



**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
SMALL SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
Application Information**

Application Submittal Requirements

- **Supply one unbound copy of the Application Materials (see checklist below).** Staff will have up to 5 working days following the application deadline to review the application for completeness. If incomplete, it will be returned with a description of the reason(s) why it is incomplete. The applicant may resubmit any time prior to the next application deadline.
- **Once deemed complete, the applicant will be notified that the application has been logged-in.**
 - If deemed complete, the application will be logged in and assigned to a P&Z and BCC hearing cycle (see attached Application Schedule). Staff will commence review.
 - The applicant is responsible for promptly providing any information that needs to be updated, modified, or submitted as part of the review; otherwise the petition may be continued to a later cycle or a recommendation of denial may be necessary.

Application Materials Checklist (Please indicate if the document is not applicable):

- Completed Application form
- Un-platted properties require a survey and legal description (including acreage), signed and sealed by a registered land surveyor
- Electronic copy of legal description in text format (i.e., Microsoft Word, Outlook, or Notepad)
- Legal description and map indicating the dimensions of each Future Land Use designation area
- Owner's Affidavit(s), signed and notarized
- Agent's Affidavit(s), as applicable, signed and notarized
- Notarized authorization from each owner (Form A)
- Notarized authorization for agent to submit petition (Form B)
- Letters of availability of utility service from central wastewater and potable water facilities that would provide service to the site
- Letter from the School Board of Highlands County
- Filing fee; cash, credit card, or a check made payable to the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners or HCBCC

Required GIS Maps provided by the Applicant (these can be accessed at <http://gis.hcbcc.org/pubmap>, under the "Layers" tab):

- Selected Natural Resources (Conservation Overlay Map)
- FEMA Flood Zones

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION: This application and all required supplemental information must be properly completed according to the instructions. All information and exhibits submitted with this application will become part of the permanent public records of Highlands County. Applications must be submitted to the Planning Department for review **no later than Noon** on the applicable deadline. The Department accepts no responsibility for the information contained in the application and will not advertise for public hearing until all information requested is determined to be accurate and complete. The applicant, agent or representative must be present at the public hearings.

**Highlands County, Florida
Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application
(Land Use Change)**

Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment (20 acres or less):

Change from: _____

Change to: _____

Note: Do not leave any blank lines; if something does not apply, indicate that it is not applicable by using N/A

SECTION I: STAFF USE ONLY:

Case Number: CPA- ___ - ___ SS Date of Application: _____

Amount of Fee: \$ _____ Receipt No.: _____ Tax Map No.: _____

Hearing Dates: LP ___ / ___ / ___ P&Z ___ / ___ / ___ BOCC ___ / ___ / ___

This application has been reviewed for completeness and determined sufficient.

Signed: Planning Supervisor

Date

SECTION II: APPLICANT INFORMATION:

1. Name of Property Owner(s): Owner(s) must sign the **Owner's Affidavit** (attached), which must accompany the application.

Print Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Telephone No. () _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

2. Name of Agent: Complete the **Agent's Affidavit** (attached) from property owner, giving the agent authority to represent this application. Attach completed affidavit to the application.

Print Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Telephone No. () _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

NOTARIZED AUTHORIZATION:

- If the applicant is not the owner of the property, a written, notarized authorization from each owner must be provided with this application – use Form A, attached. Property owner authorization is required. If the property owner withdraws permission at any point during the review and approval process, the application is considered null and void.
- If an agent is submitting the application for the owner/applicant – authorization from the owner/applicant is required – use Form B, attached.

SECTION III: PLAN AMENDMENT REQUEST INFORMATION:

Please provide a brief description of the proposed plan amendment, including the reason(s) the amendment should be approved: _____

Based upon the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan, please provide the goal(s), objective(s), and/or policy number(s) that support your proposed plan amendment. (The Comprehensive Plan can be found at http://www.hbcc.net/departments/development_services/planning/uploads/2030_Comp_Plan_2_15.pdf)

- a. Goal(s) _____
- b. Objective(s) _____
- c. Policy(ies) _____

SECTION IV: PROPERTY INFORMATION:

