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July 15, 2022

The Honorable Douglas Hillman
Mayor, Town of Highland Beach
3614 South Ocean Boulevard
Highland Beach, Florida 33487

Dear Mayor Hillman:

The Department of Economic Opportunity ("Department") has reviewed the Town of Highland Beach proposed comprehensive plan amendment (Amendment No. 22-01ESR), received on June 17, 2022, pursuant to the expedited state review process in Section 163.3184(2)(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.). We have identified no comment related to adverse impacts to important state resources and facilities within the Department's authorized scope of review.

We are, however, providing a technical assistance comment consistent with Section 163.3168(3), F.S. The technical assistance comment will not form the basis of a challenge. It is offered either as a suggestion which can strengthen the Town's comprehensive plan in order to foster a vibrant, healthy community or is technical in nature and designed to ensure consistency with the Community Planning Act in Chapter 163, Part II, F.S. The technical assistance comment is:

- ***Section 163.3177(6)(i)1., F.S. (Ch. 2021-195, Laws of Fla.), requires each local government to include a property rights element in its comprehensive plan. The local government has proposed its own property rights element instead of the statement of rights provided by Section 163.3177(6)(i)1., F.S. The proposed property rights element limits the consideration of property rights matters to "planning and development decisions" as opposed to considering them in all "local decision making."***

The Department strongly encourages the Town of Highland Beach, prior to adoption, to revise Goal 1 of the proposed amendment to consider private property rights in all of the Town's local decision making.

Please be advised the property rights element adopted by the local government may not conflict with the statement of rights provided under Section 163.3177(6)(i)1., F.S. To ensure the adopted language does not conflict, the Department recommends that the local government consult with its legal department.

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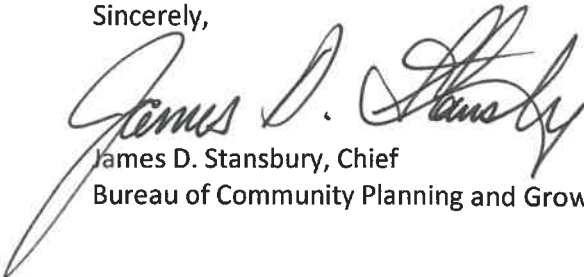
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The Town should act by choosing to adopt, adopt with changes, or not adopt the proposed amendment. For your assistance, we have enclosed the procedures for adoption and transmittal of the comprehensive plan amendment. In addition, the Town is reminded that:

- Section 163.3184(3)(b), F.S., authorizes other reviewing agencies to provide comments directly to the Town. **If the Town receives reviewing agency comments and they are not resolved, these comments could form the basis for a challenge to the amendment after adoption.**
- **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 agency comments or the amendment shall be **deemed withdrawn** unless extended by agreement with notice to the Department and any affected party that provided comment on the amendment pursuant to Section 163.3184(3)(c)1., F.S.
- **The adopted amendment must be rendered to the Department.** Under Section 163.3184(3)(c)2. and 4., F.S., the **amendment effective date** is 31 days after the Department notifies the Town that the amendment package is complete or, if challenged, until it is found to be in compliance by the Department or the Administration Commission.

If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact Matthew Preston, Planning Analyst, by telephone at (850) 717-8490 or by email at matt.preston@deo.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,



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

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Enclosure(s): Procedures for Adoption

cc: Ingrid Allen, Town Planner, Town of Highland Beach

Thomas Lanahan, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

SUBMITTAL OF ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS
FOR EXPEDITED STATE REVIEW

Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: Please submit electronically using the Department's electronic amendment submittal portal "**Comprehensive Plan and Amendment Upload**" (<https://floridajobs.secure.force.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;

_____ Identify if concurrency has been rescinded and indicate for which public facilities. (Transportation, schools, recreation and open space).

_____ 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 amendments, an adopted future land use map, **in color format**, clearly depicting the parcel, its 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 the executed ordinance adopting the comprehensive plan amendment(s);

Suggested effective date language for the adoption ordinance for expedited review:

"The effective date of this plan amendment, if the amendment is not timely challenged, shall be 31 days after the state land planning agency notifies the local government that the plan amendment package is complete. If the amendment is timely challenged, 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 State Land Planning Agency 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 State Land Planning Agency in response to the comment letter from the State Land Planning Agency.

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Cc: [Preston, Matt](#); [Corvin, Kelly D.](#)
Subject: FW: DEO Response Letter
Date: Friday, July 15, 2022 9:02:10 AM
Attachments: [TWN. HIGHLAND BCH. 22-01ESR \(P.pdf\)](#)

Please see attached correspondence from the Department of Economic Opportunity regarding the above comprehensive plan amendment. In addition to this electronic message, a paper copy of the letter is being mailed to the addressee. Paper copies of the attached correspondence are available upon request. Please contact the Department planner identified in the attached letter if you have any questions or concerns. Thank You

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