

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY
ORDINANCE NOS. 05-06-45 THRU 05-06-47, 05-06-49 THRU 05-06-51
AND 05-06-53 NOT IN COMPLIANCE AND THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY
ORDINANCE NOS. 05-06-48 AND 05-06-52
IN COMPLIANCE
DOCKET NO. 06-1-NOI-2801-(A)-(N)

The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for Highlands County, adopted by Ordinance Nos. 05-06-45 thru 05-06-47 and 05-06-49 thru 05-06-51 and 05-06-53, on September 12, 2006, NOT IN COMPLIANCE, and Amendments adopted by Ordinance Nos. 05-06-48 and 05-06-52, on September 12, 2006, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted Highlands County Comprehensive Plan Amendments, the Department's Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report (if any), and the Department's Statement of Intent to find the Comprehensive Plan Amendments Not In Compliance will be available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Highlands County Planning Department, County Annex Building, 501 South Commerce A, Sebring, Florida 33870.

Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Amendments to the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan are In Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184(1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice, a copy must be mailed or delivered to the local government and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. The petition must be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommended order to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

This Notice of Intent and the Statement of Intent for those amendments found Not In Compliance will be forwarded by petition to the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) of the Department of Management Services for the scheduling of an Administrative Hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony on the noncompliance issues alleged by the Department in its Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report and Statement of Intent in order to secure a recommended order for forwarding to the Administration Commission.

Affected persons may petition to intervene in either proceeding referenced above. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. Pursuant to Section 163.3184(10), F.S., no new issues may be alleged as a reason to find a plan amendment not in compliance in a petition to intervene filed more than twenty one (21) days after publication of this notice unless the petitioner establishes good cause for not alleging such new issues within the twenty one (21) day time period. The petition for intervention shall be filed at DOAH, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060, and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government and the Department. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

After an administrative hearing petition is timely filed, mediation is available pursuant to Subsection 163.3189(3)(a), F.S., to any affected person who is made a party to the proceeding by filing that request with the administrative law judge assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The choice of mediation shall not affect a party's right to an administrative hearing.

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