

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03

A RESOLUTION OF FORWARD PINELLAS, IN ITS ROLE AS THE PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE COUNTYWIDE RULES; ADDING THE RESIDENTIAL RURAL CATEGORY; CLARIFYING THE PROCESS FOR AMENDING THE COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP WHEN NO LOCAL FLUM AMENDMENT IS NEEDED; UPDATING SECTION NUMBERS, REFERENCES AND TERMINOLOGY FOR INTERNAL CONSISTENCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, acting pursuant to its countywide planning authority, has repealed the former Countywide Comprehensive Plan and replaced it by adoption of Ordinance No. 15-30 on August 7, 2015, which has been subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS, as part of Ordinance 15-30, the Board adopted the Countywide Plan Strategies, Countywide Plan Map, and the Countywide Rules, which collectively comprise the Countywide Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council, pursuant to Section 6(7)(b), Chapter 2012-245, Laws of Florida, is authorized to develop rules, standards, policies, and objectives that will implement the Countywide Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council pursuant to Section 10(3)(a), Chapter 2012-245, Laws of Florida, is authorized to initiate amendment to a rule or strategy of the Countywide Plan, as determined necessary by the Council to establish effective countywide planning; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Pinellas Planning Council amended the Countywide Rules to eliminate multiple Countywide Plan Map categories, including the Residential Rural category; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, in its role as the local government for unincorporated Pinellas County, has requested that the Residential Rural category be readopted to protect the character of rural low-density unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, has determined that readopting the Residential Rural category is necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Rules set forth a process for local government requests to amend the Countywide Plan Map; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, recommends revisions to the Countywide Plan Map amendment process as set forth in Exhibit A to allow the Residential Rural category to be designated on the Countywide Plan Map when no local Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment is needed; and

WHEREAS, the requisite procedures concerning notice and public hearing for amendment of the Countywide Rules have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, that:

SECTION 1. Forward Pinellas hereby recommends approval of the amended Countywide Rules attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. Forward Pinellas hereby transmits a copy of this Resolution, including Exhibit "A," to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, acting pursuant to its countywide planning authority, for consideration and action.

SECTION 3. Forward Pinellas hereby recommends said amendments to the Countywide Rules, as set forth in Exhibit "A", be approved by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, acting pursuant to its countywide planning authority.

This Resolution offered and adopted at the May 13, 2020 meeting of Forward Pinellas as hereinafter set forth:

Commissioner Seal offered the foregoing Resolution

which was seconded by Mayor Bradbury and the vote was:

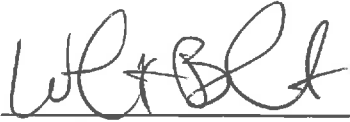
AYES: Commissioner Eggers, Mayor Kennedy, Commissioner Long,
Mayor Bujalski, Vice Mayor Saler, Commissioner Smith,
Vice Mayor Albritten, Councilmember Gabbard,
Mayor Bradbury, Commissioner Seal & Commissioner Welch

NAYS: Commissioner Connor Donovan

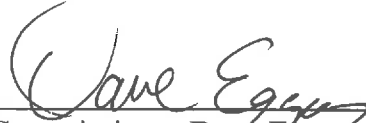
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

Councilmember Dardon Rice

ATTEST:

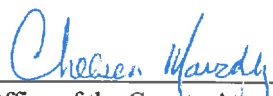


Whit Blanton, Executive Director
Forward Pinellas



Commissioner Daye Eggers, Chairman
Forward Pinellas

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 
Office of the County Attorney