

**FORWARD PINELLAS  
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE COUNTYWIDE RULES; ADDING PROVISIONS FOR A SENIOR HOUSING BONUS; REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE PROCESS FOR MAP ADJUSTMENTS; CLARIFYING PROCEDURES FOR CONTINUING AND WITHDRAWING COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS; CLARIFYING THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTYWIDE PLAN STRATEGIES AND RULES; ADDING AND AMENDING DEFINITIONS; 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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, acting pursuant to its countywide planning authority, has repealed the former Countywide Comprehensive Plan and replaced it by adoption of Ordinance No. 15-30 on August 7, 2015, which has been subsequently amended; and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, 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, 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, the Countywide Rules provide for local density and intensity bonuses to be established to meet specified planning objectives of the Countywide Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to adopt a density and intensity bonus, inclusive of relevant definitions, to incentivize the creation of additional housing options for the senior population; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Rules provide for ministerial adjustment of the Countywide Plan Map boundaries of the Preservation and Recreation/Open Space categories and the delineation of submerged lands; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to clarify the intent of the map adjustment process, including relevant definitions, and provide for an administrative approval process; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to clarify the public hearing process for proposed amendments to the Countywide Plan Map, Countywide Plan Strategies, and Countywide Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to update the definition of the Agricultural-Light land use to allow for additional animal-related uses; 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 the Pinellas Planning Council that:

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

SECTION 2. The Council 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. The Council 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 June 9, 2021 meeting of the Pinellas Planning Council as hereinafter set forth:

Councilmember Gabbard offered the foregoing Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Long and the vote was:


AYES: Councilmember Rice, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Seel, Commissioner Eggers, Councilmember Gabbard, Councilmember Allbritton, Mayor Kennedy, Mayor Bujalski, and Councilmember Noble.

NAYS: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Commissioner Merz, Commissioner Gerard, Councilmember Reed, Commissioner Smith

ATTEST:

  
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Whit Blanton, Executive Director

  
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Councilmember Darden Rice, Chair