# CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024 – 5:00 PM



# AGENDA

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Anyone wishing to address the Planning and Zoning Board regarding any topic on this evening's agenda is requested to complete a card available at the Clerk's desk. Speakers are respectfully requested to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

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# ROLL CALL

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 25, 2024 Meeting

# **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 2. Review of Ordinance O-17-2024 Revision to the Site Development Criteria to the approved Rookery Planned Unit Development
- <u>3.</u> Review of Ordinance O-16-2024 Request for rezoning for property located West of US17 and East of Rookery Development for parcel 016579-000-00.

Zoning Amendment

From: MUH, Mixed Use Highway

To: C-2, General Commercial

# **ACTION ITEMS**

# **BOARD BUSINESS**

Board Discussion / Comments

Staff Comments

4. R-11-2024 Resolution establishing standard operating procedures to implement the requirements set forth in Senate Bill 328, Live Local Amendment Act relating to Affordable Housing Regulations.

### ADJOURNMENT

### NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024 AT 5:00PM

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# EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Oral or written exchanges (sometimes referred to as lobbying or information gathering) between a Planning and Zoning Board member and others, including staff, where there is a substantive discussion regarding a quasi-judicial decision by the Planning and Zoning Board. The exchanges must be disclosed by the Planning and Zoning Board.

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# MINUTES

#### Chairman Danley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: Board Member Henrietta Francis, Board Member Justin Hall, Board Member Phil Vetter, Vice Chairman Joshua Hobbs, Chairman Josh Danley

Staff Members Present: Steve Kennedy, City Manager, Mike Null, Assistant City Manager, Michael Daniels, Development Services Director, Gabriel Barro, Staff Planner, Lyndie Knowles, Development Services Representative

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 28, 2024 Meeting

#### Motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 meeting.

Motion made by Board Member Francis, Seconded by Board Member Hall. Voting Yea: Board Member Francis, Board Member Hall, Board Member Vetter, Vice Chairman Hobbs, Chairman Danley

Motion passed 5-0.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. Review of Special Exception application for use of the south portion of the property for Springs Chapel as off-street parking

Staff Planner, Gabriel Barro presented the request for modification of the Special Exception for Springs Chapel. Staff recommended approval with the conditions of meeting all conditions within specified timeframes.

Chairman Danley opened the public hearing.

The applicant, James Whitehouse, was present and presented his case before answering questions from the board members.

It was noted by Development Services Director, Michael Daniels that the closing of Grove Street at St. Johns Avenue will require City Council approval.

Several neighboring property owners were in attendance to speak against the modification. Beverly Beauregard asked questions regarding the closing of Grove Street. Mr. Daniels clarified that it would be a permanent barrier. She also inquired about the lights within the new parking area. Mr. Daniels noted that the lighting will be addressed during site plan approval which will come back before the board. Ms. Beauregard asked if the church decided to move, could someone else come in an set up in the same manner. The special exception is specified to the current property owner and if a new owner came in, they would have to apply for a new special exception. Ms. Beauregard stated for the record that she would prefer the proposed parking/drop off area to remain grass.

Regina Horwath brought up that there are no sidewalks on St. Johns Avenue so when she walks her dog, it is scary with the traffic. She stated that previously there were houses on the southeast portion of the lot. She took issue with the statement on the application that said the change would increase property values and noted that the statement was subjective, and she disagrees. She also stated that she did not care for the applicant proposed fence/ landscaping. She has questions regarding the existing trees and Mr. Daniels noted that we have tree preservation requirements and that will be addressed during the site plan review. Ms. Horwath also had issues with the dumpster location and is concerned with the additional noise it may cause. She would prefer that the area in question remain vacant or be homes and stay residential. She inquired about the gate that was mentioned. The gate referenced is existing and the conditions to the special exception would require that gate to be closed during school hours including drop off and pick up.

Eileen Ott noted that she lives across from the school. She and her husband were present for the 2016 special exception and doesn't feel that the conditions of that special exception were not adhered to. She said she was under the impression that the school was for originally 30 children and up to 100 children that were special needs. She said that she cannot figure out how many children are enrolled by visiting the school's website. She feels that the issues have been addressed only when the residents raise concerns. She doesn't think that the location can support 156 students. Board member Francis asked if when she raised concerns, were they addressed. Mrs. Ott said that eventually, but that additional concerns continue to exist. She feels that as the number of children attending, the traffic will increase and that will include students that will drive.

Richard Ott reiterated the concerns of the previous residents. He provided an email outlining his concerns and a copy of the minutes of the 2016 meeting regarding the current special exception for the school. He noted the issues and violations that had been brought against the church over the years. He does not understand why the church/school needs an additional 70 spaces for parking. He feels that this is a prelude to more growth. He asked if parking will be paved. Mr. Daniels responded that it will be paved, and that stormwater will be addressed during the site plan approval process. Mr. Ott inquired on the timelines of the conditions which were outlined in the presentation. He also mentioned the conditions of the previous special exception have not been met. He also raised concerns regarding the noise of the children throughout the school day and during dismissal. He feels the school is "out of control". Board member Francis asked what Mr. Ott suggests. He said he would like to keep them under control, but he thinks the residential lots should stay residential. Ultimately, he feels it should be shut down. Vice Chairman Hobbs inquired on the history of the church and how long it has been in operation. He asked if Mr. Ott would prefer it to stay a grass lot. He would like to see a solid wall but against their commercial portion and not against the residential lot. He does not want a paved parking lot on a residential zoned lot.

Terry Kelly noted that the 2016 special exception limited their access to US 17, not Grove Street, St. Johns Avenue or Governors. He says there has been no compliance since 2016. He stated that his property value has decreased. He expressed concerns about the landscaping not being maintained, trash coming into his yard, lights bleeding into his yard and the noise from the children. He echoed the concern that the school remains non-compliant. He does not agree that the gate at St. Johns is being used for church use only. He would like to see a solid wall across the entire east side of the parcel. He does not feel there is any compliance enforcement capabilities. Chairman Danley expressed that he thought the solid wall would solve most of the issues. Mr. Kelly agreed that a "beautiful wall" would be agreeable for himself. Vice Chairman Hobbs also agreed that this would be a potential along with the limitation of the number of students. Vice Chairman Hobbs also inquired about code enforcement of the area and Mr. Daniels responded that code enforcement has cited the property regarding access, and they are currently under a code enforcement order which has led to this modification application. Mr. Kelly feels that moving the access to St. Johns Avenue would solve a lot of the issues. Discussion was had regarding the gate at St. Johns Avenue, but Mr. Kelly would like all access removed.

Mr. Whitehouse responded to a few of the comments and he and his client understands that the solid wall would be the more agreeable option. He feels that these issues can be addressed, and they can work with the neighbors during the site plan process. In response to the additional parking, the church is a 300-seat church, and they are trying to increase the parking for the church with this addition as well.

Mr. Ott objected that they need additional parking for the church.

Board Member Vetter asked Mr. Whitehouse about the number of students currently. Mr. Whitehouse stated that his client is asking for 156 students. Per the National Center for Education Statistics Private School Survey Data has the current reported enrollment at 156 but that was not confirmed by the applicant. Mr. Vetter also asked for a better definition of the decorative wall/permanent barrier. Mr. Daniels confirmed that it would be a solid block masonry wall and that would come back before the board during the site plan approval process. Mr. Vetter proposed an alternative stacking plan and Mr. Whitehouse argued why the current proposed plan is more desirable in the eyes of his client.

City Attorney Jim Arnold gave a reminder to the board regarding ex-parte communication.

Mr. Kelly came back to the podium to agree that the city is growing but that the residents are asking the City to protect them. He also brought the concern that a confirmed number of currently enrolled students was not provided by the applicant.

Mr. White house explained that the order and the conditions will protect the residents. He feels that these conditions will alleviate the issues.

Ms. Beauregard came back up to get clarification on the type of wall. It was again confirmed that it will be a solid block concrete block masonry wall. Again, it was reiterated that the design would come back to the board for approval during the site plan review process.

Chairman Danley closed the public hearing.

Board discussion followed. Board Member Hall expressed concern about closing off the access to Grove Street and the addition of a permanent parking area. Mr. Daniels explained that the residential area could go back to being residential, but it could not be a commercial use. Mr. Hall would prefer not to have a paved surface parking area and keep access on/off US 17. Mr. Daniels brought up the concern that stacking could potentially impact US 17. From the city's standpoint, it is required for parking to be paved .

Mr. Daniels explained the process for code enforcement violations on this type of property, the history of the code enforcement for this specific property and that the idea is to find a permanent solution.

Board Member Francis shared that she feels blocking off Grove Street now will prevent future issues. She also feels like once these conditions are in place, this will solve the current issues.

Vice Chairman Hobbs asked Chairman Danley his professional opinion as a real estate agent if the closing of Grove would negatively impact the properties real estate prospects. Chairman Danley's opinion was that it would not.

A motion was made to approve the special exception modification subject to the conditions and submittal timelines which are as follows:

#### **Conditions-**

- 1. Define the maximum number of students to no more than 156 students.
- 2. Addition of or modification to any existing structure/facility on the site as of the approval of this modification, will require a modification to the Special Exception.
- 3. Provide parking calculations along with site plans.
- 4. Provide a tree survey showing the location of existing trees, comply with the tree preservation requirements set forth in Sec. 113-274~279.
- 5. Secure permits from FDOT for state road access/driveway.
- 6. Ingress and egress are prohibited on St. Johns Avenue. Provide a gate on the St. Johns Avenue driveway, to be closed during school hours.
- 7. A 6' high wall and trees (1 per 25 feet) to be provided along St. Johns Avenue as part of the required landscape buffer per Sec. 113-243.
- 8. Gate at access to St. Johns Avenue must be closed and secured during drop-off hours, school hours and pick-up hours.
- 9. Provide vehicle stacking to scale, each vehicle should be 10' in width and 20' in length. A minimum of 200' of stacking shall be provided.

- 10. . Grove Street must be closed prior to the start of the school year, which is August 13, 2024, subject to City Council approval.
- **11.** Provide a temporary stacking plan for school drop off and pickup with no access from St. Johns Avenue.
- 12. Special Exception shall be limited to Springs Chapel Corp. Any change in ownership shall require modification to the Special Exception.
- 13. Upon approval, failure to comply will result in pulling of the current and past Special Exceptions.

Submittal timeframes:

- 1. Secure a Site Development Plan approval subject to the special exception requirements within 120 days; and
- 2. Completion of construction of the improvements set forth in the approved Site Development Plan and conditions within the Special Exception within 6 months subsequent to Site Plan approval; and
- 3. Not meeting these timeframes shall be considered a violation of the approved Special Exception and shall be grounds for the special exception to be returned to the Planning and Zoning Commission for revocation of the Special Exception; and
- 4. Any other violations of the Special Exception and Site Development Plan shall follow the Code Enforcement procedure set forth in Chapter 22 of the Green Cove Springs City Code.

Motion made by Board Member Francis, Seconded by Vice Chairman Hobbs. Voting Yea: Board Member Francis, Vice Chairman Hobbs, Chairman Danley Voting Nay: Board Member Hall, Board Member Vetter

Motion passed 3-2.

3. Review of Special Exception application to allow for a street wall along US 17 as a design option at the Clay County Economic Development Building site

Gabriel Barro, staff planner, presented the application for special exception.

Chairman Danley opened the public hearing.

Charlie Latham, Assistant County Manager, was present and thanked the board for their consideration.

Chairman Danley closed the public hearing.

# Motion was made to approve the special exception to allow for a street wall along US 17 as a design option at the Clay County Economic Development Building site.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hobbs, Seconded by Board Member Hall. Voting Yea: Board Member Francis, Board Member Hall, Board Member Vetter, Vice Chairman Hobbs, Chairman Danley

Motion passed 5-0

4. Review of Zoning Amendment Request for Parcel 016579-000-00 from Mixed Use Highway, MUH to General Commercial, C2

*This item was tabled until the July 23, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting at the request of the applicant.* 

5. Review of Modification of Rookery (formerly Ayrshire) Planned Unit Development

*This item was tabled until the July 23, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting at the request of the applicant.* 

## **ACTION ITEMS**

6. Review of a Site Development Plan for the Clay County Economic Development Building at 633 N Orange Avenue

Gabriel Barro, staff planner, presented the application for a Site Development Plan for the Clay County Economic Development Building at 633 N Orange Avenue. This was presented during the presentation for item # 3.

Motion was made to approve the Site Development Plan for the Clay County Economic Development Building at 633 N Orange Avenue subject to staff comments due to City Council approval.

Motion made by Board Member Hall, Seconded by Vice Chairman Hobbs. Voting Yea: Board Member Francis, Board Member Hall, Board Member Vetter, Vice Chairman Hobbs, Chairman Danley

Motion passed 5-0

# **BOARD BUSINESS**

Development Services Director, Michael Daniels shared that the Community Redevelopment Agency would be holding a public art workshop on July 9th and that involvement from the board would be welcome.

The Live Local Act has been updated by the State. The changes and the proposed SOP presented at the July meeting.

Chairman Hobbs inquired about the Rivers House project. Director Daniels said that the last low bidder was disqualified and that it would be going back out to bid on July 18th.

Chairman Francis asked about the status of the renovation of the Augusta Savage auditorium. Assistant City, Mike Null spoke regarding that item and said it would be going back out for bid in the new fe weeks.

Another project, Graylon Oaks, that was approved by the board previously will now be coming back to Council for final approval soon.

Assistant City Manager, Mike Null gave an update on the Walnut Street renovation. The full project should be completed by the end of August 2024. Vice Chairman Hobbs asked if there was any plans to add brick roadways in other areas of the city. Unfortunately the brick is less cost effective than asphalt but they will be using stamped asphalt in some areas.

City Attorney Jim Arnold reminded the board that they can make suggestions to change conditions of approvals on items if they think something may be beneficial to all parties.

Board discussion followed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

## Chairman Danley adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024 AT 5:00PM

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Joshua Danley, Chairman

Attest:

Lyndie Knowles, Development Services Rep.



**STAFF REPORT** 

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA** 

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission MEETING DATE: July 23, 2024 FROM: Gabriel Barro, Planning and Zoning Review of Ordinance O-17-2024 - Revision to the Site Development Criteria to the approved **SUBJECT: Rookery Planned Unit Development PROPERTY DESCRIPTION APPLICANT:** Ellen Avery-Smith, **OWNER: Rookery Investors LLC** Roger Towers, P.A. ADJ Rookery LLC DR Horton Inc Jacksonville **PROPERTY LOCATION:** South of Green Cove Ave, East of 15A, West of US17 **PARCEL NUMBER:** 016515-008-00, 016515-008-02, 016515-000-03 **FILE NUMBER:** MOD-24-001 **CURRENT ZONING:** Planned United Development, PUD **FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION:** Neighborhood SURROUNDING LAND USE **NORTH: FLU: Public SOUTH: FLU**: Industrial (County) **Z**: Recreational Z: IS Heavy Industrial (County) Use: Vacant Use: Manufacturing

- EAST: FLU: Industrial (County) Z: IB Light Industrial (County), IS Heavy Industrial (County) Use: Light Manufacturing
- WEST: FLU: Neighborhood Z: AR Agricultural Residential (County) Use: Single Family

#### BACKGROUND

The property is approximately 560 acres and is located on CR 15 A south of Green Cove Avenue. The property was annexed into the City in 2022 and was approved for a Land Use Designation change to the Low Density Residential, which was changed to Neighborhood with PUD Zoning District with the intent to develop 2,100 residential units owned by Rookery Investors, LLC and ADJ Rookery LLC. The PUD Zoning includes a PUD concept plan, development requirements set forth in the PUD written description and a Development Agreement. Preliminary subdivision plans for the first two phases of the project, which include Pearce Boulevard which includes the construction of a bridge over the CSX rail line connecting to US 17 have been submitted and approved. Land clearing is currently taking place in the first two phases of the proposed development.

