

# Doing Things!

## Land Development Code Update The New Code

February 2018



#### **Objectives**

- 1. From greenfield to redevelopment and infill
- Incentivize economic investment
- 3. Modernize regulations
- 4. Organize for applicant, first; regulator, second
- Reduce redundancies
- 6. Streamline and consolidate language
- 7. Less is more: graphics, tables, references
- 8. Overall user-friendly code



#### **Pinellas County Strategic Plan**

- Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality
  - 4.2 Catalyze redevelopment through planning and regulatory programs
- Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers
  - 5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources
  - 5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support



### **Organization – Chapters**

- CH 134. General and Administrative Provisions
- CH 138. Zoning (Articles I X)
- CH 142. Airport Zoning
- CH 146. Historic Preservation (NO CHANGES CURRENTLY PROPOSED)
- CH 150. Impact Fees
- CH 154. Site Development, ROW Improvements, Subdivisions and Platting
- CH 158. Floodplain Management
- CH 162. Signs (NO CHANGES CURRENTLY PROPOSED)
- CH 166. Environmental and Natural Resource Protection
- CH 170. Miscellaneous Provisions (REMOVED)



#### **Project Involvement**

- LDC Focus / Stakeholder Group
  - Residents, developers, planners, engineers
- County Departments / Agencies
  - Meetings, presentations and workshops
- Project Consultants
  - Professional planners, engineers, designers
  - New regulations 'beta tests'
- Public, Board and Committee Meetings
  - Presentations, workshops, BCC, LPA



#### **Completion Strategy**

#### **Approximately 900 pages – 8 chapters**

- February: addressing comments, questions, and suggested changes from 10 County departments
- <u>February April</u>: information sessions BCC, LPA, BA
- March April: final draft documents
- April: County departments, public, stakeholders
- May: address final comments; finalize documents



#### **Completion Strategy**

- June: LPA Public Hearing
- July: BCC Public Hearing (1 of 2)
- August: BCC Public Hearing (2 of 2)
- August October: County staff training
- October: effective go live!



- Definitions (throughout)
  - General cleanup, modernized language, less legalese
  - Consolidation where practical
  - More definition, less regulation
  - Definition vs. usage description
- Updated quasi judicial proceedings language (Ch. 134)
- Development and land use review procedures (Ch. 138, Art. II)
  - All consolidated into one location for user clarity and ease
  - Updated and clarified the procedures
  - Added Development Review Committee (DRC)
  - Changed Board of Adjustment (BA) to Community Development Board (CDB)
  - Replaced technical adjustments and minor variances with waivers and administrative adjustments



- Development Master Plan requirements (Ch. 138, Art. II)
  - Consolidated from multiple locations and moved to one
  - Updated submittal requirements
- Zoning Districts (Ch. 138, Art. III)
  - New quick and easy-to-use 'Table of Uses for Zoning Districts'
  - Modified district names and descriptions to more accurately reflect intent
  - Incorporated references to Activity Centers and Mixed Use Corridors (from Countywide Plan)
- New community design standards article (Ch. 138, Art. X)
  - Includes landscaping requirements (moved from Ch. 166, Art. II)
  - Includes new district design criteria



- Majority of drainage requirements (Ch. 154, Art. II) moved to Stormwater Manual
- New functional classification design elements and standards matrices (Ch. 154, Art. III)
- Additional roadway layout / design alternatives and guidance (Ch. 154, Art. III)
- New 3R process defined (per FDOT handbook) (Ch. 154, Art.
   III)
- Moved access management systems for collector and arterial roads from Ch. 170 (Ch. 154, Art. IV)



- Habitat Management and Protection (Ch. 166, Art. II, Div.1)
  - Updated the appeals and variance sections and referenced Ch. 138,
     Art. II for processes and procedures
  - Moved landscaping requirements to new 'Community Design Standards' – Ch. 138, Art. X
  - Updated the 'undesirable tree/plant' language; referred reader to new 'Community Design Standards' – Ch. 138, Art. X
- Miscellaneous Provisions (Ch. 170)
  - Catchall repository for new regulations
  - Moved all Articles to most closely associated LDC Chapters elsewhere
     closed Chapter 170



#### **Moving Forward**

- Future ordinance to address minor modifications and updates
  - 12 18 months
  - What did we miss?
  - Unforeseen issues, unintended consequences, necessary clarifications
  - Suggested additions and changes outside project scope
  - Incorporate regulations highlighted in the Comprehensive Plan results neutral policy consolidation effort



### Thank You!

**Questions?**