3. Legal Description(s) of Property Covered by Application: If subdivided: Lot, block, complete name of subdivision, plat book, page number, section, township and range. If metes and bounds description: complete description including section, township and range. _____

4. Strap(s) of Property Covered by Application:

STRAP No. C - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ ; STRAP No. C - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ ;
STRAP No. C - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ ; STRAP No. C - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ ;

5. Street Address(es) of Property Covered by the Application: _____

6. Name of Project, Subdivision, or Overall Project or part of a larger project, if applicable: _____

7. Existing Zoning District: _____ **Existing Land Use Classification:** _____

8. Current Use of the Property: Number of existing dwelling units, type of commercial or industrial, etc. _____

9. Are there existing structures on the property? Yes No **If yes,** what type? (Dwelling, Mobile Home, Accessory Structure, Commercial Building, Other) _____

If multiple units, the number of dwellings per building: _____

10. Existing Property Information: Size of Property (width) _____ feet, (depth) _____ feet, road frontage _____ feet, water frontage _____ feet, **Total acres:** _____

If different from the total acreage, the developable portion is _____ +/- acres.

11. Is the property located within the Lake Placid Regional Plan (LPRP) area? Yes No **If yes, a separate application meeting should be arranged with the Town of Lake Placid.** Please ask the Town staff (Highlands County Planning Department) for assistance.

12. Vesting: Is the property vested for specific property rights? Yes No **If yes,** explain: _____

13. Current Uses on the Adjacent Properties:

	Current Use(s)	FLUM Designation(s)	Zoning District(s)
North			
South			
East			
West			

SECTION V: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED USE:

14. Proposed Number of Dwelling Units or Square Feet of Commercial space: _____

15. Residential Density: The proposed maximum density is _____ units per acre (See Technical Support Section II.4 of the Comprehensive Plan, located at http://www.hbcc.net/departments/development_services/planning/uploads/2030_Comp_Plan_2_15.pdf).

16. Commercial Intensity: The proposed maximum intensity is _____ square feet at _____ FAR (Floor Area Ratio, see Technical Support Section II.4 of the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan, located at http://www.hbcc.net/departments/development_services/planning/uploads/2030_Comp_Plan_2_15.pdf).

17. Estimated Population Generated: The proposed projected population is determined by multiplying the proposed total number of units _____ x 2.3 (average persons per household, Year 2000 Census), equaling _____ persons in the development.

18. Commercial or Industrial: The proposed intensity is determined by multiplying the area of the property by the applicable FAR (Floor Area Ratio) for a total of _____ square feet GFA (Gross Floor Area). Provide additional information if necessary.

19. Proposed Development Standards (if applicable): Proposed parcel size (if increasing area with this application) _____ square feet/acre.

SECTION VI: ADDITIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INFORMATION:

20. Wetlands, Xeric Uplands and/or Cutthroatgrass Seeps are ___ / **are not** ___ **on the property.**

Provide a copy of the Conservation Overlay Map for your property, indicating the presence of one or more of the protected habitats. If the habitat(s) is/are present and a Simplified Environmental Clearance Report (SECR) or an Environmental Clearance Report (ECR) **has been done** for the property in the last five (5) years, please submit a copy with this application. (See Comprehensive Plan NRE Policy 3.3 for requirements). If Environmental Clearance **has been granted**, attach a copy of the letter from the Planning Department granting the clearance. [^]

*****Environmental Clearance is not required for a Future Land Use Amendment; however, it may be required at the time of development*****

[^] The following are exempt from environmental clearance requirements:

2. The Development Services Director shall make the Environmental Clearance Determination without further review whenever a particular site is not in an area where the Conservation Overlay Map Series shows the resource categories listed above.

Other exemptions include:

- a. ½ acre for residential development on legally recorded lots that existed prior to September 15, 1993.
- b. Property which has been cleared of vegetation prior to May 2, 1994.
- c. All development on lots legally recorded on or after September 15, 1993 with previously approved Environmental Clearance.
- d. DRI or Binding Letter that is fully mitigated based on State recommendation and/or approval for protected natural resources.
- e. Remodeling, reconstruction, or restoration of residential units or nonresidential units with no increase in the number of permanent dwelling units, or no increase in the square footage of nonresidential use, or no increase in the environmental impacts of the development.
- f. Bona-fide agriculture (See also NRE 3.14.E).
- g. Up to two (2) acres on land for development with urban zoning and urban FLUM designations.
- h. Up to two (2) acres for residential development (one single family home) on legal lots with Agricultural Land Use and Agricultural zoning.