#### **DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION:**

The applicant, Ellen Avery Smith Esq, of Rogers Tower PA has submitted a proposed amendment to the Site Development Criteria set forth in the Written Description of the approved PUD. The original agreement allowed for 30% of parcels to be used for townhouses while the remaining 70% would be used for single family housing. The requested modification would allow for 10% of the units to be duplexes, 30% townhouses, and 60% single family housing. The applicant has proposed a new development type (duplex) with site development criteria provided in Section E of the approved Written Description. The criteria also specify the proposed duplex development shall not be permitted in the same pod as the single-family subdivisions.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

OBJECTIVE 1.1. Future Land Use Map. New development and redevelopment activities shall be directed to appropriate areas of the City as depicted on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM).

Policy 1.1.1. The following Future Land Use categories (FLUC), along with their intended uses, densities, and intensities, are established as follows (FAR only applies to non-residential uses): a. Neighborhood (NBD): This FLUC is intended to accommodate primarily low-to-medium density residential uses. Support/secondary uses include professional offices, and public/semi-public facilities. i. Density Range: Up to twelve dwelling units (du) per (/) acre (ac) ii. Maximum Intensity: 0.2 Floor Area Ratio (FAR)

Policy 1.2.1. The location and timing of new development and the issuance of permits shall be coordinated with the availability of public facilities through implementation of various smart growth management measures.

Policy 1.2.4. The City shall explore permitting new types of housing developments.

Policy 1.2.6. The City shall require new development to connect to the City's centralized potable water and sanitary sewer system. Policy 1.2.7. The City shall condition development orders upon the provision of essential facilities and services which meet and would not result in the failure of each service's established level of service (LOS). Policy 1.2.8. The City shall ensure the availability and protection of lands designated for the future expansion of public infrastructure.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The proposed revision to the PUD written description will not result in the number of units for the proposed development being increased or increasing the impact on City facilities. The addition of a different residential product into the PUD will provide for more choices for residents and will not detract from the character of the proposed development.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:**

#### Rezoning

Motion to recommend the approval of the modification to Ordinance O-17-2024, to allow for the proposed revisions in Section E, Site Development Criteria of the Rookery PUD Written Description.

#### Exhibit C – PUD Written Description

#### **Proposed Modification to Ayrshire Planned Unit Development**

#### April 24June 14, 2024

This application proposes to revise the PUD Written Description for the Ayrshire Planned Unit Development, as approved by the City of Green Cove Springs ("City") on August 17, 2021 through Ordinance No. O-06-2021 and as modified on May 3, 2022 through Ordinance No. O-09-2022 (the "PUD"). The Property within the PUD is owned by D.R. Horton, Inc. – Jacksonville, Rookery Investors LLC and ADJ Rookery LLC (collectively, the "Owner"). No changes are proposed to the legal description of the property subject to the PUD or to the project site plan.

The Owner would like to add another residential product type – duplexes - to the PUD. Accordingly, this application shall modify the PUD Written Description as follows:

<u>1.</u> Revise the first paragraph in Section C, Residential Development, to <u>allowread as</u> <u>follows:</u>

<u>"The Property will include</u> a maximum of 2,100 residential units, which will include single-family homes, duplexes and townhomes. No more than 30 percent of the residential units will be townhomes<sub> $\tau$ </sub>, and no more than 10 percent of the residential units will be duplexes. Approximately 462 acres of the Property are developable<sub> $\tau$ </sub>."

- **1.2.** Revised Section E, Site Development Criteria, Subsection 1, Residential Criteria, to correctly label the Townhome Criteria as Subsection 1.b (instead of 2) and to include a new Subsection 1.c for the following Duplex Criteria:
  - c. Duplex Criteria
    - 1. <u>Setbacks</u>: The minimum building setbacks are as follows:
      - a. A minimum of 50 feet from the right-of-way of County Road 15A and 20 feet from the primary internal access road labeled Jersey Avenue on the Conceptual Development Plan.
      - b. Lot setbacks are: Front Yard: 20 feet from face of garage, 15 feet from front facade of house; 10 feet on Corners (with no vehicular access from Corner front yard)

Rear Yard: 10 feet

Side Yard: 5 feet from property lines, 0 feet for interior lots with common wall lines, minimum 10 feet of separation between buildings

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- 2. <u>Building height</u>: Buildings shall not exceed 35 feet in height.
- 3. Minimum lot size: 1,800 square feet.
- 4. Minimum lot width: 16 feet.
- 5. Minimum home size: 1,200 square feet.
- 6. <u>Maximum impervious surface ratio</u>: 40 percent for the Property (the entire PUD).
- 7. Maximum lot coverage by buildings: 60 percent per Lot.
- 8. <u>Density</u>: There are approximately 561 acres designated for residential use within the Property. The Residential Low Density Future Land Use designation of the Property allows a maximum density of four (4) units per acre. The proposed density of 3.75 units per acre is consistent with the requirements for the Residential Low Density Future Land Use category set forth in the Green Cove Springs Comprehensive Plan.
- 9. <u>Parking</u>: Each duplex unit will have two (2) parking spaces. Duplex units will have enclosed garages that are a minimum of 200 square feet (10 feet by 20 feet). Recreational vehicles, boats and trailers shall not be parked in front yards, or in the minimum required side yards and shall be screened from view.
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#### **Exhibit C – PUD Written Description**

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April 29, 2024



#### VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Michael Daniels, AICP Planning and Zoning Director City of Green Cove Springs 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

#### Re: Ayrshire/Applications for Planned Unit Development Modification, Commercial Rezoning

Dear Mr. Daniels:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit two rezoning applications for properties owned by clients of our firm located in the City of Green Cove Springs. The first application is for a modification to the existing Ayrshire Planned Unit Development ("PUD") approved as Ordinance Nos. O-06-2021 and O-09-2022. The second application is to rezone land located adjacent to the Ayrshire PUD for commercial use.

Our clients D.R. Horton, Inc. – Jacksonville, Rookery Investors LLC and ADJ Rookery LLC (collectively the "Owners") are the owners of the approximately 561 acres located within the Ayrshire PUD. The Owners are requesting to add a new residential product type – duplexes – to the permitted uses within the PUD and provide development standards for such units.

D.R. Horton, Inc. – Jacksonville also owns property located between the Ayrshire PUD and U.S. Highway 17 with Clay County Parcel Identification No. 38-06-26-016579-000-00 (the "Commercial Parcel"). The future land use designation of the Commercial Parcel is Industrial, and the zoning district is Mixed Use Highway ("MUH"). D.R. Horton would like to rezone the Commercial Parcel from MUH to Commercial High Intensity ("C2").

Enclosed are applications for the PUD Modification and Rezoning described above, along with supporting documents related to the same. If you will please let us know the application fee for each package, we will send you checks for payment.

We look forward to working with you on these applications.

Sincerely yours,

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Ellen Avery-Smith

Michael Daniels April 29, 2024 Page 2

cc: City Attorney Jim Arnold, Esq. John Gislason Anthony Sharp



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	Item #	2.
P Z File #		
Application Fee:		
Filing Date:Acceptance Date:	Acceptance Date:	
Review Date: SRDT P & Z CC		

# **PUD** Modification Application

#### A. PROJECT

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1.	Project Name: Ayrshire				
2.	Address of Subject Property: County Road 15A / Green Cove Avenue				
3.	Parcel ID Number(s): See attached				
4.	Existing Use of Property: Under development				
5.	Future Land Use Map Designation : Residential Low Density (RLD)				
6.	Existing Zoning Designation: Planned Unit Development (PUD)				
7.	Proposed Zoning Designation: Planned Unit Development (PUD)				
8.	Acreage: 561				
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۷.	Name of Applicant(s) or Contact Person(s): Ellen Avery-Smith, Esq				
	Company (if applicable): <u>Rogers Towers, P.A.</u> Mailing address: <u>100 Whetstone Place, Suite 200</u>				
	City: <u>St. Augustine</u>		ZIP: 32086		
	20000071477		e-mail: <u>eaverysmith@rtlaw.com</u>		
3.	<ol> <li>If the applicant is agent for the property owner*</li> <li>Name of Owner (titleholder):): See attached list of owners</li> <li>Mailing address: 4220 Race Track Road</li> </ol>				
		State:Florida	ZIP: 32259		
			e-mail:		

\* Must provide executed Property Owner Affidavit authorizing the agent to act on behalf of the property owner.

#### **C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Is there any additional contact for sale of, or options to purchase, the subject property?

tdes x⊡No If yes, list names of all parties involved:

If yes, is the contract/option contingent or absolute?  $\Box Contingent$ 

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- 7. Site Plan
- 8. 9. Written Description
- **Binding Letter**
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I/We certify and acknowledge that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge:

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Signature of Applicant

Typed or printed name and title of applicant

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The foregoing application is acknowledged before me this  $\mathcal{O}$ 

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#### **The Rookery PUD Parcel**

A portion of Section 38 of the George I.F. Clarke Grant, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida, being a portion of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 1545, page 513 and a portion of Parcel "A" as described and recorded in Official Records Book 3316, page 1098, both of the Public Records of said county and being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the intersection of the Southerly right of way line of Green Cove Avenue, a variable width right of way as presently established, with the Westerly right of way line of CSX Railroad, a 100 foot right of way as presently established; thence South 21°54'49" East, along said Westerly right of way line, 1424.74 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence South 21°54'49" East, continuing along said Westerly right of way line, 1502.39 feet to the Northeast corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 3855, page 1391, of said Public Records; thence North 77°06'26" West, departing said Westerly right of way line and along the Northerly line of last said lands, 66.98 feet to the Northwesterly corner thereof; thence Southerly along the Westerly boundary line of last said lands the following 3 courses: Course 1, thence South 21°54'49" East, 3242.16 feet; Course 2, thence South 68°05'09" West, 1307.43 feet; Course 3, thence South 21°54'51" East, 1003.87 feet to a point lying on the Northerly line of that certain Access & Maintenance Easement described and recorded in Official Records Book 3855, page 1394, of said Public Records; thence Westerly along said Northerly line the following 26 courses: Course 1, thence South 37°01'31" West, departing said Westerly boundary line, 149.07 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Northwesterly having a radius of 955.00 feet; Course 2, thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 16°37'06", an arc length of 276.99 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 45°20'05" West, 276.02 feet; Course 3, thence South 67°24'13" West, along a non-tangent line, 105.10 feet; Course 4, thence South 53°45'05" West, 12.16 feet; Course 5, thence South 13°14'26" West, 24.72 feet; Course 6, thence South 63°07'28" West, 859.11 feet; Course 7, thence North 26°52'32" West, 5.00 feet; Course 8, thence South 63°07'28" West, 382.73 feet; Course 9, thence North 26°52'32" West, 31.65 feet; Course 10, thence South 63°07'28" West, 74.60 feet; Course 11, thence South 26°52'32" East, 36.65 feet; Course 12, thence South 63°07'28" West, 102.14 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Northerly having a radius of 955.00 feet; Course 13, thence Westerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 22°47'15", an arc length of 379.82 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 74°31'05" West, 377.32

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#### The Rookery PUD Parcel (continued)

feet; Course 14, thence South 85°54'43" West, 731.91 feet; Course 15, thence North 04°05'17" West, 5.00 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 250.00 feet; Course 16, thence Westerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of  $05^{\circ}44'03''$ , an arc length of 25.02 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 88°46'45" West, 25.01 feet; Course 17, thence North 88°21'14" West, 61.78 feet; Course 18, thence North 19°49'14" West, 8.30 feet; Course 19, thence North 55°44'57" West, 30.16 feet; Course 20, thence South 67°18'10" West, 29.23 feet; Course 21, thence South 07°09'24" West, 17.00 feet; Course 22, thence North 88°21'14" West, 362.37 feet; Course 23, thence South 01°38'46" West, 5.00 feet; Course 24, thence North 88°21'14" West, 800.00 feet; Course 25, thence North 01°38'46" East, 10.00 feet; Course 26, thence North 88°21'14" West, 355.52 feet to a point lying on the Easterly right of way line of County Road 15A (South Oakridge Avenue), a 100 foot right of way as presently established; thence North 02°07'57" East, along said Easterly right of way line, 5150.65 feet to the Southwest corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 3863, page 203, of said Public Records; thence Easterly along the Southerly and Southeasterly lines of last said lands the following 9 courses: Course 1, thence South 88°31'42" East, departing said Easterly right of way line, 282.59 feet; Course 2, thence North 21°17'17" East, 161.55 feet; Course 3, thence South 68°42'43" East, 287.10 feet; Course 4, thence South 58°52'43" East, 32.90 feet; Course 5, thence South 37°48'54" East, 22.40 feet; Course 6, thence North 70°53'31" East, 15.20 feet; Course 7, thence North 34°14'49" East, 52.23 feet; Course 8, thence South 88°17'22" East, 94.17 feet; Course 9, thence North 31°43'31" East, 427.82 feet to the Easterly most corner thereof; thence South 58°16'29" East, departing said Southeasterly line, 30.00 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 175.00 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 16°53'45", an arc length of 51.61 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 40°10'24" East, 51.42 feet; thence North 41°22'44" West, along a non-tangent line, 29.96 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Southerly having a radius of 198.38 feet; thence Easterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 47°45'50", an arc length of 165.38 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 73°41'49" East, 160.63 feet; thence South 05°22'04" West, along a non-tangent line, 24.76 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Southwesterly having a radius of 175.00 feet; thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 67°09'24", an arc length of 205.12 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 51°03'13" East, 193.58 feet; thence South 77°07'44" East, along a non-tangent line, 945.04 feet; thence North 49°36'09" East, 172.16 feet; thence North 27°02'28" East, 20.00 feet; thence North 60°40'11" West, 35.15 feet; thence North 31°37'11" East, 86.00 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Northwesterly having a radius of 120.00 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 87°21'29", an arc length of 182.96 feet to a point of compound curvature, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 63°04'27" East, 165.75 feet; thence Northerly along the arc of a curve concave Westerly having a radius of 950.00 feet, through a central angle of 06°31'27", an arc length of 108.17 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being

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#### The Rookery PUD Parcel (continued)

subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 16°08'00" East, 108.12 feet; thence North 12°52'16" East, 174.12 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Easterly having a radius of 1250.00 feet; thence Northerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 17°35'55", an arc length of 383.94 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 21°40'14" East, 382.43 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of a non-tangent curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 1441.24 feet, through a central angle of 05°53'59", an arc length of 148.41 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 26°05'53" East, 148.34 feet; thence North 29°02'53" East, 373.29 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 517.02 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 48°37'32" East, 346.49 feet; thence North 68°05'11" East, along a non-tangent line, 70.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 559.90 acres, more or less.









