

## CITY OF WAUCHULA FUTURE LAND USE AND ZONING AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT & PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

**TO**: City of Wauchula City Commission

PREPARED BY: Central Florida Regional Planning Council

AGENDA DATE: September 8, 2025

SUBJECT:

#### ORDINANCE 2025-12: FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT:

An applicant-initiated request to amend the **Future Land Use classification** from County Town Center to City Low Density Residential (LDR) on one parcel of land containing approximately +/-0.28 acres located at 572 Stenstrom Road, (Parcel Number 09-34-25-0830-00003-0024).

#### **ORDINANCE 2025-13: REZONING:**

An applicant-initiated request to amend the **Zoning Map** from County Farm Residential (FR) to City R-2, Single Family Residential/Duplexes on one parcel of land containing approximately+/-0.28 acres located at 572 Stenstrom Road, (Parcel Number 09-34-25-0830-00003-0024).

#### **AGENDA AND HEARING DATES:**

August 18, 2025, 5:30 PM Planning and Zoning Board (Public Hearing)

September 8, 6:00 PM City City Commission (First Reading)

October 13, 2025, 6:00 PM City Commission (Second Reading, Public Hearing)

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Aerial Photo Map
- Existing Future Land Use Map
- Proposed Future Land Use Map
- Existing Zoning Map
- Proposed Zoning Map
- Applications (Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment & Rezoning)

#### PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MOTION

On September 18, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to forward the proposed Future Land Use Map Amendment and rezoning to the City Commission with recommendations of approval.

#### <u>CITY COMMISSION MOTION OPTIONS (FIRST READING):</u>

Future Land Use Map Amendment Motion Options:

- 1. I move the City Commission approve Ordinance 2025-12 on First Reading.
- 2. I move the City Commission approve Ordinance 2025-12 on First Reading with changes.
- 3. I move continuation to a date and time certain.

#### **Rezoning Motion Options:**

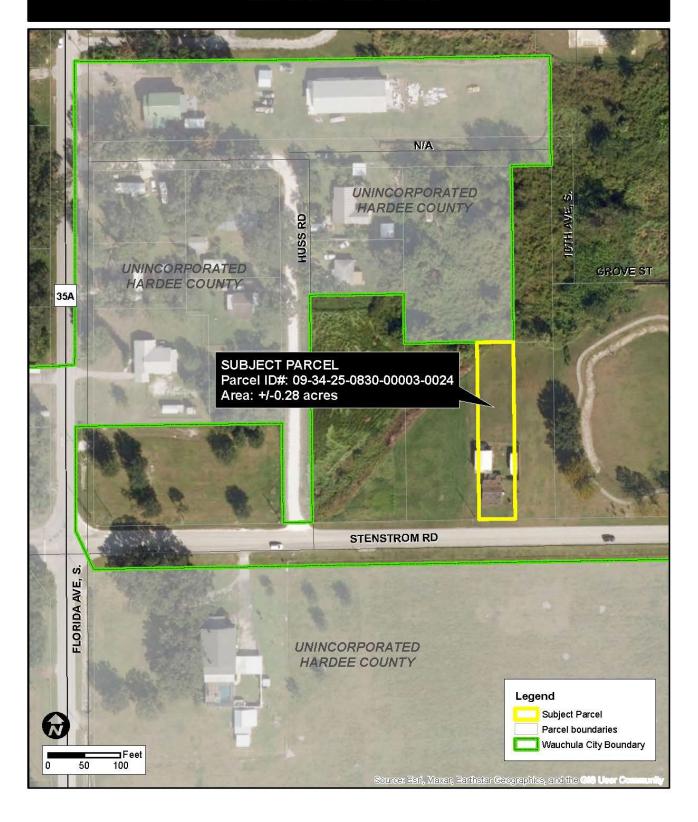
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- 2. I move the City Commission approve Ordinance 2025-13 on First Reading with changes.
- 3. I move continuation to a date and time certain.

#### **OVERVIEW:**

Applicant/ Owner	Randy Mayer
Parcel ID	09-34-25-0830-00003-0024
Total Subject Area	+/-0.28 acres
Existing Future Land Use	County Town Center
Proposed Future Land Use	City Low Density Residential
Existing Zoning	County Farm Residential (FR)
Proposed Zoning	R-2, Single-Family Residential/Duplexes

Randy Mayer (applicant and owner) is requesting the assignment of City of Wauchula Future Land Use and Zoning designations on one parcel of land totaling +/-0.28-acres. The request is to assign a Future Land Use designation of City Low Density Residential and a Zoning District of R-2, Single-Family Residential/Duplexes. The reason for this request is to assign a City Future Land Use and zoning after annexation. See aerial photo map below.