(Highlands County Comprehensive Plan, Natural Resources Element Policy 3.3 A.)

21. **Surface Water:** List all lakes, streams, rivers, and other water bodies on the property or within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the property. _____
22. **Flood Hazard Areas:** Are there Special Flood Hazard areas on the property? **Yes** **No** **If yes,** indicate the location of the area(s) on a map provided by the Applicant (this map can be accessed at <http://gis.hbcc.org/pubmap>, under the "Layers" tab), or indicate the FEMA Map No. _____
23. **Historic Properties:** Are historic resources on the property? **Yes** **No** If present, indicate the location on a map, provided by the Applicant, and the current address of the historic structure.
24. **Archaeological Resources:** Are archaeological resources on the property? **Yes** **No** If present, list the Florida Master Site File (FMSF) number of the archaeological site _____. Determine if the parcel lies within an area of high probability for undiscovered archaeological resources (See maps on file in the Planning Department).
25. **Military Airport Zones (MAZ):** Is this property located in an MAZ? **Yes** **No**
If Yes, please indicate the area as MAZ I, II, or III _____.

SECTION VII: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PERTAINING TO PUBLIC FACILITIES:

26. **Potable Water:** The proposed development will be served by an off-site central potable water system.
 Yes **No** **If yes,** the potable water system requirements will be accommodated by the _____ water system.

If No, the proposed development will be served by an on-site potable water (well) system that will be designed to connect to a central water system when it becomes available. _____ **Applicant's Initial**

The Applicant must provide the following data for the water system that will be used (gallons per capita per day or gpcd):

- a. The facility has the designed capacity for pumping and treating _____ gpcd.
- b. The facility has a permitted capacity for _____ gpcd.
- c. The facility has an average demand or committed capacity for _____ gpcd.
- d. The facility has an excess capacity of _____ gpcd.
- e. This proposed development will require approximately _____ gpcd.

Note: The required level of service (LOS) for potable water for Highlands County is:

Residence Type	Gallons per Capita per Day
RV Park	75
Mobile Home Park	100
Single Family or Multi-Family	120

(See the attached sample letter requesting this information from the service provider.) PLEASE ATTACH THE LETTER TO THIS APPLICATION. THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT THIS LETTER.

27. Wastewater Treatment: The proposed development will be served by an off-site central wastewater treatment system. [] **Yes** [] **No** **If Yes**, the wastewater treatment system requirements will be accommodated by the _____ system.

If No, the proposed development will be served by an on-site wastewater septic tank system that will be designed to connect to a central wastewater treatment system when it becomes available.

_____**Applicant's Initial**

The Applicant must provide the following data for the wastewater treatment system that will be used (gallons per capita per day or gpcd):

- a. The facility has the designed capacity for treating _____ gpcd.
- b. The facility has a permitted capacity for _____ gpcd.
- c. The facility has an average demand or committed capacity for _____ gpcd.
- d. The facility has an excess capacity of _____ gpcd.
- e. This proposed development will require approximately _____ gpcd.

Note: The required level of service (LOS) for wastewater treatment for Highlands County is:

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(See the attached sample letter requesting this information from the service provider). PLEASE ATTACH THE LETTER TO THIS APPLICATION. THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT THIS LETTER.

28. Surface Drainage: I (we) certify that storm water management will comply with the requirements of Section 12.13.104.F of the Highlands County Land Development Regulations (See County Engineer) and the applicable water management district regulations: [] **Yes** [] **No** _____ **Applicant's Initial**

Note: The required level of service (LOS) for the County is premised upon the applicable water management district standards*.

- SFWMD: 25-year/24-hour storm event (peak discharge, 25-year/36-hour)
- SWFWMD: 25-year/24-hour storm event (peak discharge, 25-year/24-hour)

*Applicants must utilize the appropriate water management district standards for drainage procedures and methods to ensure that post-development runoff will not exceed pre-development runoff for a minimum 24-year/24-hour storm event, and that Best Management Practices shall be utilized to meet or exceed state water quality standards. Direct discharge into designated outstanding Florida waters requires a treatment area 1.5 times the standard area.