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A PORTION OF SECTION 38 OF THE GEORGE I.F. CLARKE GRANT, TOWNSHIF SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING A PORTION OF THOSE DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1545, PAGE 513, AND A PORTION OF PARCEL "A" AS DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3316, PAGE 1098, BOTH OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.





#### ORDINANCE NO. O-17-2024

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ROOKERY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW FOR DUPLEXES AS AN ADDTIONAL RESIDENTIAL PRODUCT TYPE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida (the "City") has approved a planned unit development known as the Rookery (formerly Ayrshire) under Ordinance No. O-06-2021; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida (the "City") has approved to add a portion of Parcel 016515-002-00 to the PUD Ordinance No. O-09-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, paragraph C thereof allows for single-family and townhome dwelling; and

**WHEREAS,** the owner is now requesting the addition of duplexes as an additional residential project type; and

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.** The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY.** This resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Code; Article VIII, Section 2, Florida Constitution; sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, the City Charter of the City of Green Cove Springs; and other applicable provisions of law.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS.** Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms in this resolution shall have the meanings set forth in Chapter 70 of the Code.

#### SECTION 4. APPROVAL OF MITIGATION CREDIT POLICY.

- (A) The Council hereby finds that the Mitigation Credit Policy is fair and reasonable and, therefore, approves the Mitigation Credit Policy attached hereto as Appendix
- (B) The Board recognizes the benefits provided by privately maintained Mitigation Facilities. Properties supporting private Stormwater Mitigation Facilities should be credited for the public benefits they provide. Accordingly, the number of ERUs otherwise attributable to such property shall be adjusted by a Mitigation Credit determined in accordance with the Mitigation Credit Policy.
- (C) In order to receive a Mitigation Credit for which property is eligible, prior to August

15, 2020, and, thereafter, prior to the May 1 preceding the Fiscal Year for which reapplication is required, the property owner shall file a Mitigation Credit application with the City Manager on a form approved by the City. The property owner may be required to provide the City Manager with "as built" drawings of the Stormwater management facility sealed by a Florida registered professional engineer, a certification from a Florida registered professional engineer as to the standards of retention and detention achieved by the facility, evidence of compliance with any exemptions mandated under state law, or such other reasonable requirements as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

- (D) The City Manager, with the assistance of other members of the administrative staff of the City, shall, within forty-five (45) days after the filing of such application, review the application and such other supporting data that may be filed therewith and make such further investigation as may be reasonably required in order to determine if the applicant is qualified for a Mitigation Credit pursuant to this resolution.
- (E) The City Manager shall furnish his or her written decision to such applicant by United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the applicant at the address stated on the application.
- (F) No Mitigation Credit shall be applied for service provided to property by a Mitigation Facility constructed or maintained with City funds. However, a Mitigation Credit shall be applied for service provided to property by a regional Mitigation Facility if the developer of the property provided a capital contribution to the regional facility in lieu of constructing on-site facilities.
- (G) Upon approval, Mitigation Credits shall be valid and applicable for five (5) subsequent Fiscal Years. However, Mitigation Credits previously granted to a property may be revoked at any time by the City upon notice to the property owners and a finding of ineligibility. Upon notification by the City, property owners must reapply in accordance with this resolution.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Upon its adoption by the City Council, this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY ON THE FIRST READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA** 

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ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

## **APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney

## PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA** 

Steven R. Kelley, Mayor

**ATTEST:** 

Erin West, City Clerk

#### **APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney

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#### ORDINANCE NO. O-09-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA REZONING ±21.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY, A PORTION OF PARCEL ID # 016515-002-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A", FROM RECREATION TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD); AND AMENDING THE PUD APPROVED IN 0-06-2021, FOR PARCEL ID # 016515-008-00, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ROOKERY, TO ADD THIS PORTION OF PARCEL ID # 016515-002-00 INTO THE PUD, REVISE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE PUD PROPERTY AND AMEND THE WRITTEN PUD DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### RECITALS

**WHEREAS,** the City approved a Planned Unit Development known as the Rookery (formerly Ayrshire) under Ordinance O-06-2021; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has received a request to amend the Future Land Use Map for a portion of parcel 016515-002-00 from Public to Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City approved the Future Land Use Map amendment for the subject property such that it will be designated as Neighborhood on the Future Land Use Map of the City; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has received a request to rezone said portion of parcel number 016515-002-00 from Recreation to Planned Unit Development (PUD); and

**WHEREAS,** the PUD approved for the Rookery in O-06-2021 will be replaced by this ordinance; and

**WHEREAS,** the legal description of the Rookery PUD must be amended to reflect the land swap between the City and the applicant for the Rookery; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has the authority pursuant to its home rule and other statutory powers to rezone properties within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, a duly advertised public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment on March 22, 2022 by the Planning and Zoning Board, sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) and the LPA reviewed and considered comments received during the public hearing concerning the application and made its recommendation for approval to the City Council; and, **WHEREAS,** the City Council considered the recommendations of the LPA at a duly advertised public hearing on April 19, 2022 and May 3, 2022 and provided for and received public participation; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined and found said application for the amendment, to be consistent with the City of Green Cove Springs Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, for reasons set forth in this Ordinance that is hereby adopted and incorporated as findings of fact, that the Green Cove Springs City Council finds and declares that the enactment of this amendment is in the furtherance of the public health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity, or general welfare.

# NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Zoning Map Amended.** The Zoning Map is hereby amended for the following property from Recreation to PUD:

A portion of Tax Parcel ID# 38-06-26-016515-002-00, in accordance with the legal description found in Exhibit "A" and map found in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

**Section 2. Rookery PUD Amended**. The Rookery PUD, for parcel number 016515-008-00, is hereby revised and replaced.

**Section 3.** Ordinance to be Construed Liberally. This ordinance shall be liberally construed in order to effectively carry out the purposes hereof which are deemed to be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of Green Cove Springs, Florida.

**Section 4. Repealing Clause.** All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Severability.** It is the declared intent of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs that, if any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and the remainder of the ordinance after the exclusions of such part or parts shall be deemed to be valid.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.
INTRODUCED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY ON THE FIRST READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2022.

## CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Edward R. Gaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

# PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY 2022.

## CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Edward R. Gaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

A portion of Tax Parcel Number 38-06-26-016515-002-00

## **LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

A portion of Section 38 of the George I.F. Clarke Grant, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida, being a portion of those lands described as Parcel "A" and recorded in Official Records Book 3316, page 1098, of the Public Records of said county, being more particularly described as follows:

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From said Point of Beginning, thence continue South 21°54'49" East, along said Westerly right of way line, 1502.39 feet to the Northeast corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 3855, page 1391, of said Public Records; thence North 77°06'26" West, departing said Westerly right of way line and along the Northerly line of last said lands and along the Southerly line of said Parcel "A", 1313.50 feet; thence North 12°52'16" East, departing said Southerly line, 31.45 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Easterly having a radius of 1250.00 feet; thence Northerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 17°35'55", an arc length of 383.94 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 21°40'14" East, 382.43 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of a non-tangent curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 1441.24 feet, through a central angle of 05°53'59", an arc length of 148.41 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 26°05'53" East, 148.34 feet; thence North 29°02'53" East, 373.29 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 517.02 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 39°09'19", an arc length of 353.33 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 48°37'32" East, 346.49 feet; thence North 68°05'11" East, along a non-tangent line, 70.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 21.30 acres, more or less.

## EXHIBIT "B"

Map of Rezoning for a portion of 016515-002-00



## Exhibit "C"

Revised Legal Description for Rookery PUD

## Exhibit "D"

Map of PUD amendment for the Rookery, 016515-008-00



## Exhibit "E"

PUD for Rookery Development

## Rookery Planned Unit Development (formerly Ayrshire)

## City of Green Cove Springs, Florida

March 14, 2022

## Team Roster

#### **Owners:**

**Gustafson's Cattle, Inc.** P.O. Box 600337 Jacksonville, Florida 32260

## **Applicant:**

**D.R.** Horton, Inc. – Jacksonville

Bob Porter, Anthony Sharp, John Gislason 4220 Race Track Road St. Johns, Florida 32259 (904) 421-4612

#### Land Planning/Civil Engineering:

Dunn & Associates, Inc.

Vince Dunn, David Taylor 8647 Baypine Road, Suite 200 Jacksonville, Florida 32256 (904) 363-8916

#### **Transportation:**

Chindalur Traffic Solutions, Inc.

Rajesh Chindalur 8833 Perimeter Park Boulevard, Suite 103 Jacksonville, Florida 32216 (904) 619-3368

#### Legal:

### **Rogers Towers, P.A.**

*Ellen Avery-Smith, Esq.* 100 Whetstone Place, Suite 200 St. Augustine, Florida 32086 (904) 825-1615

### Exhibit List:

Exhibit "A" – Legal Description of the Property Exhibit "B" – Conceptual Development Plan Exhibit "C" – Collector Road Typical Section Exhibit "D" – Typical Landscape Plan

#### A. Development Summary

This application proposes to amend and restate the Planned Unit Development ("PUD") text for the Ayrshire PUD, approved by the Green Cove Springs City Council on August 3, 2021 as Ordinance No. 06-2021. The proposed revisions include changing the PUD name from Ayrshire to Rookery.

The PUD includes approximately 560 acres (the "Property"), which was rezoned in August 2021 from Agriculture (AG) and Industrial Select (IS) (Clay County) to PUD in the City of Green Cove Springs (the "Original PUD"). The Property is owned by Gustafson's Cattle, Inc. and is under contract for purchase by D.R. Horton, Inc. – Jacksonville (the "Applicant"). A legal description of the Property is attached as **Exhibit "A**".

The Original PUD was a companion to applications to annex the Property into the City of Green Cove Springs and to change the Future Land Use Map designation from Industrial and Rural Fringe (Clay County) to Residential Low Density in the City. The annexation and Comprehensive Plan Amendment applications were approved by the City Council on August 3, 2021.

The Rookery PUD is consistent with the Residential Low Density Future Land Use Map ("FLUM") designations for the Property set forth in the City of Green Cove Springs Comprehensive Plan.

The Property is located east of County Road 15A, north and west of U.S. Highway 17 and south of the current corporate limits of Green Cove Springs. The City owns a vacant regional park site to the north of the Property. The rest of the Property is surrounded by industrial and residential lands, some of which are developed and others are vacant.

The Applicant will provide roads, utilities, parks and other infrastructure to serve the Property. A majority of the on-site wetlands will be preserved and set aside to enhance the natural attributes of the site.

Unless specified otherwise in this PUD text and the PUD ordinance approving the same, the project will comply with applicable provisions of the City of Green Cove Springs Land Development Code (the "Code").

## **B.** The Property

The Property includes approximately 560 acres. Wetlands will be delineated pursuant to requirements of the St. Johns River Water Management District ("District") and Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP"), and any proposed wetland impacts will be permitted by the District and Corps. A conceptual site plan for the Property is illustrated on the Conceptual Development Plan attached as **Exhibit "B"**.

## C. Residential Development

The Property will include a maximum of 2,100 residential units, which will include single-family and townhome dwellings. No more than 30 percent of the residential units will be townhomes. Approximately 462 acres of the Property are developable.

The Property will also include parks and other recreational areas to serve the proposed residential development. Temporary construction offices and trailers, and essential services including roads, water, sewer, gas, telephone, stormwater management facilities, radio, television and electric and cellular communication towers will be permitted within residential portions of the project.

#### **D.** Non-residential Development

There will be no non-residential development within the Property except for uses ancillary to the residential development described in Section C hereof.

#### E. Site Development Criteria

- 1. <u>Residential Criteria</u>
  - a. Single-Family Residential:
    - 1. <u>Setbacks</u>: The minimum building setbacks are as follows:
      - a. A minimum of 50 feet from the right-of-way of County Road 15A and 20 feet from the primary internal access road labeled Jersey Avenue on the Conceptual Development Plan.
      - b. Lot setbacks are: Front Yard: 20 feet from face of garage, 15 feet from front facade of house; 10 feet on Corners (with no vehicular access from Corner front yard)

Rear Yard: 10 feet

Side Yard: 6.5 feet for 43-foot-wide lots; 5 feet for all other lots

- 2. <u>Building height</u>: Buildings shall not exceed 35 feet in height.
- 3. Minimum lot size: 4,300 square feet.
- 4. <u>Minimum lot width</u>: 43 feet. No more than 50 percent of lots within the Project will be 43 feet wide. All other lots will be a minimum of 50 feet wide.
- 5. Minimum home size: 1,200 square feet.
- 6. <u>Maximum impervious surface ratio</u>: 40 percent for the Property (the entire PUD).
- 7. Maximum lot coverage by buildings: 60 percent per Lot.

- 8. <u>Density</u>: There are approximately 560 acres designated for residential use within the Property. The Residential Low Density Future Land Use designation of the Property allows a maximum density of four (4) units per acre. The proposed density of 3.75 units per acre is consistent with the requirements for the Residential Low Density Future Land Use category set forth in the Green Cove Springs Comprehensive Plan.
- 9. <u>Parking</u>: Each residence will have two (2) parking spaces. Single-family homes will have enclosed garages that are a minimum of 200 square feet (10 feet by 20 feet). Recreational vehicles, boats and trailers shall not be parked in front yards, or in the minimum required side yards and shall be screened from view. The Applicant shall record a homeowners' association ("HOA") declaration of restrictive covenants against title to the Property that limits parking to one side of the street.
- 2. Townhome Criteria
  - a. <u>Setbacks:</u> The minimum building setbacks are as follows:
    - 1. A minimum of 50 feet from the right-of-way of County Road 15A and 20 feet from the primary internal access road labeled Jersey Avenue on the Conceptual Development Plan.
    - 2. Lot setbacks are: Front Yard: 15 feet

Rear Yard: 10 feet

Side Yard: 10 feet from property lines, 0 feet for interior lots with common wall lines, minimum 20 feet of separation between buildings

- b. <u>Building height</u>: Townhome buildings shall not exceed 45 feet in height.
- c. <u>Minimum lot size</u>: 1,200 square feet
- d. Minimum lot width: 15 feet.

e. <u>Maximum impervious surface ratio</u>: 40 percent for the Property (the entire PUD).

- f. <u>Maximum lot coverage by buildings</u>: 75 percent per townhome parcel.
- g. <u>Density</u>. See Section E.1.a.7 for residential density calculation.
- h. <u>Parking</u>: Townhome units will have two (2) parking spaces per unit. The townhome area shall also include one (1) guest parking space for each four (4) dwelling units.

