



TO: Planning Board

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SUBJECT: Ordinance 19-033 For Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Appraisal Review

BOARD DATE: August 13, 2019

TEXT AMENDMENT
Comprehensive Plan - 2019 EAR Amendment

In 2018, the City of Fort Pierce was tasked with performing an EAR Report to the State by February 1, 2018, per Rule Chapter 73C-49, Florida Administrative Code, where the City was responsible for determining whether the need existed for the City to amend its Comprehensive Plan to reflect changes in State requirements since the last time the Comprehensive Plan was updated. In 2018, Staff reported to the State that indeed the City needed to amend its Comprehensive Plan and the City then had one year to prepare and transmit the proposed amendment. If any local government fails to timely submit a proposed amendment within one year of reporting, that local government may not amend its Comprehensive Plan until it complies with the requirements of the State. Because the City missed its deadline of January 31, 2019, that is in fact what happened.

At the last Local Planning Agency meeting on July 9, 2019, the Board considered and discussed the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Appraisal Review document. It was the decision of the Board to forward a unanimous recommendation of approval of the document to the City Commission. As part of the City's Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Appraisal Review process, the physical Ordinance for the Evaluation & Appraisal Review needed to be advertised and reviewed by the Local Planning Agency. No changes have been made to the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Appraisal Review document from the Board's last review.

The City Attorney's office has provided approval of Ordinance 19-033 as to Form & Correctness on July 25, 2019. After the Local Planning Agency meeting, the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Appraisal Review Document and Ordinance 19-033 will be forwarded to the City Commission meeting on August 19, 2019, for their review and approval to Transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Recommendation:

As the City of Fort Pierce is out of compliance with the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Review (EAR) process, Staff recommends that the Local Planning Agency forward a recommendation of **APPROVAL** for Ordinance 19-033 and Transmittal of the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation & Appraisal Review document to the City Commission.