29. Solid Waste Disposal: The proposed development will be served by the _____ refuse collection company.

Note: The required LOS for the County is based upon the landfill capacity to accommodate at least 5.21 pounds/person/day.

30. Recreation and Open Space: The recreation and open space LOS adopted by Highlands County will be met at the time of development which will include, in part, the following facilities, if any:

Note: The required level of service for the County is to provide adequate facilities to maintain a County-wide standard of 10 acres/1,000 population.

31. Schools: Every application requesting a land use change that will generate new residential dwelling units and a permanent population shall secure from the Highlands County School District **a letter** that will certify information pertaining to the following concerns based upon the location of the Applicant's property: (*See the attached sample letter requesting this information from the School District*).

PLEASE ATTACH THE LETTER TO THIS APPLICATION. THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT THIS LETTER.

Note: The Level of Service (LOS) for schools is defined as school enrollment as a percentage of school student capacity based upon the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH). The LOS standard is the maximum level of school utilization that will be permitted in the Highlands County School District as 100% of permanent FISH capacity.

END OF APPLICATION

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Owner's Affidavit(s) or Corporate Affidavit
2. Agent's Affidavit(s)
3. Notarized authorization from each owner, as applicable (Form A)
4. Notarized authorization for agent to submit petition, as applicable (Form B)
5. Public Utility Information Request Sample Letter
6. Public School Information Request Sample Letter
7. Application Due Dates
8. Fee Schedule

**Highlands County, Florida
Development Services Department Application**

OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the **OWNER** of the property described and which is the subject matter of the proposed hearing; that all the answers to the questions in this application, and all sketches, data and other supplementary matter attached to and made a part of the application, are honest and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand this application must be completed and accurate before hearings can be advertised. I also understand that it is my obligation to comply with any other lawfully adopted and recorded deed restrictions or covenants that are more restrictive or impose a higher standard, and that any action of this Board does not supersede those requirements.

I authorize County staff to enter the property during the application process to complete its evaluation.
Please initial the appropriate line.

No contact is required. _____

An appointment is required before entering the property. _____

Print Name of Owner

Signature of Owner

Address: Number and Street (P.O. Box)

City and State (Zip Code)

STATE OF FLORIDA, HIGHLANDS COUNTY

The Foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20__
by _____ who is personally known by me or who has produced _____
_____, as identification and who did take an oath:

Signature

Print Name

Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission Expires: _____

**Highlands County, Florida
Development Services Department Application**

OWNER'S (CORPORATION) AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the **OWNER/CORPORATION** of the property described and which is the subject matter of the proposed hearing; that all the answers to the questions in this application, and all sketches, data and other supplementary matter attached to and made a part of the application, are honest and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand this application must be completed and accurate before hearings can be advertised. I also understand that it is my obligation to comply with any other lawfully adopted and recorded deed restrictions or covenants that are more restrictive or impose a higher standard, and that any action of this Board does not supersede those requirements.

I authorize County staff to enter the property during the application process to complete its evaluation.

Please initial the appropriate line.

No contact is required. _____

An appointment is required before entering the property. _____

**Signed, Sealed and Delivered
In Our Presence:**

_____,
a _____ corporation

Print Name: _____

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Print Name: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____
by _____, _____, of _____,
a _____ corporation, who is personally known to me or who has produced _____
_____ as identification and who did take an oath.

Signature

Print Name
Notary Public, State of Florida

My Commission Expires: _____

Parcel No. _____

**Highlands County, Florida
Development Services Department Application**

AGENT'S AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the **ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, AGENT or LESSEE** of the property described and which is the subject matter of the proposed hearing; that all the answers to the questions in this application, and all sketches, data and other supplementary matter attached to and made a part of the application, are honest and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand this application must be completed and accurate before hearings can be advertised. I also understand that it is my obligation to comply with any other lawfully adopted and recorded deed restrictions or covenants that are more restrictive or impose a higher standard, and that any action of this Board does not supersede those requirements.