3. <u>Signage</u>. On-site signs shall be permitted within the Property. Project signage shall meet the applicable requirements of Code Sections 125-13 and 125-14 except as follows:

- At each project entrance along County Road 15A, Jersey Avenue, and a. U.S. 17, the Applicant shall be permitted either two (2) ground signs on each side of the entry road or one (1) two-sided ground sign on one side of the road. For example, if the ground sign is two-sided, it can be "rectangular" shaped with the sign display on each side or "V" shaped, where you can read the sign coming from either direction. The sign advertising display can be maximum of 32 square feet for each side of the sign for a total of 64 square feet, if the sign is two-sided. The square foot measurement will be based on the letters only, if the sign display is letters mounted to a wall. If the sign is a mounted panel, the square foot measurement will be based on the size of the panel. These signs will not exceed 12 feet in height with an architectural embellishment (i.e., a tower or column) that can exceed the sign height of 12 feet. Each sign will also be allowed to have an additional architectural enhancement, such as a water feature element (i.e., a fountain). At the roundabout, that is internal to the development, a sign with an architectural embellishment, such as a fountain, that relates to the roundabout geometrically, will be allowed. Other signs that can be included are neighborhood signs, community wayfinding signs, and street themed signs that enhance the development. The generation locations of these signs will be depicted on applicable construction plans. Project signs may be lighted or illuminated. The Applicant may construct a fence, masonry wall or berm or install landscaping and/or vegetation (or provide a combination thereof) to compliment the entrance feature. Architectural embellishment, including but not limited to height, size and location, is subject to staff approval based on compatibility with the proposed development, roadway and surrounding properties related to each proposed sign.
- b. Construction and/or advertising signs shall be allowed as on-site temporary signs. Such signs must be removed within 30 days after the last unit is sold. The signs may be two (2) sided with each face limited to 16 square feet.
- c. Various locational, directional, model home and traffic control signs shall be allowed on site to direct traffic and for identification of sales offices, recreation areas, etc. Such signs will be a maximum of six (6) square feet in size.

### G. Infrastructure

1. <u>Drainage</u>: A master stormwater management system shall be owned, constructed and maintained by a homeowners' association ("HOA") or a community development district ("CDD"). The stormwater management system will be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the City of Green Cove Springs and the St. Johns River Water Management District, including the construction of pond sides that slope gently into the ponds for safety purposes. The City shall have no responsibility for the

ownership, operation or maintenance of stormwater ponds located within the Property, and the HOA or CDD will assume responsibility for all issues related to maintenance and operation of such ponds. The HOA or CDD shall have the right, but not the obligation, to install fences around some or all stormwater ponds within the Property; provided, however, that if pond slopes exceed 4:1, the HOA or CDD will be required to install fencing around applicable ponds. Final HOA or CDD documents will be submitted with the final plat application. The conceptual master stormwater plan for the entire PUD shall be approved prior to the City's approval of the first final plat.

- 2. Site Access: Vehicular access within the Property connects off-site to County Road 15A (aka South Oakridge Avenue) and U.S. Highway 17 in the locations depicted on the Conceptual Development Plan. The primary site access collector road will be constructed in accordance with the typical section attached as **Exhibit "C"**. In the event the primary site access collector road is not connected to U.S. Highway 17, the Applicant will provide an updated traffic study that removes the U.S. Highway 17 connection prior to the City's approval of a plat containing the 231<sup>st</sup> lot within the Property. Following completion of such traffic study, the City and the Applicant will negotiate in good faith a transportation proportionate share agreement, pursuant to Section 163.3180(5)(h), Florida Statutes, to address roadway improvements needed to mitigate for project traffic impacts. Streets interior to the project shall be publicly dedicated. Traffic calming techniques, including but not limited to raised intersections, traffic circles and shared multi-modal spaces, will be encouraged. With respect to County Road 15A, subject to City approval, the Applicant will construct or pay for the construction of certain traffic calming modes, which may include but not limited to speed humps and crosswalks, to allow safe passage of school children across the street to Charles E. Bennett Elementary School. Such traffic calming devices shall be installed on the City-maintained portion of County Road 15A south of State Road 16. Until the internal primary site access collector road to U.S. Highway 17 is completed, the Applicant will also instruct its construction contractors and other tradespeople who drive commercial and other large vehicles to access the Project from the south, via U.S. Highway 17 and then north on County Road 15A. Following completion of the primary site access collector road, the Applicant will instruct its construction contractors and other tradespeople wo drive commercial and other large vehicles to access the Project from U.S. 17 either via the primary site access collector road or heading north on County Road 15A.
- 3. <u>Pedestrian Circulation</u>: An eight (8)-foot multi-use path shall be provided along one side of the primary access collector road from U.S. 17 (if the PUD is connected to U.S. 17) to County Road 15A (including east of the railroad track). No sidewalk shall be provided on the other side of such collector road. Internal project pedestrian circulation will be provided via sidewalks on one side of internal streets. No sidewalks will be provided

on the other side of internal streets. Sidewalks shall be five (5) feet in width and shall be provided on one side of residential streets. Sidewalks will connect to all project park sites. Any sidewalks constructed along County Road 15A shall be six (6) feet in width, to the extent there is right-of-way adequate for six (6)-foot sidewalks.

- 4. Parks, Open Space and Recreational Facilities: The project will provide a minimum of five (5) acres of parks for every 1,000 residents, per Comprehensive Plan Policy 6.3.4. The project will be presumed to have 2.65 residents per unit for the purposes of calculating park requirements under this PUD. Based on this calculation, the project will provide a minimum of 27.825 acres of parks. The Applicant, its successors and assigns, will provide recreational facilities which may include an amenity center, swimming pool, playgrounds, tot lots, pickleball courts, dog parks, walking trials, multi-purpose trials and others to serve the community. The project will include an approximately ten (10)-acre passive park located adjacent to the large pond in the central portion of the Property that contains bird rookeries (the "Passive Park"). The Passive Park will be owned by a community development district and will be available for use by Rookery residents and members of the public. The Passive Park will contain walking trails and an observation tower overlooking the rookeries.
- 5. <u>Solid Waste Collection</u>: Solid waste collection will be provided by the City.
- 6. <u>Utilities:</u> All utilities within the Project shall be underground, to the extent feasible. As part of the subdivision approval of this project, Rookery will extend Green Cove Springs water and wastewater facilities to the initial phase of the development. Subsequent phases will be served by CCUA once its new water and wastewater plants are completed. The Applicant will submit an underground electric layout for the project to the City for approval prior to final Construction Improvement Plan approval.
- 7. <u>Transportation Systems:</u> All transportation systems will comply with applicable provisions of City Code Chapter 113, Article II, Division 2, except for (a) the primary access collector road, for which the typical section is attached as <u>Exhibit "C"</u>; (b) roadways will be designed with a minimum 45-foot paved radius for cul-de-sacs, with a minimum 50 feet of right-of-way and with a ten (10)-foot utility easement; and (c) except as otherwise set forth in this PUD ordinance and its exhibits.

### H. Buffering and Landscaping

1. <u>Perimeter Buffer</u>: A natural or landscaped buffer a minimum of 30 feet wide shall be located along the perimeters of the Property, except that the buffer along County Road 15A shall be 95 feet wide (will include existing electric and other utility easements and a minimum 20 feet of natural or landscaped area) and the buffer along the railroad line and adjacent to the

property owned by Martin Marietta shall be 100 feet wide. The Applicant will be permitted to construct sidewalks within the perimeter buffer, in the general locations depicted on the Conceptual Development Plan. Buffer areas will be owned and maintained by an HOA or CDD.

- 2. Landscaping. A typical landscape plan for the Property is attached hereto as Exhibit "D". Tree mitigation and landscaping will comply with applicable provisions of Code Chapter 113, Article VI. Street trees for all roadways, including the north side of Jersey Avenue, shall comply with applicable provisions of City Code Section 113-244. Parking lots that contain more than 10 parking spaces shall meet applicable landscape requirements of City Code Section 113-246. Parking areas with ten (10) or fewer spaces will be required to provide a minimum of one (1) canopy tree, as defined by City Code, a minimum of 2.5 inches diameter breast height ("dbh") at the time of planting, which will be planted in an area a minimum size of 200 square feet. Such tree shall be irrigated through the establishment period. The Applicant will provide tree surveys for portions of the Property subject to development with the filing of construction plans for such areas. Such tree surveys shall show all existing trees 12 inches dbh or larger and shall detail which of such trees are proposed to be saved and removed. No tree surveys will be provided for areas of the Property that will remain undisturbed. A canopy tree of a minimum 2.5 inches dbh at the time of planting shall be planted on each single-family lot prior to the City's issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Such trees shall be irrigated through the establishment period.
- 3. <u>Upland Buffers</u>: An averaged 25-foot natural vegetative upland buffer shall be required and maintained between developed area and contiguous wetlands. The 25 feet shall be measured from the State jurisdictional wetland line.

### I. Temporary Uses

Ten (10) percent of the homes within the PUD may be constructed as model homes with approved construction plans. The model homes may be built during construction of the infrastructure and may be used for sales, administration and construction offices. The City will not issue certificates of occupancy for model homes until related infrastructure construction has been completed; cleared for service and accepted by all permitting agencies, including the City. Parking for the model homes and sales offices will be located within the driveway or adjacent lot. Model homes will be required to meet applicable building code requirements for business occupancy. Development of the site and construction of the improvements will require temporary uses such as construction trailers, sales offices, temporary signage and temporary access. Temporary construction and sales trailers will be removed no later than 30 days following the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the last home constructed on the Property. The Applicant shall be permitted to erect temporary on-site construction and real estate signage on the Property.

#### J. Accessory Uses

Standard residential accessory uses will be allowed within the residential building areas of the site, including but not limited to decks, swimming pools, patios, air conditioning units, walkways and sidewalks.

Accessory uses such as private garages/mother-in-law suites and storage buildings; home occupations in compliance with applicable provisions of City Code Section 117-789; model homes; guardhouses; air conditioning units and related heating/cooling units; swimming pools and pool equipment; fences, walls or hedges; gazebos and other open-air structures; boardwalks, docks, and other similar uses shall be permitted within the Property. Accessory uses shall comply with the applicable development criteria set forth in Section E of this PUD text.

The following criteria will apply to mother-in-law suites:

- 1. The unit shall be accessory to and on the same property as a single-family dwelling unit.
- 2. The unit shall be developed in conjunction with or after development of the principal dwelling unit and the owner of the property must reside within either the principal or the accessory dwelling unit.
- 3. Not more than one (1) accessory dwelling unit per single-family residential lot is permitted.
- 4. No accessory dwelling unit shall be sold separately from the principal dwelling unit. The accessory dwelling unit and the principal dwelling unit shall be located on a single lot or parcel, or on a combination of lots or parcels.
- 5. The air-conditioned floor area of the accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 50 percent of the air-conditioned floor area of the principal structure, The accessory dwelling unit shall be no less than 200 square feet of air-conditioned floor area.
- 6. The unit shall meet the site development criteria specified in Section E of this PUD text.
- 7. The unit shall be designed so that the exterior façade material is similar in appearance (material and color) of the existing principal structure.
- 8. A minimum of one (1), but not more than two (2) parking spaces shall be provided for the accessory dwelling unit, in addition to the spaces required for the principal dwelling unit.
- 9. Construction of the accessory dwelling unit, in combination with all structures on the property, shall not cause the maximum lot coverage of this PUD to be exceeded.

- 10. The accessory dwelling unit shall be serviced by centralized water and wastewater.
- 11. An accessory dwelling unit shall be treated as a townhome unit for impact fees.

## K. Project Phasing

The project will be constructed in one (1), 20-year phase. Construction will be commenced by 2024 and shall be completed by December 31, 2044. For purposes of this PUD, "commencement" shall mean securing approved construction drawings. "Completion" shall be defined as the installation of horizontal infrastructure and City approval of as-builts.

## L. Ownership Agreement

The Applicant, on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns, hereby agrees and stipulates to proceed with the proposed development in accordance with the PUD ordinance for this application as adopted by the Green Cove Springs City Council. The Applicant also agrees to comply with all conditions and safeguards established by the City of Green Cove Springs with respect to this Planned Unit Development application.

#### Exhibit "A"

#### Legal Description of the Property

A portion of Section 38 of the George I.F. Clarke Grant, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida, being a portion of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 1545, page 513 and a portion of Parcel "A" as described and recorded in Official Records Book 3316, page 1098, both of the Public Records of said county and being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the intersection of the Southerly right of way line of Green Cove Avenue, a variable width right of way as presently established, with the Westerly right of way line of CSX Railroad, a 100 foot right of way as presently established; thence South 21°54'49" East, along said Westerly right of way line, 1424.74 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence South 21°54'49" East, continuing along said Westerly right of way line, 1502.39 feet to the Northeast corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 3855, page 1391, of said Public Records; thence North 77°06'26" West, departing said Westerly right of way line and along the Northerly line of last said lands, 66.98 feet to the Northwesterly corner thereof; thence Southerly along the Westerly boundary line of last said lands the following 3 courses: Course 1, thence South 21°54'49" East, 3242.16 feet; Course 2, thence South 68°05'09" West, 1307.43 feet; Course 3, thence South 21°54'51" East, 1003.87 feet to a point lying on the Northerly line of that certain Access & Maintenance Easement described and recorded in Official Records Book 3855, page 1394, of said Public Records; thence Westerly along said Northerly line the following 26 courses: Course 1, thence South 37°01'31" West, departing said Westerly boundary line, 149.07 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Northwesterly having a radius of 955.00 feet; Course 2, thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 16°37'06", an arc length of 276.99 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 45°20'05" West, 276.02 feet; Course 3, thence South 67°24'13" West, along a non-tangent line, 105.10 feet; Course 4, thence South 53°45'05" West, 12.16 feet; Course 5, thence South 13°14'26" West, 24.72 feet; Course 6, thence South 63°07'28" West, 859.11 feet; Course 7, thence North 26°52'32" West, 5.00 feet; Course 8, thence South 63°07'28" West, 382.73 feet; Course 9, thence North 26°52'32" West, 31.65 feet; Course 10, thence South 63°07'28" West, 74.60 feet; Course 11, thence South 26°52'32" East, 36.65 feet; Course 12, thence South 63°07'28" West, 102.14 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Northerly having a radius of 955.00 feet; Course 13, thence Westerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 22°47'15", an arc length of 379.82 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 74°31'05" West, 377.32 feet; Course 14, thence South 85°54'43" West, 731.91 feet; Course 15, thence North 04°05'17" West, 5.00 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Northerly having a radius of 250.00 feet; Course 16, thence Westerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 05°44'03", an arc length of 25.02 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 88°46'45" West, 25.01 feet; Course 17, thence North 88°21'14" West, 61.78 feet; Course 18, thence North 19°49'14" West, 8.30 feet; Course 19, thence North 55°44'57" West, 30.16 feet; Course 20, thence South 67°18'10" West, 29.23 feet; Course 21, thence South 07°09'24" West, 17.00 feet; Course 22, thence North 88°21'14" West, 362.37 feet; Course 23, thence South 01°38'46" West, 5.00 feet; Course 24, thence North 88°21'14" West, 800.00 feet; Course 25, thence North 01°38'46" East, 10.00 feet; Course 26, thence North 88°21'14" West, 355.52 feet to a point lying on the Easterly right of way line of County Road 15A (South Oakridge Avenue), a 100 foot right of way as presently established; thence North 02°07'57" East, along said Easterly right of way line, 5150.65 feet to the Southwest corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 3863, page 203, of said Public Records; thence Easterly along the Southerly and Southeasterly lines of last said lands the following 9 courses: Course 1, thence South 88°31'42" East, departing said Easterly right of way line, 282.59 feet; Course 2, thence North 21°17'17" East, 161.55 feet; Course 3, thence South 68°42'43" East, 287.10 feet; Course 4, thence South 58°52'43" East, 32.90 feet; Course 5, thence South 37°48'54" East, 22.40 feet; Course 6, thence North 70°53'31" East, 15.20 feet; Course 7, thence North 34°14'49" East, 52.23 feet; Course 8, thence South 88°17'22" East, 94.17 feet; Course 9, thence North 31°43'31" East, 427.82 feet to the Easterly most corner thereof; thence South 58°16'29" East, departing said Southeasterly line, 30.00 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 175.00 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 16°53'45", an arc length of 51.61 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 40°10'24" East, 51.42 feet; thence North 41°22'44" West, along a non-tangent line, 29.96 feet to a point on a nontangent curve concave Southerly having a radius of 198.38 feet; thence Easterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 47°45'50", an arc length of 165.38 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 73°41'49" East, 160.63 feet; thence South 05°22'04" West, along a non-tangent line, 24.76 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Southwesterly having a radius of 175.00 feet; thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 67°09'24", an arc length of 205.12 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 51°03'13" East, 193.58 feet; thence South 77°07'44" East, along a non-tangent line, 945.04 feet; thence North 49°36'09" East, 172.16 feet; thence North 27°02'28" East, 20.00 feet; thence North 60°40'11" West, 35.15 feet; thence North 31°37'11" East, 86.00 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave Northwesterly having a radius of 120.00 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 87°21'29", an arc length of 182.96 feet to a point of compound curvature, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 63°04'27" East, 165.75 feet; thence Northerly along the arc of a curve concave Westerly having a radius of 950.00 feet, through a central angle of 06°31'27", an arc length of 108.17 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 16°08'00" East, 108.12 feet; thence North 12°52'16" East, 174.12 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Easterly having a radius of 1250.00 feet; thence Northerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 17°35'55", an arc length of 383.94 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 21°40'14" East, 382.43 feet; thence

