



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ordinance regarding Stormwater Management Standards, amending certain sections of Chapter 154 of the County Code related to Stormwater Management; and providing for adoption of a Stormwater Manual to provide progressive mechanisms to meet those standards.

Recommended Action:

Approve the ordinance amending the Land Development Code to adopt and implement the Pinellas County Stormwater Manual.

Strategic Plan:

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.1 Implement green technologies and practices where practical

3.2 Preserve and manage environmental lands, beaches, parks, and historical assets

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air, and other natural resources

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.1 Proactively attract and retain businesses with targeted jobs to the county and the region

4.3 Catalyze redevelopment through planning and regulatory programs

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Summary:

Chapter 154 of the Land Development Code currently specifies standards for stormwater management, drainage, retention, and treatment. These standards have been intermittently amended since the original adoption of the code in 1990. However, in order to implement best management practices and provide a comprehensive set of performance standards addressing water quantity and quality, it is desirable to adopt a Pinellas County Stormwater Manual. The manual will provide a centralized location for all requirements, as well as methods to meet the requirements. The manual will also provide more tools and flexibility, protect and restore our surface waters, incentivize redevelopment and promote urban regeneration, ensure compatibility with other code sections, and introduce resiliency measures to meet current and future conditions.

The Local Planning Agency reviewed this ordinance at its regular meeting of January 12, 2017, unanimously found it consistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan, and further recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the ordinance.

Background Information:

Stakeholder meetings to review and comment on the proposed Stormwater Manual were held in 2014 and 2016. The LPA previously reviewed the proposed manual in July 2015.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

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Ordinance Clean - Approved as to Form by Attorney
Ordinance - Strikethrough/Underline with exhibits
PowerPoint Presentation
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