Print Name of Agent

Signature of Agent

Address: Number and Street (P.O. Box)

City and State (Zip Code)

STATE OF FLORIDA, HIGHLANDS COUNTY

The Foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20__
by _____ who is personally known by me or who has produced _____
_____, as identification and who did take an oath:

Signature

Print Name

Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission Expires: _____

FORM A. PROPERTY OWNER AUTHORIZATION TO APPLICANT

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the owner of the property described and which is the subject matter of the proposed hearing.

I give authorization for _____ to be the applicant for this FUTURE LAND USE CHANGE.

Print Name of Owner

Signature of Owner

Address: Number and Street (P.O. Box)

City and State (Zip Code)

STATE OF FLORIDA, HIGHLANDS COUNTY

The Foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20__
by _____ who is personally known by me or who has produced _____
_____, as identification and who did take an oath:

Signature

Print Name

Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission Expires: _____

FORM B. APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION TO AGENT

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the applicant for the FUTURE LAND USE CHANGE of the property described and which is the subject matter of the proposed hearing.

I give authorization for _____ to be my agent for this application.

Print Name of Owner

Signature of Owner

Address: Number and Street (P.O. Box)

City and State (Zip Code)

STATE OF FLORIDA, HIGHLANDS COUNTY

The Foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20__ by _____ who is personally known by me or who has produced _____, as identification and who did take an oath:

Signature

Print Name

Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission Expires: _____

SAMPLE LETTER FOR WATER/WASTEWATER

Date:

Director of Public Works
City or Town
Street Address
City, Florida Zip

RE: Water/Wastewater Capacity Request for (Hearing No. _____)

Dear Mr. (Public Works Director):

We are requesting a letter of confirmation that your potable water and wastewater treatment facilities will be able to accommodate the impacts of our development as they ensue. Our development consists of the following:

A residential development of _____ acres comprising _____ (single family) (multiple family) dwelling units located at _____. Given the time to successfully meet the land use and zoning requirements, our development is expected to begin _____ months from the date of compliance with state law, and expect build out in _____ years. Our development may impose the following impacts:

- 1) Based upon the number of proposed dwelling units and using 2.3 average persons per household, the estimated population at build-out will be _____ persons.
- 2) It is anticipated that our development, using your established level of service (LOS) for potable water of _____ gpcd, might impact your potable water system by _____ gpcd.
- 3) It is anticipated that our development, using your established level of service (LOS) for wastewater treatment of _____ gpcd, might impact your wastewater treatment system by _____ gpcd.

Please provide the following data of your facilities that we may determine the extent of our impact:

Potable Water

Designed capacity: _____ GPCD
Permitted capacity: _____ GPCD
Committed capacity: _____ GPCD
Excess Capacity: _____ GPCD
This development demand: _____ GPCD

Wastewater Treatment

Designed capacity: _____ GPCD
Permitted capacity: _____ GPCD
Committed capacity: _____ GPCD
Excess Capacity: _____ GPCD
This development demand: _____ GPCD

Thank you for your consideration with our request.

Respectfully,

Property Owner

SAMPLE LETTER FOR WATER/WASTEWATER

Contact Information for the Municipalities/Improvement Districts:

City of Avon Park Public Works
(Ted Long, Public Works Coordinator)
2301 U.S. 27 South
Avon Park, Florida 33825, or

City of Sebring Public Works
(Bob Boggus, Utilities Director)
454 N. Franklin Street
Sebring, Florida 33870, or

Town of Lake Placid Public Works
(Joe Barber, Utilities Director)
311 West Interlake Blvd.
Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Spring Lake Improvement District
(Joe DeCerbo, District Manager)
115 Spring Lake Blvd.
Sebring, Florida 33876

Sun 'n Lake Improvement District
(Michael Wright, General Manager)
5306 Sun 'n Lake Blvd.
Sebring, Florida 33872

SAMPLE LETTER REQUESTING SCHOOL CAPACITY INFORMATION

Date

Dear _____,

An amendment to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of Highlands County has been requested by _____ . Please provide a letter stating that school capacity exists based on the following information:

Proposed Development: _____

Location (map attached): _____

The anticipated number of students that will be generated by the proposed development:

School Attendance Zones for the anticipated students:

Elementary: _____

Middle: _____

High: _____

Proposed build out year: _____

Proposed Phasing, if applicable:

It is understood that this information is provided as a planning tool to assist in the evaluation of a proposed land use amendment. This information does not reserve school capacity nor does it establish school concurrency requirements. School concurrency requirements will be established pursuant to F.S. 163.3177 and F.S.163.3180 at time of development.

