

FORWARD PINELLAS
RESOLUTION NO. 23-03

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO PINELLAS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 15-30, AS AMENDED, TO UPDATE THE COUNTYWIDE PLAN FOR PINELLAS COUNTY; MODIFYING STANDARDS OF THE COUNTYWIDE RULES ADDRESSING CONVERSION OF INDUSTRIAL AND EMPLOYMENT LAND, INCREASES OF DENSITY OR INTENSITY IN THE COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREA, DENSITY/INTENSITY BONUSES, TRANSFERS OF DENSITY/INTENSITY, TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, PROCEDURES FOR MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL AMENDMENTS, TIMEFRAMES AND REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN LAND USE SUBMITTALS, PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP AMENDMENTS, AND DEFINITIONS; CREATING COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP SUBMAP NO. 2; 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, adopted the Countywide Plan Strategies, Countywide Plan Map, and the Countywide Rules, which collectively comprise the Countywide Plan, by adoption of Ordinance No. 15-30 on August 7, 2015, which has been subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas, in its role as 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, Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, pursuant to Section 10(3)(a), Chapter 2012-245, Laws of Florida, is authorized to initiate amendments to the rules and strategies of the Countywide Plan as determined necessary by Forward Pinellas to establish effective countywide planning; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Plan, consisting of the Countywide Plan Map Strategies, Countywide Rules, and Countywide Plan Map, provides for the coordination of land use and transportation planning among the 25 local governments in Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to add, modify, reorganize, and clarify Countywide Plan provisions in order to fulfill to identified planning objectives; and

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

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

SECTION 1. Purpose. The Countywide Rules set forth land use categories applicable to the Countywide Plan Map, together with use characteristics, density/intensity standards, locational criteria, other standards, and review procedures, in accordance with the policy direction of the Countywide Plan Strategies.

SECTION 2. Intent. Amendments to Countywide Rules are needed to implement policy objectives that encourage the reservation of land for high-wage target employers; discourage increases of density or intensity in the Coastal High Hazard Area; allow flexible land use planning techniques such as transferable development rights, density/intensity averaging, and density/intensity bonuses; evaluate the potential transportation impacts of proposed Countywide Plan Map amendments; establish timeframes, reporting, and public notice requirements; establish a set of definitions used in review procedures with which adopted local government plans and codes must be consistent; and provide locational criteria for Countywide Plan Map amendments.

SECTION 3. Transmittal. Forward Pinellas hereby transmits a copy of this Resolution, including Exhibit "A" and "B", to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, acting pursuant to its countywide planning authority, for consideration and action.

SECTION 4. Recommendation of Approval. Forward Pinellas hereby recommends said amendments to the Countywide Plan, as set forth in Exhibit "A" and "B", be approved by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, acting pursuant to its countywide planning authority.

This Resolution offered and adopted at the July 12, 2023 meeting of the Pinellas Planning Council as hereinafter set forth:

Councilor Burke offered the foregoing Resolution

which was seconded by Councilmember Driscoll and the vote


was:

AYES: Commissioner Long, Mayor Bujalski, Vice Mayor Reed,
Councilmember Muhammad, Councilor Burke,
Councilmember Floyd, ² Councilmember Buchman,
Councilmember Driscoll, Mayor Will, Commissioner Eggers


NAYS: Commissioner Smith

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Commissioner Scott
Councilmember Allbritton

ATTEST:



Whit Blanton, Executive Director
Forward Pinellas



Commissioner Janet Long, Chairman
Forward Pinellas