## City of Wauchula AERIAL PHOTO MAP



#### **FUTURE LAND USE REQUEST**

The applicant is requesting a Future Land Use Map amendment from County Town Center to Low Density Residential. Descriptions for both the existing and proposed Future Land Use categories are provided as follows.

### EXISTING FUTURE LAND USE – Hardee County Town Center Future Land Use Element, Policy L1.2

The **Town Center** category accommodates a mix of higher densities and intensities of land uses appropriate to some areas of unincorporated Hardee County. The widest range and highest densities and intensities of land uses are intended. Residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, public, and other uses are intended to be developed in close proximity to maintain or reduce distance between residences, employment areas, commercial areas and entertainment areas.

# PROPOSED FUTURE LAND USE – Low Density Residential City of Wauchula Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Element, Policy 1.6(c)

This category permits higher density residential uses consistent with duplexes and related neighborhood or public uses, with a maximum density of eight units per acre

#### **ZONING REQUEST**

The applicant is requesting a Zoning Map amendment from County Farm Residential (FR) to City R-2, Single Family Residential/Duplexes. Descriptions for both the existing and proposed Zoning categories are provided as follows.

#### **EXISTING ZONING**

## Hardee County Land Development Code, Section 3.04.04 - Farm Residential District

The primary purpose of this zoning district is to provide areas in Hardee County for very low-density residential development in combination with limited agriculture, public and community services, infra-structure, and recreation and open space land uses. In accordance with the Hardee County Comprehensive Plan, residential development may be single-family dwellings, at a permitted density of not more than one dwelling unit per acre. Development within this zoning district must be accessed by County-maintained roadways. Development within this zoning district shall be no further than two miles from existing high-density land uses and/or incorporated boundaries.

#### PROPOSED ZONING

City of Wauchula Land Development Code, Section 2.02.02.05 (B) - R-2, Single-Family Residential/Duplexes

The purpose of this district is to provide the opportunity for conventional single-family development and duplexes in appropriate areas of the City, compatible with existing development and in conformance with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan.

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION

The request includes one parcel totaling approximately +/-0.28 acres. The property has a Future Land Use designation of County Town Center. The applicant is requesting the City assign a Future Land Use designation of City Low Density Residential (LDR) and a zoning of R-2, Single-Family Residential/Duplexes on the parcel because it was recently annexed and must have City Future Land Use and zoning designations assigned to it.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

#### **SURROUNDING PROPERTIES:**

As illustrated in the table below, the property is surrounded by Hardee Couty Town Center, City Commercial, and City Low Density Residential. The property to the north and south are in unincorporated Hardee County and the land to the west, and east are in the City of Wauchula. See attached maps.

Northwest: FLU: County TCN Zoning: County F-R Use: Vacant	North: FLU: County TCN Zoning: County F-R Use: Vacant	Northeast: FLU: City Commercial Zoning: City C-1 Use: Vacant
West: FLU Low Density Residential Zoning: R-2 Use: Vacant	Subject Properties: Current FLU: County TCN Requested FLU: Low Density Residential Current Zoning: County F-R Requested Zoning: R-2 Use: Residential	<u>East:</u> FLU: LDR Zoning: R-2 Use: Vacant
Southwest: FLU: County TCN Zoning: County F-R Use: Vacant	<u>South:</u> FLU: County TCN Zoning: County F-R Use: Vacant	<u>Southeast:</u> FLU: County TCN Zoning: County F-R Use: Vacant

#### LAND USE IMPACTS ANALYSIS:

The proposed Future Land Use is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan conditions and is compatible with the surrounding area based on the Future Land Uses assigned to nearby properties in the City limits along Stenstrom Road.

The table below shows the density for the amendment to the Zoning Map request for the property.

	Existing Zoning: County Farm Residential	Proposed Zoning: R-2, Single-Family Residential/Duplexes
Density	2 DU/Acre	8 DU/Acre

The proposed Future Land Use is compatible with the surrounding area based on the Future Land Uses assigned to nearby properties in the City limits. The proposed zoning is compatible with the companion Future Land Use request. More information is available in the Land Use Analysis located below.