Northeasterly along the arc of a non-tangent curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 1441.24 feet, through a central angle of 05°53'59", an arc length of 148.41 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 26°05'53" East, 148.34 feet; thence North 29°02'53" East, 373.29 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Southeasterly having a radius of 517.02 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 39°09'19", an arc length of 353.33 feet to a point on said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 48°37'32" East, 346.49 feet; thence North 68°05'11" East, along a non-tangent line, 70.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 559.90 acres, more or less.

ltem # 2.

## Exhibit "B"

## **Conceptual Development Plan**



#### **EXHIBIT "C"**

## **Collector Road Typical Section**



ltem # 2.

## EXHIBIT "D"

## **Typical Landscape Plan**





**STAFF REPORT** 

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA** 

**TO:** Planning and Zoning Board

## MEETING DATE: July 23, 2024

**FROM:** Gabriel Barro, Planning and Zoning

**SUBJECT:** Review of Ordinance O-16-2024 - Request for rezoning for property located West of US17 and East of Rookery Development for parcel 016579-000-00.

Zoning Amendment

From: MUH, Mixed Use Highway

To: C-2, General Commercial

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION** 

APPLICANT: Ellen Avery Smith, Rogers Towers, PA OWNER: DR Horton Inc-Jacksonville

PROPERTY LOCATION: West of US17 and East of Rookery Development

**PARCEL NUMBER:** Parcel # 016579-000-00

FILE NUMBER: ZON-24-004

CURRENT ZONING: MUH, Mixed Use Highway

FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION: Industrial

## SURROUNDING LAND USE

NORTH: FLU: Industrial Z: Mixed-Use Highway Use: Undeveloped SOUTH: FLU: Industrial Z: IB Heavy Industrial / Industrial Select (County) Use: Single Family / Light Manufacturing

EAST: FLU: Industrial Z: IB Heavy Industrial (County) Use: Light manufacturing / Vacant WEST: FLU: Neighborhood / Public Z: PUD / Recreational Use: Vacant

## BACKGROUND

The property was annexed into the City in 2008 as part of the Energy Cove Industrial Park and given a Future Land Use Designation of Mixed Use Highway. The zoning for the property, in conformance with the Mixed Use Highway Land Use Designation, includes 16.92 acres as M-2 Industrial and 7.25 acres as C-2 General Commercial. As part of the Comprehensive Plan update in 2022, the Future Land Use designation was changed to Industrial.

The property owner, DR Horton, Inc-Jacksonville, along with partner ADJ Rookery LLC are in the process of developing the 561-acre property to the west of the subject property into a 2,100 unit residential development named the Rookery. As part of the Rookery development, a spine road, Pearce Boulevard is being constructed from the Rookery development to the west over the Railroad tracks onto the subject property to connect to US 17. A signalized intersection, directly across from Hall Park Road is planned at US 17 with the new roadway to the west and Hall Park Road to the east.

The applicant, Rogers Tower PA, has requested a re-zoning for the property located on the Western edge of US17, located to the East of the current Rookery Development site, for parcel 016579-000-00, from MUH, Mixed Use Highway to C-2, General Commercial.

Excerpts of the Rookery development plan and the Pearce Boulevard connection to US 17 through the subject property are provided in the packet.

#### **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**

The property covers approximately 24.22 acres and is located between US17 and the Rookery Development, south of Energy Cove Ln. Currently, the property is vacant and is mostly open fields with scattered hardwood and pine trees.

## Figure 1. Aerial Map



STEEN COLOR
Legend
- Roads
Target Parcel
Parcels

0 1,000 US Feet

Figure 2. Current Zoning







## Figure 3. Proposed Zoning



The site is located within the City's Water, Sewer Service, and Electric Boundaries. It will be served by the City's utilities and sanitation services.

## CONSISTENCY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

## FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT

**Goal 1**: To develop and maintain land use programs and activities to provide for the most appropriate use of the land and direct growth to suitable areas while protecting the public, health, safety and welfare.

**Policy 1.1.1 e:** Industrial (IND): This FLUC is intended to accommodate primarily light and heavy manufacturing, distribution, and storage, in addition to heavy commercial and professional office uses.

iii. Density: NA iv. Maximum Intensity: 0.6 FAR.

**Policy 1.2.6** The City shall require new development to connect to the City's centralized potable water and sanitary sewer system.

## TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

**Objective 2.8 Site Development Traffic Circulation**: All future development shall be required to provide an adequate internal circulation system that is integrated into the surrounding network and minimizes impacts on the existing system.

Policy 2.5.6 The LDC shall require developments that locate on a principal or minor arterial to:

d. Provide adequate and safe entrance intersection(s) including turn lanes, acceleration/deceleration lanes, signalization, signage, and pavement marking as appropriate, and

e. Prevent the creation of hazardous traffic conditions, such as excessive curb cuts which may interfere with the function of the roadway.

## **CONSERVATION ELEMENT**

**Goal 1:** The city shall conserve, utilize, and protect its natural resources to ensure that adequate resources are available for future generations.

**Objective 5.2 Manage Development Impacts:** Land development code shall protect ecological systems which are sensitive to development impacts and provide important natural functions for maintenance of environmental quality. Soil conditions, native vegetative communities (including forests), natural drainage areas, and wetlands shall be evaluated to ensure development impacts are minimized.

**Policy 5.2.1** The city shall ensure the preservation of native and significant vegetative communities through the implementation of its Landscape and Tree Protection Ordinance

## **PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPACT**

Traffic Impacts

Land Use <sup>1</sup>	Square Footage/Dwelling		Daily	AM F	Peak	Р	M Peak
(ITE)	Units	Rate	Trips	Rate	Trips	Rate	Trips
			1				
Shopping Center**	633,000	42.70	27,030	.96	1,061	3.71	4,100

1. Source: Institute of Transportation Engineers: Trip Generation Manual 9th Edition

*Conclusion:* There are no development plans at this time as a result, the traffic impacts were calculated two: the maximum floor area ratio (.6)\* based on the assumption of a Shopping Center at a maximum FAR of .6 per the comprehensive plan requirements. Actual development plans will have a lower impact due to the proposed Pearce Boulevard roadway improvement which will take up significant portions of the acreage thereby leaving a much smaller buildable area, as well as meeting the site plan requirements. Project uses will be required to pay the applicable mobility fees prior to final construction approval to mitigate for transportation impacts.

#### Potable Water Impacts Industrial

System Category	Gallons Per Day (GPD)
Current Permitted Capacity <sup>1</sup>	4,200,000
Less actual Potable Water Flows <sup>1</sup>	1,013,000
Residual Capacity <sup>1</sup>	3,187,000
Projected Potable Water Demand from Proposed Project <sup>2</sup>	69,653
Residual Capacity after Proposed Project	3,115,126
1. Source: City of Green Cove Springs Public Works Department	

2. Source: City of Green Cove Springs Comprehensive Plan. Formula Used: .11 x sq ft (based on historical data)

*Conclusion:* The impact was calculated based on potential industrial uses. As shown in the table above, there is adequate capacity this use type. The City has existing water lines installed at this location.

System Category	Gallons Per Day (GPD)
Current Permitted Capacity <sup>1</sup>	350,000
Current Loading <sup>1</sup>	270,000
Committed Loading <sup>1</sup>	330,000
Projected Sewer Demand from Proposed Project <sup>2</sup>	69,653
Residual Capacity after Proposed Project	-321,874

1. Source: City of Green Cove Springs Public Works Department

2. Source: City of Green Cove Springs Comprehensive Plan. Formula Used: .11 x sq ft (based on historical data)

*Conclusion:* The impact was calculated based on potential commercial or residential uses. The project site is served by the South Plant Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). As shown in the table above, when factoring in the current loading and the committed loading, this WWTP is over capacity to handle the estimated impacts resulting from the proposed application. The committed loading is related to the Rookery Development which will be completed in two years prior to the commencement of this project. At such time, the Rookery capacity will be served by a new wastewater treatment facility provided by the Clay County Utility Authority. Once the facility is built, the capacity temporarily reserved to the Rookery shall be available for this development. In addition, the remaining demand will be sent via force main to the Harbor Road plant, where the City has an excess capacity of approximately 700,000 gallons per day. As a result, there is adequate capacity. The City has existing sewer lines at this location.

### Solid Waste Impacts

Commercial	
System Category	LBs Per Day / Tons per Year
Solid Waste Generated by Proposed Project <sup>1</sup>	None
Solid Waste Facility Capacity <sup>2</sup>	Minimum 3 Years Capacity
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 Source: City of Green Cove Springs does not provide commercial sanitation services, prospective sanitation collection franchisees shall comply with City Code Section 66-10.

### Solid Waste Impacts

The City of Green Cove Springs' solid waste is disposed of at the Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility operated by Clay County. Per the Clay County Comprehensive Plan, a minimum of three (3) years capacity shall be maintained at the County's solid waste management facility. For commercial developments, the City does not provide Curbside Service; commercial locations must instead contract with an approved franchisee for containerized collection.

## **EXISTING ZONING**

Mixed Use Highway (MUH) - 70% industrial and 30% commercial land uses. The industrial land uses primarily consist of storage, warehousing, and light manufacturing facilities. The commercial land uses primarily consist of retail and service establishments, such as business and professional offices, hotels, automobile sales, service and repair, and restaurants. No residential land uses are permitted. The maximum Floor Area Ratios for the industrial land uses shall be .70 and the commercial land uses shall have a maximum Floor Area Ratio of .30

## **PROPOSED ZONING**

The commercial high intensity (CHI), C-2 general commercial zoning category district is intended for intensive commercial uses which generally require a conspicuous and accessible location convenient to streets carrying large volumes of traffic.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

This zoning category is intended for intensive commercial uses which generally require a conspicuous and accessible location convenient to streets carrying large volumes of traffic.

C-2 uses include commercial uses and drive through facilities typically associated with high intensity uses adjacent to arterial roadways.

C-2 Zoning is compatible with the Industrial Future Land Use Designation as set forth in City LDC, Sec. 117-2(c).

This property will have a signalized intersection upon completion of Pearce Boulevard at the US 17 Intersection as required as part of the . This will create safe vehicular turning movements and is conducive for high volume commercial development.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the rezoning request to C-2, General Commercial.

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Motion to recommend to City Council the approval of Ordinance O-16-2024, to amend the Zoning of Parcel ID 016579-000-00 from MUH, Mixed Use Highway to C-2, General Commercial.



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Ellen Avery-Smith

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April 29, 2024



## VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Michael Daniels, AICP Planning and Zoning Director City of Green Cove Springs 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

## Re: Ayrshire/Applications for Planned Unit Development Modification, Commercial Rezoning

Dear Mr. Daniels:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit two rezoning applications for properties owned by clients of our firm located in the City of Green Cove Springs. The first application is for a modification to the existing Ayrshire Planned Unit Development ("PUD") approved as Ordinance Nos. O-06-2021 and O-09-2022. The second application is to rezone land located adjacent to the Ayrshire PUD for commercial use.

Our clients D.R. Horton, Inc. – Jacksonville, Rookery Investors LLC and ADJ Rookery LLC (collectively the "Owners") are the owners of the approximately 561 acres located within the Ayrshire PUD. The Owners are requesting to add a new residential product type – duplexes – to the permitted uses within the PUD and provide development standards for such units.

D.R. Horton, Inc. – Jacksonville also owns property located between the Ayrshire PUD and U.S. Highway 17 with Clay County Parcel Identification No. 38-06-26-016579-000-00 (the "Commercial Parcel"). The future land use designation of the Commercial Parcel is Industrial, and the zoning district is Mixed Use Highway ("MUH"). D.R. Horton would like to rezone the Commercial Parcel from MUH to Commercial High Intensity ("C2").

Enclosed are applications for the PUD Modification and Rezoning described above, along with supporting documents related to the same. If you will please let us know the application fee for each package, we will send you checks for payment.

We look forward to working with you on these applications.

