

PUBLIC NOTICE OF LIVE PUBLIC HEARING INCLUDING VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the Executive Office of the Governor Orders 20-69, 20-91 and 20-112, and Pinellas County Emergency Official Authority Order 20-3, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, in its capacity as the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA), will conduct a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the Countywide Rules, a part of the Countywide Plan for Pinellas County, as set forth below:

The CPA will hold a public hearing with live participation in the Magnolia Room at the Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL 33774, as well as virtual participation utilizing Communications Media Technology (CMT) on the Zoom platform, on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as may be accommodated by the completion of the rest of the Board agenda.

As space in the meeting room is limited due to social distancing necessities, the public is encouraged to watch the live stream or participate virtually.

The public hearing will be conducted in person as well as allowing virtual participation. The entire meeting and stream will be broadcast live at <https://youtube.com/pcctv1>, www.pinellascounty.org/TV, and broadcasted on the Pinellas County cable public access channels:

Spectrum Channel 637 Frontier Channel 44 WOW! Channel 18

Members of the public wishing to address the body on any agenda item may do so in person at the meeting location, or virtually by visiting www.pinellascounty.org/attend or calling in to the ZOOM meeting at one of the following numbers:

1-646-558-8656; or 1-312-626-6799; or 1-301-715-8592; or 1-346-248-7799; or 1-720-707-2699; or 1-253-215-8782.

You will be asked to enter a Webinar ID number. That number is 238 247 671.

The proposed ordinance to amend the Countywide Rules is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 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.

This ordinance will restore the Residential Rural land use category, with a maximum density of .5 units per acre, and clarify the process to be used for its designation. This category may only be applied to parcels on the Countywide Plan Map if requested by the local jurisdiction. The amendment also updates traffic generation characteristics associated with the Residential Rural and Residential Very Low categories and updates section numbering and references.

In review of the Ordinance above, there may be modifications that arise at the public hearing and/or with other responsible parties.

The CPA will approve, modify, or deny the proposed amendment to the Countywide Rules in accordance with Chapter 2012-245, Laws of Florida, at a second public hearing (to be noticed separately) on this Ordinance on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The details of the proposed amendments are available at the Forward Pinellas office, 310 Court St., 2nd Floor, Clearwater, FL, 33756-5137. In addition, you may call Forward Pinellas at (727) 464-8250 or email your questions to info@forwardpinellas.org. Interested parties are invited to participate in the hearings to present facts or express views on the cases outlined in this advertisement.

The agenda for this meeting can be found at <https://pinellas.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Those wishing to provide comments on any agenda item are encouraged to do so in advance through the dedicated public comment voicemail at 727-464-4010; or by advance written comment at www.pinellascounty.org/bccagendacomment. There are also instructions for the methods of commenting during public meetings and providing materials for presentation during public hearings available online at www.pinellascounty.org/BCC_participation.htm, and recorded instructions are available at 727-464-4400. All comments received on any agenda item by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting will be included as part of the official record for this meeting and will be available to be considered by the CPA prior to any action taken.

Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may provide public input through use of these numbers via the State of Florida's relay service, at 7-1-1. For more visit www.ftri.org/relay/faqs.

As Pinellas County is currently operating under a Declaration of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and is practicing CDC recommended social distancing protocols, staff from the Office of Human Rights is working remotely.

Persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to effectively participate in this meeting are asked to contact Pinellas County's Office of Human Rights by e-mailing such requests to both pvalenti@co.pinellas.fl.us and to jlorick@co.pinellas.fl.us at least three (3) business days in advance of the need for reasonable accommodation. You may also call (727) 464-4882. More information about the ADA, and requests for reasonable accommodation, may be found at www.pinellascounty.org/humanrights/ada.

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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