line of said Lot 13; thence South 89°52'30" West along said South line 128.07 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.50 acre, more or less.



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