Sincerely yours,

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Ellen Avery-Smith

cc: City Attorney Jim Arnold, Esq. John Gislason Anthony Sharp



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	Item # 3.
P Z File #	
Application Fee:	
Filing Date:Acceptance Date:	
Review Date: SRDT P & Z CC	

## **Rezoning Application**

### A. PROJECT

1.	Project Name: Rookery Commercial				
2.	Address of Subject Property: U.S. Highway 17				
3.	Parcel ID Number(s): 38-06-26-016579-000-00				
4.	Existing Use of Property: Industrial / Vacant				
5.	Future Land Use Map Designation : Industrial				
6.	Existing Zoning Designation:				
0. 7.	Proposed Zoning Designation: Commercial High Intensity (C2)				
	10				
8.	Acreage:				
B. APPI			_		
1.	• •	Owner (title holder)			
2.	Name of Applicant(s) or Contact Person(s): Ellen Avery-Smith, Esq				
	Company (if applicable): Rogers Towers, P.A.				
	Mailing address: 100 Whetsto	ne Place, Suite 200			
	St Augustine	Florida	32080		
	City:	Florida 	ZIP:		
	Telephone: (90)4 824-0879	FAX: (90)4 825-4070	_e-mail: Eaverysmith@rtlaw.com		
3.	3. If the applicant is agent for the property owner* D.R. Horton, Inc Jacksonville Name of Owner (titleholder):): 4220 Race Track Road Mailing address:				
	St. Johns	Florida	32259		
	St. Johns City:	State:	ZIP:		
	Telephone: <u>904_824-0879</u>	FAX:9 <u>(04)</u> 825-4070	_ e-mail: <u>irgislason@drhorton.com</u>		

\* Must provide executed Property Owner Affidavit authorizing the agent to act on behalf of the property owner.

#### C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Is there any additional contact for sale of, or options to purchase, the subject property?

☐ es □X No If yes, list names of all parties involved: See above-listed owners and agent information.

If yes, is the contract/option contingent or absolute?

Absolute

#### **D. ATTACHMENTS**

- Statement of proposed change, including a map showing the proposed zoning change and zoning 1. designations on surrounding properties
- A current aerial map (Maybe obtained from the Clay County Property Appraiser.) 2.
- Plat of the property (Maybe obtained from the Clay County Property Appraiser.) 3.
- Legal description with tax parcel number. 4.
- Boundary survey 5.
- 6. Warranty Deed or the other proof of ownership
- 7. Site Plan
- Written Description 8.
- **Binding Letter** 9.
- 10. Fee.
  - \$2,000 plus \$20 per acre a.
  - All applications are subject 10% administrative fee and must pay the cost of postage, signs, b. advertisements and the fee for any outside consultants.

No application shall be accepted for processing until the required application fee is paid in full by the applicant. Any fees necessary for technical review or additional reviews of the application by a consultant will be billed to the applicant at the rate of the reviewing entity. The invoice shall be paid in full prior to any action of any kind on the development application.

All 10 attachments are required for a complete application. A completeness review of the application will be conducted within five (5) business days of receipt. If the application is determined to be incomplete, the application will be returned to the applicant.

I/We certify and acknowledge that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge:

Signature of Applicant

Typed or printed name and title of applicant

Date State of

Date

day of

nature of Co-applicant

Ellen Avery-Smith, Esq. of Rogers Towers, P.A.

Typed or printed name of co-applicant

County of

The foregoing application is acknowledged before me this

who is/are personally known to me, or who has/have produced \_

as identification.

NOTARY SEAL



Signature of Notary Public, State of

## ORDINANCE NO. O-16-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA REZONING ±24.22 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON US HIGHWAY 17 S, IDENTIFIED AS OF A PORTION TAX ID NUMBER 016579-000-00, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY EXHIBIT "A", FROM MUH, MIXED USE HIGHWAY TO C-2, COMMERCIAL HIGH INTENSITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

## RECITALS

**WHEREAS,** the City has received a request to rezone the subject parcel from Mixed Use Highway (MUH) to Commercial High Intensity (C-2); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has the authority pursuant to its home rule and other statutory powers to rezone properties within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, a duly advertised public hearing was conducted on the proposed rezoning on June 25, 2024 by the Planning and Zoning Board, sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) and the LPA reviewed and considered comments received during the public hearing concerning the application and made its recommendation for approval to the City Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council considered the recommendations of the LPA at a duly advertised public hearing on July 16, 2024 and August 6, 2024 and provided for and received public participation; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has determined and found said application for the amendment, to be consistent with the City of Green Cove Springs Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, for reasons set forth in this Ordinance that is hereby adopted and incorporated as findings of fact, that the Green Cove Springs City Council finds and declares that the enactment of this amendment is in the furtherance of the public health, safety, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity, or general welfare.

## NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Zoning Map Amended**. The Zoning Map is hereby amended for the following property from Mixed Use Highway to Commercial High Intensity (C-2). A portion of Tax Parcel Number 38-06-26-016579-000-00 in accordance with the legal description found in Exhibit "A" and map found in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.
**Section 2.** Ordinance to be Construed Liberally. This ordinance shall be liberally construed in order to effectively carry out the purposes hereof which are deemed to be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of Green Cove Springs, Florida.

**Section 3. Repealing Clause.** All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** Severability. It is the declared intent of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs that, if any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and the remainder of the ordinance after the exclusions of such part or parts shall be deemed to be valid.

**Section 5.** Effective Date. 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 City that the plan amendment package is complete in accordance with Chapter 163.3184 F.S. If timely challenged, this amendment shall become effective on the date the state land planning agency, or the Administrative Council enters a final order determining this adopted amendment to be in compliance in accordance with Chapter 163.3184 F.S. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this amendment may be issued or commenced before this plan amendment has become effective.

# INTRODUCED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY ON THE FIRST READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2024.

# CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Steven R. Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

# CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Steven R. Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

Tax Parcel Number 38-06-26-016579-000-00

# **LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

A parcel of land consisting of a portion of Lot 3, Block 37, Bayard Tract, Clay County, Florida, according to map by Charles F. Smith, recorded in the public records of said county in Deed Book "J", pages 273 and 274, together with a portion of Lots 17,18,19 and 20, Block 1, South Green Cove Springs, according to map recorded in Deed Book "Z", page 748 of said public records, all in the G.I.F. Clark Grant, Section 38, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the southwest comer of Lot 1, Block 1, said Bayard Tract; thence on the west line thereof, North 24 degrees 21 minutes 05 seconds West, 47.00 feet; thence South 61 degrees 51 minutes 10 seconds West, 136.06 feet to the northeasterly line of the CSX Transportation Railroad; thence on said northeasterly line, South 23 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds East, 142.94 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 77 degrees 29 minutes 59 seconds East, 2,046.21 feet to the westerly line of State Road No. 15 (U.S. Highway No. 17); thence on said westerly line, South 09 degrees 09 minutes 52 seconds West, 576.61 feet to the northerly line of Spring Street (also being the northerly line of a railroad spur as per Judgment Lien Book No. 1, page 30 of said public records; thence on said northerly line, North 78 degrees 47 minutes 45 seconds West, 1050.24 feet; thence northwesterly along the arc of a curve concave northeasterly and having a radius of 1175.0 feet, an arc distance of 893.71 feet to the northeasterly line of said CSX Transportation Railroad, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 57 degrees 00 minutes 32 seconds West, 872.21 feet; thence on said northeasterly line, North 23 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds West, 362.84 feet to the point of beginning.

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# EXHIBIT "B"







PROPERTY OWNER AFFIDAVIT		
<sup>Owner Name:</sup> D.R. Horton Inc Jacksonville		
Address: 4220 Race Track Road., Saint Johns Fl 32259 Phone:		
Agent Name: Ellen Avery-Smith, Esq. of Rogers Towers, P.A.		
Address: 100 Wheistone Place. Suite 200, St. Augustine, FL 32086 Phone: 904-825-1615		
Parcel No.: 38-06-26-016579-000-000		
Requested Action: Application for a PUD Modification		
I hereby certify that:		
I am the property owner of record. I authorize the above listed agent to act on my behalf for the purposes of this application. Property owner signature: Philip A. Fremento, Vice President		
Printed name: D.R. Horton, Inc Jacksonville		
Date: 4/23/24		
The foregoing affidavit is acknowledged before me this <u>3</u> day of Philip A. Fremento, Vice President <u>April</u> , 20 <u>24</u> , by <u>of D.R. Horton, Inc Jacksonville</u> , who is/are		
personally known to me, or who has/have produced		
as identification. DEBORAH E. MCCLURE Commission # GG 967814 Expires July 10, 2024		
NOTARY SEAL		

City of Green Cove Springs Development Services Department +321 Walnut Street + Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 + (904)297-7500

Revised 12/31/12

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> Prepared By and Return to: Pam Bowser DHI TITLE OF FLORIDA, INC. 12276 San Jose Blvd., Suite 739 Jacksonville FL 32223

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Sales Price: \$220,576.43 Documentary Stamps: \$1,544.20

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### SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED is made this 9 day of November, 2023, by Rookery Investors, LLC, a Florida limited liability partnership whose address is 12443 San Jose Blvd., Suite 504, Jacksonville FL 32223 ("Grantor"), to D.R. HORTON, INC. -Jacksonville, a Delaware corporation, whose address is 4220 Race Track Road, Saint Johns, FL 32259 ("Grantee").

WITNESSETH, that said Grantor, for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration to Grantor in hand paid by said Grantee, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold to the Grantee, the following described land (the "Property"), situate, lying and being in Clay County, Florida to wit:

A parcel of land consisting of a portion of Lot 3, Block 37, Bayard Tract, Clay County, Florida, according to map by Charles F. Smith, recorded in the public records of said county in Deed Book "J", pages 273 and 274, together with a portion of Lots 17,18,19 and 20, Block 1, South Green Cove Springs, according to map recorded in Deed Book "Z", page 748 of said public records, all in the G.I.F. Clark Grant, Section 38, Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1, said Bayard Tract; thence on the west line thereof, North 24 degrees 21 minutes 05 seconds West, 47.00 feet; thence South 61 degrees 51 minutes 10 seconds West, 136.06 feet to the northeasterly line of the CSX Transportation Railroad; thence on said northeasterly line, South 23 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds East, 142.94 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 77 degrees 29 minutes 59 seconds East, 2,046.21 feet to the westerly line of State Road No. 15 (U.S. Highway No. 17); thence on said westerly line, South 09 degrees 09 minutes 52 seconds West, 576.61 feet to the northerly line of Spring Street (also being the northerly line of a railroad spur as per Judgment Lien Book No. 1, page 30 of said public records; thence on said northerly line, North 78 degrees 47 minutes 45 seconds West, 1050.24 feet; thence northwesterly along the arc of a curve concave northeasterly and having a radius of 1175.0 feet, an arc distance of 893.71 feet to the northeasterly line of said CSX Transportation Railroad, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 57 degrees 00 minutes 32 seconds West, 872.21 feet; thence on said northeasterly line, North 23 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds West, 23 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds West, 872.24 feet to the point of said CSX Transportation Railroad, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 57 degrees 20 minutes 32 seconds West, 872.21 feet; thence on said northeasterly line, North 23 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds West, 362.84 feet to the point of beginning.

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same in fee simple, forever.

TOGETHER WITH all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any way appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same in fee simple, forever.

This conveyance is made SUBJECT TO the following, provided, however, any reference thereto shall not serve to reimpose the same:

### See Exhibit "A"

AND the Grantor hereby covenants with Grantee that Grantor is lawfully seized of the Property in fee simple and has good right and lawful authority to sell and convey said Property, and hereby specially warrants the title to the Property and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever, claiming by, through or under the Grantor, but against no others.

N WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has unto set its hand and seal on the day and year written above.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Print Name: Shakon

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Witness

Print Name

Rookery Investors, LLC, a Florida limited liability company

By: Matovina & Company, a Florida corporation, **Its Manager** 

By:

Gregory E. Matovina, President

#### BK: 4772 PG: 1946

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DUVAL

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SHARON A. HUDSON
 Commission # HH 460421
 Expires December 11, 2027

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Notary Public Printed Name: Shakon A HUSON Commission Number: HH 4604 Commission Expiration: 12/11202

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### EXHIBIT "A"

- 1. Taxes and assessments for the year 2024 and subsequent years which are not yet due and payable.
- 2. Any lien provided by Chapter 159, Florida Statutes, in favor of any city, town, village, or port authority for unpaid service charges for service by any water systems, sewer systems or gas systems serving the lands described herein.
- 3. Restrictions, reservations, covenants, easements, conditions and all other matters as shown on Plat recorded in Deed Book J, Page 273 and 274 of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
- 4. Restrictions, reservations, covenants, easements, conditions and all other matters as shown on Plat recorded in Deed Book Z, Page 748, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
- 5. Restrictions, reservations, covenants, easements, conditions and all other matters as shown on Plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 31-34, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
- 6. Easement for Access and Utilities as contained in that certain instrument recorded in Official Records Book 4681, Page 1724, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
- 7. Declaration of Easement Agreement as contained in that certain instrument recorded in Official Records Book 4750, Page 293, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
- 8. Rights or claims of parties in possession under unrecorded leases not shown by the Public Records

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**STAFF REPORT** 

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA** 

TO:	Planning and Zoning Commission	MEETING DATE: July 23, 2024
FROM:	Michael Daniels, AICP, Development Serv	ices Director
SUBJECT:	R-11-2024 Resolution establishing standard requirements set forth in Senate Bill 328, Affordable Housing Regulations.	

# BACKGROUND

The purpose of this resolution is to provide the city's interpretation and set the operating procedures to process eligible affordable housing projects meeting the criteria set forth in Senate Bill 328, which amends the Affordable Housing Preemption Bill (Live Local Act or "LLA") that was originally approved by the state legislature and signed into law during the 2023 Legislative Session.

For ease of reference and to avoid redundancy throughout this memorandum, a development seeking approval through LLA will be referred to as a "qualifying development or qualifying developments."

On March 29, 2023, Governor Ron Desantis signed into law Senate Bill 102, also known as the "Live Local Act" ("LLA"). This bill took effect on July 1, 2023, and precludes local governments' ability to apply their use, height, and density restrictions and hearing processes to certain multi-family and mixed-use affordable housing developments. Importantly, LLA doesn't preempt other applicable local laws and regulations.

- LLA requires local governments to administratively approve development projects:
  - Where at least forty percent (40%) of the residential units are affordable in a rental agreement (as defined in section 420.0004 Fl. St.) in a rental agreement for at least thirty (30) years; or
  - If developed as a mixed-use project, at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the square footage is used for residential purposes (of which forty percent (40%) are affordable as defined in section 420.0004 Fl. St.); and are located within commercial, industrial, or mixed-use zoning districts. FS 166.04151(7a)
- Local governments are required to allow projects to develop at the highest allowed density on any land within the local government where residential density is allowed. FS 166.04151(7b)
- Local governments cannot restrict height below the highest allowed for a commercial or residential development within the city limits and within one (1) mile of the proposed development or three (3) stories, whichever is higher. FS 166.04151(7c)
- Local governments must consider reducing parking for developments near a major transit stop. FS 166.04151(7e)

• Notwithstanding the provisions of the law, projects must comply with all other local land development regulations. FS 166.04151(7g)

On May 20, 2024, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 328 "Live Local Amendment Act" codified at Chapter 2023-17, Laws of Florida, which is broad ranging legislation intended to amend the original Live Local Act and to streamline and incentivize affordable housing developments within the State of Florida (the "Revised Act").

