

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM COUNTY GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) AND COUNTY AGRICULTURE (A-1) TO CITY PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC (P/SP) ON APPROXIMATELY 35.18 ACRES LOCATED EAST OF US HIGHWAY 17, WEST OF HEARD BRIDGE ROAD, NORTH OF BELL STREET, AND SOUTH OF TROPICANA STREET (PARCEL NUMBERS 33-33-25-0000-09780-0000 AND 33-33-25-0000-08410-0000), AS IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT "A" HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners (the "Applicant") requests a change of zoning from County General Commercial (C-2) and County Agriculture (A-1) to City Public/Semi-Public (P/SP) for the development of a new Hardee County Sheriff's Office Administration building and jail on approximately 35.18 acres located east of US Highway 17, west of Heard Bridge Road, north of Bell Street, and south of Tropicana Street (parcel numbers 33-33-25-0000-09780-0000 and 33-33-25-0000-08410-0000); and

WHEREAS, the real property which is the subject of this Ordinance constitutes less than five percent (5%) of the municipally zoned area of the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025, in accordance with Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, and applicable law, the City's Planning and Zoning Board, sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) as designated by the City, at a duly advertised public meeting considered the Applicant's request for rezoning as set forth in this Ordinance which included, but is not limited to, testimony and argument(s) from interested and/or aggrieved parties; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025, the interested and/or aggrieved parties and citizens in attendance were provided with an opportunity to be heard and present testimony to the City's Planning and Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025, after considering all the facts and testimony presented by the City, interested and/or aggrieved parties, and citizens in attendance, the City's Planning and Zoning Board voted to recommend approval of the Applicant's request for the rezoning as set forth in this Ordinance to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this Ordinance being initiated by the Applicant (not the municipality), the City Commission of the City of Wauchula held duly noticed public hearings regarding the parcel shown on Exhibit "A" in accordance with Section 166.041

(3), Florida Statutes, to provide the public an opportunity to be heard, obtain public comment, and receive and consider all written and oral testimony presented during such public hearings, including supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, in exercise of its authority, the City Commission of the City of Wauchula has determined it necessary to amend the Official Zoning Map to change the City zoning classifications assigned to this property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. the Commission of the City of Wauchula, Florida, amends its Official Zoning Map in the following specific manner:

The Official Zoning Map is amended to specifically change the zoning from County General Commercial (C-2) and County Agriculture (A-1) to City Public/Semi-Public (P/SP) on approximately 35.18 acres located East of US Highway 17, west of Heard Bridge Road, north of Bell Street, and south of Tropicana Street (parcel numbers 33-33-25-0000-09780-0000 and 33-33-25-0000-08410-0000).

Section 2. RECITALS. The provisions set forth in the recitals to this Ordinance (whereas clauses) are hereby adopted by the Commission as the legislative findings and intent pertaining to this Ordinance.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City of Wauchula, Florida, hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 4. CONFLICTS. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect, provided however, that nothing herein shall be interpreted so as to repeal any existing ordinance or resolution relating to means of securing compliance with the City's Code of Ordinances and Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), unless such repeal is explicitly set forth herein.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. The ordinance shall take effect concurrent with the effective date of Ordinance 2025-04.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED on first reading in regular session of the City Commission of the City of Wauchula, the ____ day of ____, 2025.

PASSED on second and final reading by the City Commission of the City of Wauchula, Florida, at regular session this ____ day of ____, 2025.

This ordinance was moved for adoption by Commissioner _____.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Anne Miller	_____	insert yes or no
Commissioner Russell Graylin Smith	_____	insert yes or no
Commissioner Keith Nadaskay, Jr	_____	insert yes or no
Commissioner Dr. Sherri Albritton	_____	insert yes or no
Commissioner Gary Smith	_____	insert yes or no

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stephanie Camacho, City Clerk

Richard Keith Nadaskay, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Thomas A. Cloud, City Attorney

Exhibit "A"
Ordinance No. 2025-05
Zoning Map

