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July 28, 2010

Ms. Cynthia S. Chambers, Director
Broward County Environmental Protection
and Growth Management Department
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 329K
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Ms. Chambers:

The Department of Community Affairs has reviewed your letter of April 29, 2010, which outlines the major issues for the preparation of the County's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and we apologize for the delay in responding to your letter. In addition to our review of the County's list of major issues, we also shared your letter with state and regional agencies that will be reviewing the EAR and we requested their comments. None of the state or regional agencies identified any additional issues for the County's consideration. The Department is recommending two major issues for the County's consideration:

1. The County should review its infill and redevelopment objectives and policies to determine how well these programs are being implemented, and
2. The County should include recommendations for implementing the State Road 7/US 441 Transit Supportive Land Use Planning and Urban Design Assistance Study and the Transit Supportive Infrastructure and Land Use Study for Northern Broward County.

We hope that you will find these recommendations beneficial and that they will be incorporated into the County's Evaluation and Appraisal Report scope of work. Please notify the Department, by return letter, of your acceptance of these additions. We very much appreciate the County's cooperation and effort in working with the Department to ensure that the important issues identified in the scope of work will be addressed in the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

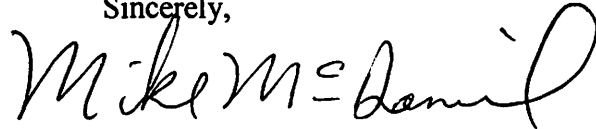
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If you or your staff have any questions or if we can be of further assistance as the County proceeds with preparing its Evaluation and Appraisal Report, please contact Bob Dennis, Regional Planning Administrator, at (850) 922-1765 for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McDaniel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "M" and "D".

Mike McDaniel, Chief
Office of Comprehensive Planning

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NOTICE OF REVISIONS TO PROCESSING PROCEDURES

Effective Date of Revisions to Rule 9J-11 Florida Administrative Code

The Department has revised the procedures for submitting comprehensive plan amendments. These new procedures became effective May 12, 2010.

Reason for Revisions

The revisions implement statutory changes to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, related to allowable exemptions from the twice per calendar year limitations and prohibitions that may affect adoption of comprehensive plan amendments. In addition, changes were made to clarify plan amendment submittal requirements based on the Department's recent experience.

Highlight of Revisions

The revised procedures relate to the submittal of proposed and adopted comprehensive plan amendments, including small scale amendments, and a revised RPM-BSP-EXEMPT REVIEW Form used when submitting exempt and small scale amendments. The major revisions to Rule 9J-11, include 1) the deletion of the requirements to submit replacement pages and a revised table of contents to the comprehensive plan; 2) an update to the allowable exemptions to the twice per calendar year limitation; 3) an update to the statutory prohibitions that may affect adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; 4) clarification on the submittal of the de minimis impact report associated with the capital improvement annual update amendment; 5) a requirement that all future land use map amendments be submitted in color format; and 6) the revised RPM-BSP-EXEMPT REVIEW Form to address affordable housing and Areas of Critical State Concern.

Effect of Revisions

The revisions improve the overall comprehensive plan amendment process by helping local governments prepare and submit complete plan amendment packages. The rule provides the local government with a complete list of statutory exemptions and a complete list of possible prohibitions to the amendment process. In addition, the revised rule clarifies submittal requirements and this increases the likelihood that a submittal package will be initially determined complete.

Location of Revisions

The revisions are located on the Division of Community Planning's website to assist local governments with the submittal of their comprehensive plan amendment packages and may be viewed at "**Submitting Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Developments of Regional Impact**" <http://www.dca.state.fl.us/fdcp/dcp/Procedures/index.cfm> .

Additional Information

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