Sincerely,

Property Owner/Developer

Contact Information for the School Board of Highlands County:

Mr. Michael Averyt
Assistant Superintendent/Business Operations
School Board of Highlands County

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
DEADLINES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR REZONES, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, VARIANCES,
APPEALS, SMALL SCALE PLAN AMENDMENTS, AND
LARGE SCALE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

The application ***deadline is always at 12:00 P.M.*** The hearing dates are always on Tuesdays except for holidays*. The **BOA & P&Z/LPA meetings begin at 3:00 P.M. or soon thereafter.** The **BCC meetings begin at 9:00 A.M. or soon thereafter.**

**APPLICATION
DEADLINES**

**BOA & P&Z/LPA
MEETINGS**

BCC MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 17, 2018	December 11, 2018	January 15, 2019
Wednesday, November 14, 2018	January 8, 2019	February 19, 2019
Wednesday, December 19, 2018	February 12, 2019	March 19, 2019
Wednesday, January 16, 2019	March 12, 2019	April 16, 2019
Wednesday, February 13, 2019	April 9, 2019	May 21, 2019
Wednesday, March 20, 2019	May 14, 2019	June 18, 2019
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	June 11, 2019	July 16, 2019
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	July 9, 2019	August 20, 2019
Wednesday, June 19, 2019	August 13, 2019	September 17, 2019
Wednesday, July 17, 2019	September 10, 2019	October 15, 2019
Wednesday, August 14, 2019	October 8, 2019	November 19, 2019
Wednesday, September 18, 2019	November 12, 2019	December 17, 2019
Wednesday, October 16, 2019	December 10, 2019	January 21, 2020
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	January 14, 2020	February 18, 2020
Wednesday, December 18, 2019	February 11, 2020	March 17, 2020

LARGE SCALE PLAN AMENDMENTS

The Community Planning Act of 2011, eliminated the twice per year plan amendment limitation. Applicants are now able to submit Comprehensive Plan Amendments any time for review and consideration. (Applications must be complete upon submittal. ***Incomplete applications will not be accepted.***)

Every Large Scale Plan Amendment (LSPA) Application requires the submission of a traffic study APPROVED by the Highlands County Engineering Department. ***No deadline extensions.***

All required material must be included in the LSPA Application submission or it will be deemed incomplete and not accepted.

**Highlands County
Development Services Department
501 S. Commerce Ave, Sebring, FL 33870
Planning – (863) 402-6650 Zoning – (863) 402-6638**

Fee Schedule – FY 18-19

Rural Land Stewardship (RLS)	TBD (To Be Determined)
Development of Regional Impact (DRI)	\$21,800.00
Zoning Change Only	\$1,950.00
Large Scale Comprehensive Plan (LSCP) Amendment Only	\$2,025.00
Small Scale Comprehensive Plan (SSCP) Amendment Only	\$1,125.00
PD (Planned Development District) Amendment (minor amendment excluded) Only	\$1,950.00
Special Use Permit Only	\$2,925.00
FUD (Flexible Development District) Amendment (minor amendment excluded) Only	\$1,950.00
Revision of legal on resolution, ordinance or ad when applicant provides revised legal	\$1,375.00
Concurrency Traffic Analysis Reviews for LSCP and SSCP Amendment	Contact Engineering Dept.
Special Exception Application Only	\$975.00
Special Exception Application for a Tower Only	\$1,300.00
Special Exception Application for Goats, Hogs, Sheep, and Chickens	\$0.00
Variance Application Only	\$650.00
Notice requirements, (zoning changes, LSCP, SSCP, variances, Special Use Permit, and special exceptions and the like)	Actual or pro-rated expense for public notice requirements depending on the application
Environmental Clearance Report Processing Fee (> 2 acres w/ impact)	\$425.00
“Simplified” Environmental Clearance Report Processing Fee (>2 acres no impact)	\$200.00
Environmental Exemption Fee:	
This fee is collected with other building permit fees for projects that would otherwise have to go through Environmental Clearance even though preparation of the Environmental Clearance report would be unnecessary.	
For each Residential Dwelling Unit ** Note	\$130.00
For each Commercial/Industrial Building Permit **Note	\$325.00
Developer Requested Conference *Note	\$400.00
Plat Review	\$275.00
Vacation of Plat	\$175.00
Vacation of Easement	\$130.00
Road (Vacation) Closures	\$130.00
Site Plan Review	\$425.00
Special Approval:	
Car Tent Sales Permit	\$500.00
Beverage License Review	\$150.00
Temporary Beverage License (1 to 3 days permit) Review	\$25.00