#### **PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ANALYSIS:**

#### Potable Water and Wastewater

The City has capacity in both systems to serve development of this property. The applicant will be responsible for connections to the City's systems.

#### Traffic/Transportation

The site is bordered by Stenstrom Road on the south. Access to the site will be via an existing driveway onto Stenstrom Road.

#### **Environmental Impacts**

According to the FEMA FIRM maps no portion of the site is located in a FEMA Flood Zone.

#### School Impacts

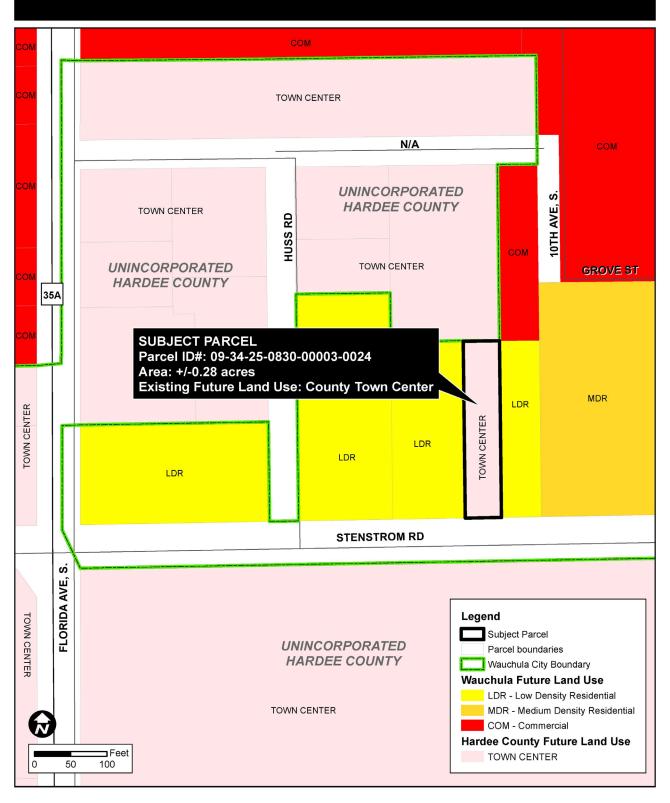
The requested Future Land Use and Zoning does permit the development of residential developments, but due to the size of the parcel, no more than 1 unit. One unit will have a de minimis effect on the surrounding schools.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

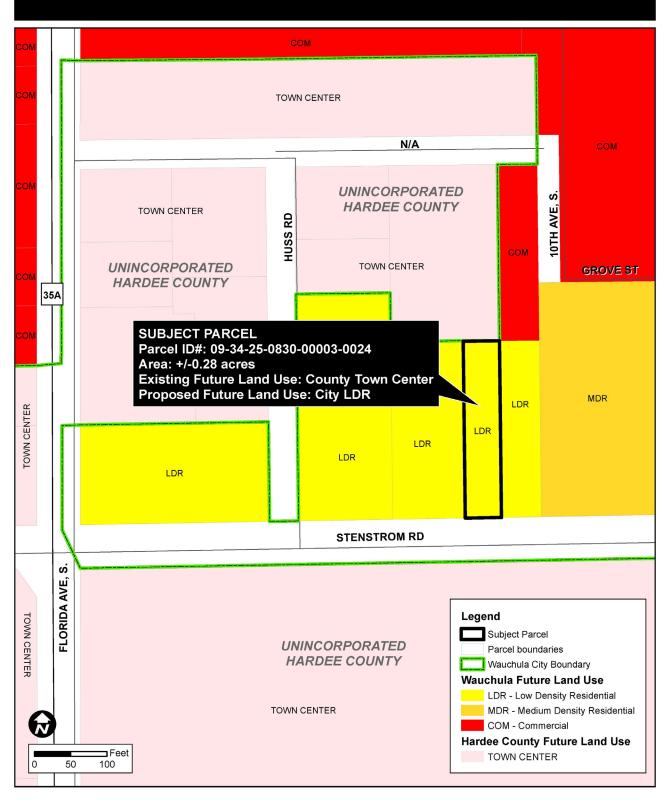
The Future Land Use Map amendment is **consistent** with the City of Wauchula Comprehensive Plan. The change in Future Land Use for the property will permit the property owner to utilize the parcels for commercial or, potentially, residential purposes.