One of the key objectives of the revised Bill was to clarify the uncertainties and omissions that were identified as qualifying developments were proposed and processed in coordination with the requirements of the local government land development regulations. These changes include:

- Amends the phrase "if at least 40 percent of the residential units in a proposed multifamily rental development are, for a period of at least 30 years, affordable as defined in s. 420.0004" to "if at least 40 percent of the residential units in a proposed multifamily development are rental units that for a period of at least 30 years, affordable as defined in s. 420.0004." This amended phrase opens the possibility for split multifamily ownership and rental development as long at least 40% of the total units are rental and affordable.
- Provides that proposed multifamily developments that are located in a transit-oriented development or area, as defined by the local government, must be mixed-use residential to receive approval and "otherwise complies with requirements of the county's regulations applicable to the transit-oriented development or area except for use, height, density, and floor area ratio as provided in this section or as otherwise agreed to by the county and the applicant for the development."
- Provides that local governments cannot limit the floor area ratio of a proposed development below 150% of the highest currently allowed floor area ratio on any land where residential development is allowed in the jurisdiction under the jurisdiction's land development regulations.
- Clarifies that the maximum density and height allowances do not include any "bonuses, variances, or other special exceptions" provided in the jurisdiction's land development regulations as incentives for development.
- Allows local governments to limit the maximum height allowance if the proposed development is adjacent to, on two more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use that is within a single-family residential development with at least 25 contiguous single-family homes to 150 percent of the tallest building on property within one-quarter mile of the proposed development or 3 stories, whichever is higher.
- Provides that each local government must maintain a policy on its website containing the expectations for administrative approval.
- Reduces the buffer for local governments to "consider" reducing parking requirements from <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile of a "major transit stop" to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile of a "transit stop."
- Requires local government to reduce parking requirements by 20% for proposed developments within ½ mile of a "major transportation hub" that have available parking within 600 feet of the proposed development and eliminates parking requirements for a proposed mixed-use residential development within an area recognized as a transit-oriented development or area.
- Provides that proposed developments located within <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile of a military installation may not be administratively approved.

- Provides that the LLA preemption does not apply to "airport-impact areas as provided in s.333.03."
- Removes the exception for recreational and commercial working waterfront.
- Clarifies that developments authorized with the preemption are treated as a conforming use even after the sunset of the preemption statute (2033) and the development's affordability period unless the development violates the affordability term. If a development violates the affordability term, the development will be treated as a nonconforming use.
- Provides that an applicant who submitted an application, written request, or notice of intent to utilize the mandate before the effective date of the bill may notify the local government by July 1,2024, of its intent to proceed under the prior provisions of the mandate.

Other additions and revisions to the bill include Amendments to the "Missing Middle" Property Tax to incentivize affordable housing development as identified in the Live Local bill summary by the Florida Housing Coalition that is enclosed in the packet.

Included in the packet is:

- Proposed Resolution to amend the existing Standard Operating Procedures identified as part of the implementation of the Live Local Act
- Existing Live Local Act Resolution, R-23-2021
- SB 328 Enrolled Bill
- Florida Housing Coalition Bill Summary

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution #2024-11 and repeal of Resolution 2023-21, regarding standard operating procedures to implement the requirements set forth in Senate Bill 328 which are available for use as affordable housing.

### **Recommended Motion:**

Motion to recommend approval to City Council of Resolution #2024-11 and to repeal and replace Resolution 2023-21 establishing standard operating procedures to implement the requirements set forth in Senate Bill 328, "The Live Local Act relating to Affordable Housing Regulations.

# **RESOLUTION NO. R-11-2024**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SENATE BILL 328, "THE LIVE LOCAL ACT" RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2023, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 102 "Live Local Act" codified at Chapter 2023-17, Laws of Florida, which is broad ranging legislation intended to streamline and incentivize affordable housing developments within the State of Florida (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, after review and consideration, the City Council adopted Resolution No R-21-2023 directing staff to review all project applications submitted pursuant to the Act be handled in substantial compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures set forth in Appendix A of the Resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the Act preempts certain use, density, and height regulations for qualifying developments that provide for the development of affordable multi-family rental housing in commercial, industrial, and mixed-use areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission supports affordable housing and finds it necessary to revise the City Code in order to establish equitable and respectful regulations for the development of mixed income developments as well as to implement the provisions of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 7.10 of the City Charter requires that all multi-family and nonresidential site plans, as well as any amendments to such site plans (except minor amendments as defined by ordinance), must be received at a public hearing and receive prior approval from the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to be consistent with the provisions in the City Charter requiring a public hearing for multi-family and non-residential site plans approved by the City Commission, the City Commission desires to require that all site plans, submitted in accordance with the Act, must be received at a public hearing before the City Manager and receive prior administrative approval from the City Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission, in its capacity as the Local Planning Agency, has reviewed this Resolution and recommends approval; and

**WHEREAS**, after review and consideration, the City Council adopted Resolution No R-21-2023 directing staff to review all project applications submitted pursuant to the Act be handled in substantial compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures set forth in Appendix A of the Resolution. **WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2024, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 328 "Live Local Act" codified at Chapter 2023-17, Laws of Florida, which is broad ranging legislation intended to amend the original Live Local Act to streamline and incentivize affordable housing developments within the State of Florida (the "Revised Act"). The Revised Act includes the following revisions:

- Eligible Zoning and Applicability
- Height and Density Allowances
- Requires local government consideration of parking reduction requirements for projects in close proximity to transit stops.
- Removes the preemption for projects near airport impact areas and eliminates the administrative approval requirement for projects near military installations.
- Removes the exception for recreational and commercial working waterfront areas.
- Revises Floor Area Ratio requirements.
- Clarifies that the maximum density and height allowances do not include any "bonuses, variances, or other special exceptions" provided in the jurisdiction's land development regulations as incentives for development.
- Allows local governments to limit the maximum height allowance if the proposed development is adjacent to residential subdivisions meeting specific criteria.
- Reduces the buffer for local governments to "consider" reducing parking requirements from ½ mile of a "major transit stop" to ¼ mile of a "transit stop."
- Requires local government to reduce parking requirements for proposed developments within ½ mile of a "major transportation hub" that have available parking within 600 feet of the proposed development and eliminates parking requirements for a proposed mixed-use residential development within an area recognized as a transit-oriented development or area.
- Provides clarification of non-conforming status after the statute sunsets in 2033.

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission, in its capacity as the Local Planning Agency, has reviewed this Resolution and recommends approval; and

**WHEREAS**, after review and consideration, the City Council adopted Resolution No R-11-2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the residents of the city to adopt this Ordinance.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.** The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY. This resolution is adopted pursuant to Article VIII,

Section 2 Florida Constitution; sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, the City Charter of the City of Green Cove Springs; and other applicable provisions of law.

**SECTION 3. LIVE LOCAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.** The Council hereby adopts the Live Local Act Standard Operating Procedures as set forth on Appendix "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, to accomplish the goals of the Act. The Council hereby directs that any project applications submitted pursuant to the Acts shall be handled in substantial compliance with the SOP's attached hereto.

**SECTION 4. TERMINATION.** By its terms, the Act expires on October 1, 2033. This Resolution and the SOPs shall likewise expire on October 1, 2033. In the event the Florida Legislature modifies the expiration date of the Act, this Resolution shall expire on such modified expiration date.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

# DONE AND RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Steven R. Kelley, Mayor

**ATTEST:** 

Erin West, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:** 

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney

# **Appendix "A" Live Local Standard Operating Procedures Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to provide the city's interpretation of LLA, identify the process for implementation, and provide additional development standards which may apply to applications seeking administrative approval pursuant to LLA. For ease of reference and to avoid redundancy throughout this memorandum, a development seeking approval through LLA will be referred to as a "qualifying developments."

On March 29, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law Senate Bill 102, also known as the "Live Local Act" ("LLA"). This bill took effect on July 1, 2023, and precludes local governments' ability to apply their use, height, and density restrictions and hearing processes to certain multi-family and mixed-use affordable housing developments. Importantly, LLA doesn't preempt other applicable local laws and regulations.

On May 20, 2024, Governor Ron Desantis signed into law Senate Bill 328, which make several amendments to s. 125.01055(7) and s. 166.04151(7) of the Florida Statutes which govern the Live Local Act's land use preemption. This land use preemption was designed to facilitate eligible affordable housing developments on parcels zoned for commercial, industrial, and mixed-use by providing favorable use, density, height, and administrative approval standards. The SB 328 Amendments are incorporated into the revised standard operating procedures below:

- LLA requires local governments to administratively approve development projects:
  - Where at least forty percent (40%) of the residential units in a proposed multifamily development are rental units that are affordable in a rental agreement (as defined in section 420.0004 Fl. St.) for a period of at least thirty (30) years; or
  - If developed as a mixed-use project, at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the square footage is used for residential purposes (of which forty percent (40%) are affordable as defined in section 420.0004 Fl. St.); and are located within commercial, industrial, or mixed-use zoning districts. FS 166.04151(7a)
  - Proposed multifamily developments that are located in a transit-oriented development or area, as defined by the local government, must be mixed-use residential to receive approval with the tool and "otherwise comply with requirements of the city's regulations applicable to the transit-oriented development or area except for use, height, density, and floor area ratio as provided in this section or as otherwise agreed to by the city and the applicant for the development."
- Qualifying projects can develop at the highest allowed density on any land within the local government where residential density is allowed. FS 166.04151(7b)
- The floor area ratio of a proposed development cannot be limited to below 150% of the highest currently allowed floor area ratio on any land where residential development is allowed.
- Maximum density and height allowances do not include any "bonuses, variances, or other special exceptions" provided in the jurisdiction's land development regulations as incentives for development.
- Local governments cannot restrict height below the highest allowed for a commercial or residential development within the city limits and within one (1) mile of the proposed development or three (3) stories, whichever is higher. FS 166.04151(7c)
- The City can limit the maximum height allowance if the proposed development is adjacent to, on two more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use that is within a single-family residential development with at least 25 contiguous single-family homes to 150 percent of the tallest building on property within one-quarter mile of the proposed development or 3 stories, whichever is higher.
- Provides that each local government must maintain a policy on its website containing the expectations for administrative approval under the tool.
- Excludes projects located within an airport impact area as defined in s. 333.03 Notwithstanding the provisions of the law, projects must comply with all other local land development regulations. FS 166.04151(7g)

- Eliminates administrative approval for projects located within a ¼ mile of a military installation.
- Developments authorized with the preemption are treated as a conforming use even after the sunset of the preemption statute (2033) and the development's affordability period unless the development violates the affordability term. If a development violates the affordability term, the development will be treated as a nonconforming use.

### • Applicable Zoning Districts

- Pursuant to the City of Green Cove Springs Land Development Code ("LDC"), the following zoning districts will be eligible for qualifying developments:
  - o RPO Residential Professional Office
  - C-1 Neighborhood Commercial
  - o C-2 General Commercial
  - o M-1 Light Industrial
  - o M-2 Heavy Industrial
  - CBD Central Business District
  - GCC Gateway Corridor Commercial
  - GCN Gateway Corridor Neighborhood

### Residential Density

- The City's most intensive future land use category that allows residential density is Mixed-Use Reynolds Park, which allows up to 40 units to the acre by right. This will be the density permitted for qualifying (single use and mixed-use developments).
- Allowable Height
- Pursuant to FS 166.04151(7c) a municipality may not restrict height below the highest allowed for either commercial or residential development within the city limits and within one (1) mile of the qualifying development, or three (3) stories, whichever is higher. Sec. 117-6 provides the permitted maximum heights for all zoning districts, with heights ranging from 35' to 70'.
- Other Applicable Standards for Development
- **Mixed-Use Projects** Except for the residential density and allowable height standards described above, the following shall apply to mixed-use qualifying developments:
  - A mixed-use development requesting to utilize LLA must provide at a minimum ten percent (10%) of the project as non-residential. This would be measured as a percentage of the total square footage proposed for residential and non-residential uses.
  - For the residential portion of a mixed-use development, development shall comply with the provisions set forth in section 117-566 of the Gateway Corridor Commercial Zoning District. Vertical Mixed-Use Development (i.e. commercial on first floor and residential, for example) shall comply with the provisions set forth in Sec. 117-566(2) except for the requirement in section 117-566(2)(a) requiring additional lot area for more than two dwelling units.
- For the non-residential portions of a mixed-use development shall comply with the requirements of the underlying zoning district.

**Single Use Projects (Residential Only)** Except for the residential density and allowable height standards described above, the following shall apply to single use qualifying developments:

 Developments shall comply with the provisions set forth in section 117-566(2) of the Gateway Corridor Commercial District for multifamily dwellings except for the requirement in section 117-566(2)(a) requiring additional lot area for more than two dwelling units.

### Parking

LLA requires a local government to reduce parking requirements by 20% for proposed developments within ½ mile of a "major transportation hub" as defined in the statute, which have available parking within 600 feet of the proposed development and eliminates parking requirements for a proposed mixed-use residential development within an area recognized as a transit-oriented development or area. There currently is not a major transit stop within the city limits.

Transit service in the City is supported by Clay Community Transportation (CCT) flex service shuttles, managed by the Jacksonville Transit Authority. There are two CCT routes that service the city with stops at the Clay County Health Department and Courthouse. Transit represents a small to de minimis percentage of transportation users within the City. Pursuant to the definition of a "major transit stop" in as set forth in the statute), it is reasonable to state there is no major transit stop in the City of Green Cove Springs, as a result the parking standards set forth in Sec. 113-157 (d) shall apply. However, with a ¼ mile of a transit stop, the City must consider reducing the parking requirements for an eligible project.

The city must consider reducing parking for developments within a ¼ mile of a transit stop.

**Other Development Standards** (such as but not limited to Stormwater, landscaping etc.) Shall comply with the applicable requirements set forth in the Land Development Code.

### **Process for Approval**

The approval process for a qualifying development located within an eligible zoning district, as outlined above, shall include payment of fees, an application, site development plan, an affidavit of commitment to City of Green Cove Springs affordable housing standards for income qualification, monitoring, inspection and other.

Minimum requirements for Site Development Plan approval of a proposed quality project shall include the following:

- 1. A completed site plan application and attachments as set forth in the City's site plan submittal requirements in Sec. 101-357.
- 2. Project Narrative Application shall contain a narrative which demonstrates compliance with Section 166.04151 (7) (a) (g), Florida Statutes and applicable LDC provisions.
- 3. Affidavit of Commitment Applicant must file an Affidavit of Commitment to record a Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) detailing the affordable housing restrictions, to comply with the monitoring and other requirements of the city and F.S. 166.04151 Florida Statutes. The LURA shall also outline the penalties and remedies for not complying with the LURA a for a 30-year affordable housing project in compliance with Florida Statutory Requirements set forth in subsection (8) of section 125.01055.

