

February 9, 2026

The Honorable Emily Lee
Mayor, City of Eustis
10 North Grove Street
Eustis, Florida 32726

Dear Mayor Lee,

FloridaCommerce has completed its review of the proposed comprehensive plan amendment for the City of Eustis (Amendment No. 25-02ER), which was received on December 11, 2025. FloridaCommerce has reviewed the proposed amendment in accordance with the state coordinated review process set forth in sections 163.3184(2) and (4), Florida Statutes (F.S.), for compliance with Chapter 163, Part II, F.S.

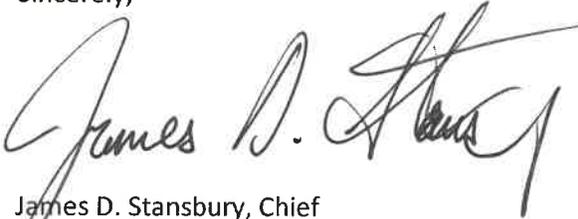
The attached Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report outlines FloridaCommerce's findings concerning the amendment. FloridaCommerce has identified an objection and has included recommendations regarding measures that can be taken to address the objection. FloridaCommerce is also providing two comments. The comments are offered to assist the local government but will not form the basis for a determination of whether the amendment, if adopted, is "In Compliance" as defined in section 163.3184(1)(b), F.S. Copies of comments received by FloridaCommerce from reviewing agencies, if any, are also enclosed.

The City should act by choosing to adopt, adopt with changes or not adopt the proposed amendment. For your assistance, the procedures for final adoption and transmittal of the comprehensive plan amendment are enclosed.

The second public hearing, which shall be a hearing on whether to adopt one or more comprehensive plan amendments, **must be held within 180 days** of your receipt of FloridaCommerce's attached report, or the amendment will be **deemed withdrawn** unless extended by agreement with notice to FloridaCommerce and any affected party that provided comment on the amendment pursuant to section 163.3184(4)(e)1., F.S. **The adopted amendment must be transmitted to FloridaCommerce within ten working days after the final adoption hearing or the amendment shall be deemed withdrawn pursuant to section 163.3184(4)(e)2., F.S.**

FloridaCommerce staff is available to assist the City to address the objection and comments. If you have any questions related to this review, please contact Christina Nazaire, Regional Planning Administrator, by telephone at (850)-717-8532 or by email via Christina.Nazaire@Commerce.fl.gov.

Sincerely,



James D. Stansbury, Chief
Bureau of Community Planning and Growth

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Enclosures: Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report
Procedures for Adoption
Reviewing Agency Comments

cc: Mike Lane, AICP, Director of Development Services, City of Eustis
John Patterson, AICP, Planner III, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

**Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report
Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment
City of Eustis 25-02ER**

The Florida Department of Commerce has identified an objection and two comments regarding the City of Eustis's proposed comprehensive plan amendment. The objection and comments are provided below, along with recommended actions the City could take to resolve issues of concern. If the City adopts the plan amendment without adequately addressing the objection, FloridaCommerce may find the amendment not in compliance with Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes (F.S.), pursuant to section 163.3184(4)(e)4., F.S. **In responding to this correspondence, the City of Eustis should consider the provisions under Chapter 2025-190, L.O.F., which was approved on June 26, 2025, and applies retroactively to August 1, 2024. The City should ensure that the adopted amendment is not more restrictive or burdensome.** Comments are offered to assist the local government and will not form the basis for a compliance determination.

FloridaCommerce staff has discussed the basis of the report with local government staff and is available to assist the City to address the objection and comments.

I. Objection

Objection 1: Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule

Section 163.3177(3)(a)4., F.S. requires that local governments include an updated Five-Year Capital Improvements Schedule in any comprehensive plan that includes federal, state, or local government publicly funded projects as well as privately funded projects for which the local government has no fiscal responsibility. All projects necessary to ensure that any adopted level-of-service standards are achieved and maintained for the 5-year period must be identified as either funded or unfunded and given a level of priority for funding. However, the proposed amendment 25-02ER deletes the Five-Year Capital Improvements Schedule from the Comprehensive Plan.