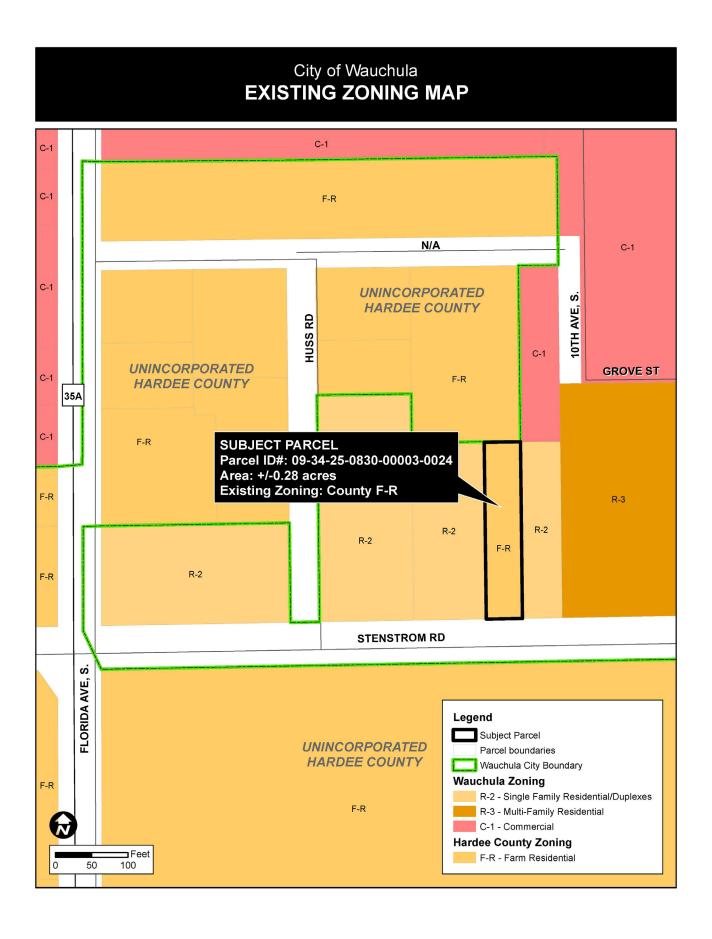
The Zoning amendment is **consistent** with the proposed Future Land Use Map amendment.

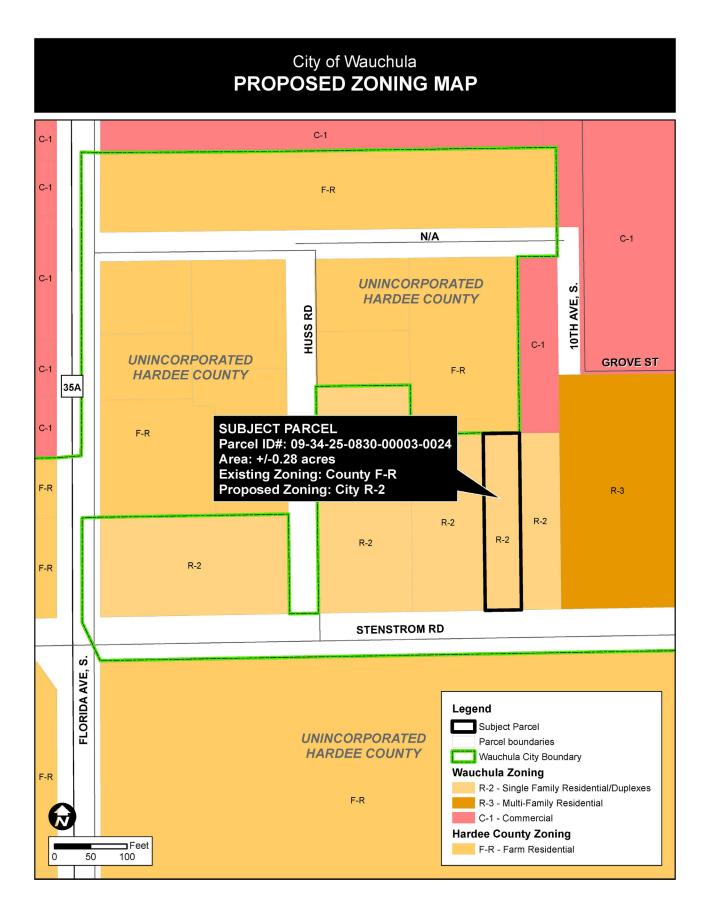
## City of Wauchula **EXISTING FUTURE LAND USE MAP**