Amusements:	
Bingo	\$130.00
Bingo – nonprofit – no fee for a temporary permit (1 to 3 days)	\$ 0.00
Carnival	\$325.00
Rodeo	\$200.00
Palm Reading	\$325.00
Zoning/FLUM (Future Land Use Map) Confirmation Letter per property	\$20.00
Boat Dock/Boat House	\$40.00
Permit Review-New Structures	\$65.00
Carport, Driveway, Slab, Screen Room, Garage, Additions, Swimming Pools, and the like	\$40.00
Form Board, Fence, Seawall, and Shed	\$20.00
CO (Certificate of Occupancy) Review	\$20.00
Addressing	\$20.00
Exempt from Planning and Zoning review: re-roof, interior remodel with no change in use, window replacement size for size, hurricane shutters, siding, and garage door.	

Nuisance Abatement Fees	
Standard Abatement (\$25.00 per hour)	TBD (To Be Determined)
Noticing, Abatement involving asbestos (cost of the Asbestos Survey includes an additional fee)	
Open Code Violations and/or Lien Confirmation Letter per property	\$20.00
Document or Map Purchases	
Zoning Text	per County policy
Comprehensive Plan (text)	\$35.00
Evaluation & Appraisal Report Document	\$ 125.00
Color Maps (each FLUM or other map)	\$20.00
Blueprint Maps (each FLUM or other map “32 x 32”)	\$ 10.00
Blueprint Maps (each FLUM or other map “24 x 36”)	\$ 5.00
Copies or Xerox charges – one sided	per County policy
Copies or Xerox charges – two sided	per County policy
Computer Discs with information	per County policy
Cassette tape – 90 minutes	per County policy
Computer Disc without information	per County policy
Garage Sale/Yard Sale Permit ***Note	\$ 5.00
Vesting Order Applications	
Single Lots of Record	\$ 175.00
Subdivisions (under 26 units)	\$425.00
Subdivisions (26 or more units)	\$850.00
Commercial & Industrial Property	\$850.00
Appeals (deposit on account)	\$1,625.00

***Note:** In an effort to better serve the people, Highlands County Planning and Zoning Staff believe effective communication early in the planning process prevents expensive setbacks later in the process. To this regard, two coordination meetings are available to facilitate effective communication between developer and staff: a pre-application meeting and an application review meeting. It is most beneficial to meet with the Highlands County Planning and Zoning Staff to review a proposal for basic conformity with county land use regulations. The pre-application meeting does well to circumvent routine problems that would otherwise cause delay and added expense. Prior to submitting the application, an application review meeting is also highly recommended to ensure the package is complete and as detailed as possible. There are no fees for the pre-application meeting or the application review meeting. All meetings requested by the developer after the pre-application meeting (excluding the application review meeting) or after an application is submitted qualify as a developer requested conference.

****Note:** No Environmental Exemption Fee will be collected on building permits to replace existing mobile homes and residential dwellings on their original lot or for constructing accessory in unoccupied structures, or remodeling or adding to existing structures.

Development Agreement Legal Review Fee: Actual cost incurred by the legal review and services rendered by the Board Attorney and/or other law firm or service for this purpose.

*****Note:** Garage/Yard Sale Permits to be obtained and paid for at the Tax Collector's Offices.