Statutory Authority: Sections 163.3177(3)(a)4., 163.3184(4), and 163.3191, F.S.

Recommendation: Prior to adoption, the amendment must be revised to include the 2026/2027 through 2030/2031 Five-Year Capital Improvements Schedule in the Capital Improvements Element of its Comprehensive Plan to satisfy the statutory requirement.

II. Comments

Comment 1: Septic System Conversion to Central Sanitary Sewer System Service

The proposed amendment is not consistent with the requirements of section 163.3177(6)(c)3., F.S. Chapter No. 2023-169, L.O.F., amended section 163.3177(6)(c)3., F.S., to require the Infrastructure Element to consider the feasibility of providing sanitary sewer services to any development of more than 50 residential lots, whether built or unbuilt, with more than one onsite sewage treatment and disposal system (OSTDS) per one acre within a 10-year planning horizon, and to identify the wastewater facility (capacity, projected flows for the next 20 years, and timeline for construction of the sanitary sewer system) that could receive the sanitary

sewer flows after connection. Section 163.3177(6)(c)3., F.S., requires that each comprehensive plan must be updated to include the required element by July 1, 2024, and as needed thereafter to account for future applicable developments. The proposed Amendment 25-02ER does not include the information required by section 163.3177(6)(c)3., F.S. In addition, please see the enclosed comments (letter dated January 9th, 2026) from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Comment 2: Intergovernmental Coordination

FloridaCommerce recommends that the City coordinate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to address their comments regarding the proposed amendment.

SUBMITTAL OF ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

FOR STATE COORDINATED REVIEW

Section 163.3184(4), Florida Statutes

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: Please submit electronically using FloridaCommerce's electronic amendment submittal portal "**Comprehensive Plan and Amendment Upload**" (<https://fldco.my.salesforce-sites.com/cp/>) or submit three complete copies of all comprehensive plan materials, of which one complete paper copy and two complete electronic copies on CD ROM in Portable Document Format (PDF) to the State Land Planning Agency and one copy to each entity below that provided timely comments to the local government: the appropriate Regional Planning Council, Water Management District, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of State, the appropriate county (municipal amendments only), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (county plan amendments only), and the Department of Education (amendments relating to public schools), and for certain local governments, the appropriate military installation and any other local government or governmental agency that has filed a written request.

SUBMITTAL LETTER: Please include the following information in the cover letter transmitting the adopted amendment:

_____ State Land Planning Agency identification number for adopted amendment package.

_____ Summary description of the adoption package, including any amendments proposed but not adopted.

_____ Ordinance number and adoption date.

_____ Certification that the adopted amendment(s) has been submitted to all parties that provided timely comments to the local government.

_____ Name, title, address, telephone, FAX number and e-mail address of local government contact.

_____ Letter signed by the chief elected official or the person designated by the local government.

ADOPTION AMENDMENT PACKAGE: Please include the following information in the amendment package:

_____ In the case of text amendments, changes should be shown in strike-through/underline format.

_____ In the case of future land use map amendment, an adopted future land use map, **in color format**, clearly depicting the parcel, its existing future land use designation and its adopted designation.

_____ A copy of any data and analyses the local government deems appropriate.

Note: If the local government is relying on previously submitted data and analysis, no additional data and analysis is required.

_____ Copy of executed ordinance adopting the comprehensive plan amendment(s).

Suggested effective date language for the adoption ordinance for state coordinated review:

"The effective date of this plan amendment, if the amendment is not timely challenged, shall be the date the state land planning agency posts a notice of intent determining that this amendment is in compliance. If the amendment is timely challenged, or if the state land planning agency issues a notice of intent determining that this amendment is not in compliance, this amendment shall become effective on the date the state land planning agency or the Administration Commission enters a final order determining this adopted amendment to be in compliance."

_____ List of additional changes made in the adopted amendment that the FloridaCommerce did not previously review.

_____ List of findings of the local governing body, if any, that were not included in the ordinance and which provided the basis of the adoption or determination not to adopt the proposed amendment.

_____ Statement indicating the relationship of the additional changes not previously reviewed by the FloridaCommerce to the ORC report from the FloridaCommerce.