## City of Wauchula PROPOSED FUTURE LAND USE MAP







### **Application**

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A SITE PLAN, TO SCALE, IS NEEDED FOR ALL REQUESTS.  A METES AND BOUNDS SURVEY IS NEEDED FOR AN ANNEXATION.  IF YOU LIVE IN A DEED RESTRICTED COMMUNITY, YOU MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THE DEED RESTRICTIONS.
Applicant: Address of request: Mailing address:  Applicant:  Address of request:  Address of request:  Address of request:  Address of request:
Daytime Telephone:
Owner's Name & Address (as shown on property records): Check, if same as above.
If different: Name:
Mailing Address:
Daytime Telephone:
NOTE:  IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT THE OWNER OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY, WRITTEN CONSENT BY THE OWNER MUST BE SUPPLIED BY THE APPLICANT AT THE TIME OF SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY'S PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. ALL REQUESTS MAY ONLY BE INITIATED BY THE CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER.
Legal description: See attached property card
Current Zoning F-R Future Land Use Town Center
Size of Parcel:
Current Improvements: (Buildings, etc. on property)
Reason for request: PJ - OP 24 X 36 POC BOST
If Annexation and/or Re-Zone:

Current County Zoning Classification F-R
City Zoning Classification and Future Land Use classification sought: R-2, Low Density Res
What property usage is to the North: Vacant, South: pasture,  East: Multi-Fam and West: Vacant of your property (example: residence)?  Number of residences on parcel(s) (Existing and/or proposed):
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Proposed Hours:
Associated Noise:
Materials stored on premises:
Traffic caused by activity:
Number of off-street parking spaces:
Have you filed any previous applications?
If yes, please describe request and give date of application:

I have read and understand the requirements of the application and agree to pay all costs of the process.

The typical total cost is between \$150.00 and \$300.00.	
Signature(s):	Date: (0) \\ 25
Print Name(s): Landy Mayer	
Signature of applicant(s):	Date: 6 11 35
Print Name(s): Romery Mayer	

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#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA. FLORIDA: PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM COUNTY TOWN CENTER TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR) ON ONE PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY +/-0.28 LOCATED ACRES AT STENSTROM ROAD, (PARCEL NUMBER 09-34-25-0830-00003-0024), AS IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT "A" HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** Randy Mayer (the "Applicant") requests a change of Future Land Use from County Town Center to City Low Density Residential (LDR) on one parcel of land containing approximately+/-0.28 acres located at 572 Stenstrom Road, (Parcel Number 09-34-25-0830-00003-0024) and

WHEREAS, Sections 163,3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, empowers and mandates the City of Wauchula, Florida, (the "City") to plan for future development and growth and to adopt and amend comprehensive plans, or elements or portions thereof, to guide the future growth and development of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, the City Commission held meetings and hearings on Amendment 25-02SS, with due public notice having been provided, to obtain public comment, and considered all written and oral comments received during public hearings, including support documents; and

WHEREAS, in exercise of its authority the City Commission has determined it necessary to adopt this Amendment 25-02SS to the Comprehensive Plan, which map is marked as Exhibit "A" and is attached and made a part hereof, to ensure that the Plan is in full compliance with the Laws of the State of Florida; to preserve and enhance present advantages; encourage the most appropriate use of land, water, and resources consistent with the public interest; and deal effectively with future problems that may result from the use and development of land within the City of Wauchula; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures required by Sections 166.041 (3)(c)2, Florida Statutes, and other applicable law, the regulations contained within this ordinance were considered by 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 on July 21, 2025, at which time interested parties and citizens had the opportunity to be

heard and such amendments were recommended to the City Commission for adoption; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, the Commission held a meeting and hearing on this amendment, with due public notice having been provided, to obtain public comment, and considered all written and oral comments received during public hearings, including support documents.

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

Section 1. AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP. the Commission of the City of Wauchula, Florida, amends its Comprehensive Plan in the following specific manner: The Future Land Use Map is amended to specifically change the Future Land Use Classification from County Town Center to City Low Density Residential (LDR) on one parcel of land containing approximately +/-0.28 acres located at 572 Stenstrom Road, (Parcel Number 09-34-25-0830-00003-0024). and shown on the Proposed Future Land Use Map attached as Exhibit "A".

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>RECITALS.</u> 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.

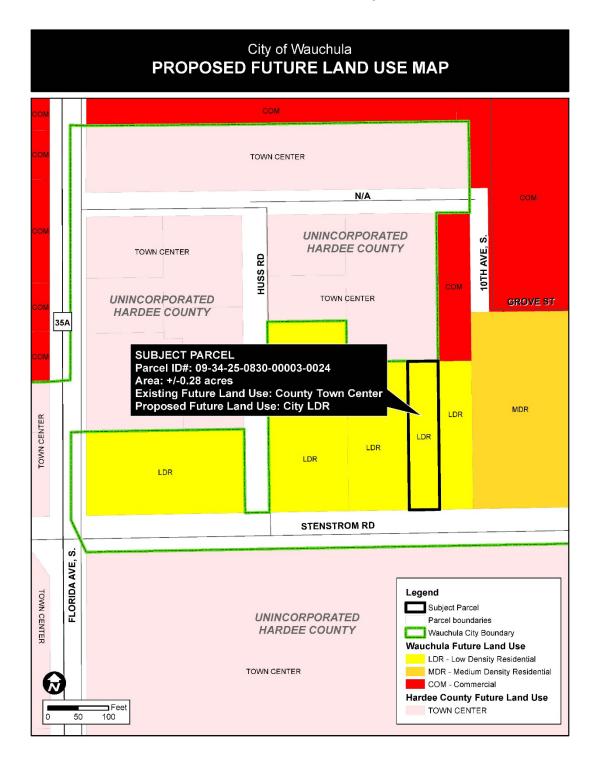
<u>Section 3.</u> <u>SEVERABILITY.</u> If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City of Wauchula, Florida, hereby declares that 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.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>CONFLICTS</u>. 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 as provided for in 163.3187(5)(c), Florida Statutes.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED on Commission of the City of Wauchula, the _	first reading in regular session of the City day of, 2025.
<b>PASSED</b> on second and final real Wauchula, Florida, at regular session this	ding by the City Commission of the City of, 2025.
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ATTEST:	APPROVED:
Stephanie Camacho, City Clerk	Richard Keith Nadaskay, Jr., Mayor
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL	ITY:
Thomas A. Cloud, City Attorney	•

Exhibit "A"
Ordinance No. 2025-04
Future Land Use Map



#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA. FLORIDA: PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA, FROM COUNTY FARM RESIDENTIAL CITY R-2, SINGLE **FAMILY** (FR) TO RESIDENTIAL/DUPLEXES ON ONE PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY +/-0.28 ACRES LOCATED AT 572 STENSTROM 09-34-25-0830-00003-0024), (PARCEL NUMBER ROAD. **IDENTIFIED EXHIBIT** "A" HEREOF: PROVIDING IN SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN **EFFECTIVE DATE.** 

**WHEREAS**, Randy Mayer (the "Applicant") requests a change of zoning from County Farm Residential (FR) to City R-2, Single Family Residential/Duplexes on one parcel of land containing approximately+/-0.28 acres located at 572 Stenstrom Road, (Parcel Number 09-34-25-0830-00003-0024) 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 July 21, 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 July 21, 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 July 21, 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**, the City Commission of the City of Wauchula has adopted Ordinance 2025-12, a Future Land Use Map Amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan,

designating the subject parcel depicted in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein, with a Future Land Use designation of "Low Density Residential;" 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:

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP</u>. 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 Farm Residential (FR) to City R-2, Single Family Residential/Duplexes on one parcel of land containing approximately+/-0.28 acres located at 572 Stenstrom Road, (Parcel Number 09-34-25-0830-00003-0024).

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>RECITALS.</u> 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.

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<u>Section 4.</u> <u>CONFLICTS</u>. 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 2025-12.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED Commission of the City of Wauchula, the	on first reading in regular session of the City e day of, 2025.
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# Exhibit "A" Ordinance No. 2025-05 Zoning Map