### **RESOLUTION NO. R-21-2023**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SENATE BILL 102, "THE LIVE LOCAL ACT" RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2023, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 102 "Live Local Act" codified at Chapter 2023-17, Laws of Florida, which is broad ranging legislation intended to streamline and incentivize affordable housing developments within the State of Florida (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act preempts certain use, density, and height regulations for qualifying developments that provide for the development of affordable multi-family rental housing in commercial, industrial, and mixed-use areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission supports affordable housing and finds it necessary to revise the City Code in order to establish equitable and respectful regulations for the development of mixed income developments as well as to implement the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.10 of the City Charter requires that all multi-family and nonresidential site plans, as well as any amendments to such site plans (except minor amendments as defined by ordinance), must be received at a public hearing and receive prior approval from the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, in order to be consistent with the provisions in the City Charter requiring a public hearing for multi-family and non-residential site plans approved by the City Commission, the City Commission desires to require that all site plans, submitted in accordance with the Act, must be received at a public hearing before the City Manager and receive prior administrative approval from the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission, in its capacity as the Local Planning Agency, has reviewed this Ordinance and recommends approval; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration, the City Council desires to adopt the proposed amendments; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to adopt this Ordinance.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.** The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY.** This resolution is adopted pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 Florida Constitution; sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, the City Charter of the City of Green Cove Springs; and other applicable provisions of law.

**SECTION 3. LIVE LOCAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.** The Council hereby adopts the Live Local Act Standard Operating Procedures as set forth on Appendix "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, to accomplish the goals of the Act. The Council hereby directs that any project applications submitted pursuant to the Acts shall be handled in substantial compliance with the SOP's attached hereto.

**SECTION 4. TERMINATION.** By its terms, the Act expires on October 1, 2033. This Resolution and the SOPs, shall likewise expire on October 1, 2033. In the event the Florida Legislature modifies the expiration date of the Act, this Resolution shall expire on such modified expiration date.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA** 

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ATTEST:

West, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:** 

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney

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    - (30) years; or
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- Local governments are required to allow projects to develop at the highest allowed density on any land within the local government where residential density is allowed. FS 166.04151(7b)
- Local governments cannot restrict height below the highest allowed for a commercial or residential development within the city limits and within one (1) mile of the proposed development or three (3) stories, whichever is higher. FS 166.04151(7c)
- Local governments must consider reducing parking for developments near a major transit stop. FS 166.04151(7e)
- Notwithstanding the provisions of the law, projects must comply with all other local land development regulations. FS 166.04151(7g)
- This subsection does not apply to property defined as recreational and commercial working waterfront in s. 342.201(2)(b) in any area zoned as industrial. FS 166.04151(7h)

### **Applicable Zoning Districts**

Pursuant to the City of Green Cove Springs Land Development Code ("LDC"), the following zoning districts will be eligible for qualifying developments:

- RPO Residential Professional Office
- C-1 Neighborhood Commercial
- C-2 General Commercial
- M-1 Light Industrial
- M-2 Heavy Industrial
- CBD Central Business District
- GCC Gateway Corridor Commercial
- GCN Gateway Corridor Neighborhood

### **Residential Density**

The City's most intensive future land use category that allows residential density is Mixed-Use Reynolds Park, which allows up to 40 units to the acre by right. This will be the density permitted for qualifying (single use and mixed-use developments).

### **Allowable Height**

Pursuant to FS 166.04151(7c) a municipality may not restrict height below the highest allowed for either commercial or residential development within the city limits and within one (1) mile of the qualifying development, or three (3) stories, whichever is higher. Sec. 117-6 provides the permitted maximum heights for all zoning districts, with heights ranging from 35' to 70'.

### **Other Applicable Standards for Development**

**Mixed-Use Projects** Except for the residential density and allowable height standards described above, the following shall apply to mixed-use qualifying developments:

- A mixed-use development requesting to utilize LLA must provide at a minimum ten percent (10%) of the project as non-residential. This would be measured as a percentage of the total square footage proposed for residential and non-residential uses.
- For the residential portion of a mixed-use development, development shall comply with the provisions set forth in section 117-566 of the Gateway Corridor Commercial Zoning District. Vertical Mixed-Use Development (i.e. commercial on first floor and residential, for example) shall comply with the provisions set forth in Sec. 117-566(2).
- For the non-residential portions of a mixed-use development shall comply with the requirements of the underlying zoning district.

**Single Use Projects (Residential Only)** Except for the residential density and allowable height standards described above, the following shall apply to single use qualifying developments:

- Developments within the Neighborhood Future Land Use Category shall comply with the provisions set forth in section 117-123 for the Residential, High-Density R-3 Zoning District Category if located in the Neighborhood Future Land Use Category.
- Developments within the Commercial or Industrial Future Land Use Designations shall utilize the provisions set forth in section 117-566(2) of the Gateway Corridor Commercial District.

### Parking

LLA requires a local government to "consider" reduced parking for a qualifying development within <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile of a major transit stop. Transit service in the City is supported by Clay Community Transportation (CCT) flex service shuttles, managed by the Jacksonville Transit Authority. There are two CCT routes that service the City with stops at the Clay County Health Department and Courthouse. Transit represents a small to de minimis percentage of transportation users within the City. While there isn't a definition of a "major transit stop" in the City's Land Development Code (as set forth in the statute), it is reasonable to state there is no major transit stop in the City of Green Cove Springs, as a result the parking standards set forth in Sec. 113-157 (d) shall apply.

Other Development Standards (such as but not limited to Stormwater, landscaping etc.) Shall comply

with the applicable requirements set forth in the Land Development Code.

### **Process for Approval**

The approval process for a qualifying development located within an eligible zoning district, as outlined above, shall include payment of fees, an application, site development plan, an affidavit of commitment to City of Green Cove Springs affordable housing standards for income qualification, monitoring, inspection and other.

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# Summary of 2024's Live Local Act amendments (2024) - Final

SB 328 + HB 7073: Amendments to the Live Local Act Contact: Kody Glazer, Chief Legal and Policy Officer, glazer@flhousing.org

As of February 28, 2024, the House and Senate have officially passed Senate Bill 328 – the 2024 Legislative Session's core Live Local Act amendment bill. This bill amends the Live Local Act's land use preemption, the "Missing Middle" Property Tax Exemption, and funds the Hometown Hero Housing Program at \$100 million. The next step is for this bill to be sent to the Governor's desk for final signature. Note that the bill will go into effect right upon it becoming a law – it will not need to wait until July 1 like most other bills.

In addition to SB 328, the 2024 Legislative Session's tax package (HB 7073) also amends the Live Local Act – specifically the missing middle property tax exemption – and creates a new affordable housing property tax exemption. This document tracks all the policy changes and additions to the Live Local Act.

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# SB 328 - Amendments to the Live Local Act's Land Use Preemption

SB 328 makes several amendments to s. 125.01055(7) and s. 166.04151(7) of the Florida Statutes which govern the Live Local Act's land use preemption. This land use preemption was designed to facilitate eligible affordable housing developments on parcels zoned for commercial, industrial, and mixed-use by providing favorable use, density, height, and administrative approval standards.

### Eligible Zoning & Applicability

• Amends the phrase "if at least 40 percent of the residential units in a proposed multifamily <u>rental</u> development are, for a period of at least 30 years, affordable as defined in s. 420.0004" to "if at least 40 percent of the residential units in a proposed multifamily development are <u>rental units that</u>, for a period of at least 30 years, affordable as defined in s. 420.0004." This amended phrase opens the possibility for a split multifamily ownership and rental development as long as least 40% of the total units are rental *and* affordable.



• Provides that proposed multifamily developments that are located in a transit-oriented development or area, as defined by the local government, must be mixed-use residential to receive approval with the tool and "otherwise complies with requirements of the county's regulations applicable to the transit-oriented development or area except for use, height, density, and floor area ratio as provided in this section or as otherwise agreed to by the county and the applicant for the development."

### Height and Density Allowances

- Newly provides that local governments cannot limit the floor area ratio of a proposed development below 150% of the highest currently allowed floor area\_ratio on any land where residential development is allowed in the jurisdiction under the jurisdiction's land development regulations.
- Clarifies that the maximum density and height allowances do not include any "bonuses, variances, or other special exceptions" provided in the jurisdiction's land development regulations as incentives for development.
- Allows local governments to limit the maximum height allowance if the proposed development is adjacent to, on two more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use that is within a single-family residential development with at least 25 contiguous single-family homes to 150 percent of the tallest building on property within one-quarter mile of the proposed development or 3 stories, whichever is higher.

### Additional Provisions

- Provides that each local government must maintain a policy on its website containing the expectations for administrative approval under the tool.
- Reduces the buffer for local governments to "consider" reducing parking requirements from ½ mile of a "major transit stop" to ¼ mile of a "transit stop." This will establish a lower buffer and encourage reducing parking requirements for projects near any transit stop, not just a "major" transit stop.
- Requires local government to reduce parking requirements by 20% for proposed developments within ½ mile of a "major transportation hub" that have available parking within 600 feet of the proposed development and eliminates parking requirements for a proposed mixed-use residential development within an area recognized as a transit-oriented development or area.
- Provides that proposed developments located within <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile of a military installation may not be administratively approved.
- Provides that the land use preemption does not apply to "airport-impact areas as provided in s. 333.03" and removes the exception for recreational and commercial working waterfront.
- Creates clear criteria for when the preemption does not apply in close proximity to an airport.
- Clarifies that developments authorized with the preemption are treated as a conforming use even after the sunset of the preemption statute (2033) and the development's affordability period unless the development violates the affordability term. If a development violates the affordability term, the development will be treated as a nonconforming use.
- Provides that an applicant who submitted an application, written request, or notice of intent to utilize the mandate before the effective date of the bill may notify the local government by July 1, 2024, of its intent to proceed under the prior provisions of the mandate.



# SB 328 + HB 7073 - Amendments to the "Missing Middle" Property Tax Exemption

The Live Local Act created a new affordable housing property tax exemption (called the "missing middle" property tax exemption or "Multifamily Middle Market" exemption) that provides two different tiers of exemptions for developments that have 71 or more affordable units to households that earn up to 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Units within an eligible development that serve households between 80-120% AMI can receive a 75% property tax exemption and units that serve households below 80% AMI can receive a 100% property tax exemption.

SB 328 and HB 7073 makes a few amendments to the Missing Middle Property Tax Exemption enacted at s. 196.1978(3) of the Florida Statutes.

### SB 328 Provisions

- Extends exemption eligibility to developments with more than 10 affordable units if the development is located in an area of critical state concern.
- Clarifies the exemption only applies to the affordable units within an eligible development.
- Provides how a property appraiser shall determine the value of an affordable unit eligible for the exemption.
- Authorizes the county property appraiser to "request and review additional information necessary" to determine eligibility for the exemption.

### HB 7073 - New "Opt-Out" from the 80-120% AMI missing middle exemption

- Grants certain taxing authorities the ability to opt out from providing the 80-120% AMI "missing middle" property tax exemption to developments within their jurisdiction that would otherwise qualify.
- Criteria for a taxing authority to be able to "opt-out" from the 80-120% AMI exemption:
  - The taxing authority must be in a county in which the number of affordable and available units for households at or below 120% AMI is greater than the number of households at that income level, as determined by the most recent Shimberg Center for Housing Studies Annual Report.
  - An ordinance or resolution to opt out from providing the property tax exemption must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the local governing body.
  - The ordinance or resolution must be renewed annually by January 1.
  - Any properties within an opting out jurisdiction that were previously approved for the property tax exemption would be allowed to continue to benefit from the exemption.
- "Opt-out" only applies for the specific taxing authority that opts out.
- Per the 2023 Shimberg Center for Housing Studies Annual Report, taxing authorities within 50 of Florida's 67 counties can opt out.

# New property tax exemption for FHFC-funded permanently affordable housing

HB 7073 creates a new 100% property tax exemption from for affordable housing developments that meet the following criteria.

• Eligibility criteria:



- Be composed of an improvement to land where an improvement did not previously exist or the construction of a new improvement where an old improvement was removed, which was substantially completed within 2 years before the first submission of an application for exemption.
- o Contain more than 70 units that are affordable to households at or below 80% AMI
- Has a land use restriction agreement (LURA) with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) that requires the property to be affordable for households up to 120% for 99 years.
- Exemption only applies to units affordable to households at or below 80% AMI.
- First applies to the 2026 tax roll

# Florida Hometown Hero Program

SB 328 funds the Hometown Hero Program at \$100 million using federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund dollars.

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1 2 An act relating to affordable housing; amending ss. 3 125.01055 and 166.04151, F.S.; clarifying application; prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, 4 5 from restricting the floor area ratio of certain 6 proposed developments under certain circumstances; 7 providing that the density, floor area ratio, or 8 height of certain developments, bonuses, variances, or 9 other special exceptions are not included in the 10 calculation of the currently allowed density, floor area ratio, or height by counties and municipalities, 11 12 respectively; authorizing counties and municipalities, 13 respectively, to restrict the height of proposed 14 developments under certain circumstances; prohibiting 15 the administrative approval by counties and 16 municipalities, respectively, of a proposed 17 development within a specified proximity to a military installation; requiring counties and municipalities, 18 19 respectively, to maintain a certain policy on their websites; requiring counties and municipalities, 20 21 respectively, to consider reducing parking 22 requirements under certain circumstances; requiring 23 counties and municipalities, respectively, to reduce 2.4 or eliminate parking requirements for certain proposed 25 mixed-use developments that meet certain requirements; providing certain requirements for developments 26 27 located within a transit-oriented development or area; 28 defining the term "major transportation hub"; making 29 technical changes; providing requirements for

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30 developments authorized located within a transitoriented development or area; clarifying that a county 31 32 or municipality, respectively, is not precluded from 33 granting additional exceptions; clarifying that a 34 proposed development is not precluded from receiving a 35 bonus for density, height, or floor area ratio if 36 specified conditions are satisfied; requiring that 37 such bonuses be administratively approved by counties and municipalities, respectively; revising 38 39 applicability; authorizing that specified developments be treated as a conforming use under certain 40 circumstances; authorizing that specified developments 41 42 be treated as a nonconforming use under certain 43 circumstances; authorizing applicants for certain 44 proposed developments to notify a county or 45 municipality, as applicable, of their intent to proceed under certain provisions; requiring counties 46 47 and municipalities to allow certain applicants to submit a revised application, written request, or 48 49 notice of intent; amending s. 196.1978, F.S.; revising 50 the definition of the term "newly constructed"; 51 revising conditions for when multifamily projects are 52 considered property used for a charitable purpose and 53 are eligible to receive an ad valorem property tax 54 exemption; making technical changes; requiring 55 property appraisers to make certain exemptions from ad 56 valorem property taxes; providing the method for 57 determining the value of a unit for certain purposes; 58 requiring property appraisers to review certain

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59	applications and make certain determinations;
60	authorizing property appraisers to request and review
61	additional information; authorizing property
62	appraisers to grant exemptions only under certain
63	conditions; revising requirements for property owners
64	seeking a certification notice from the Florida
65	Housing Finance Corporation; providing that a certain
66	determination by the corporation does not constitute
67	an exemption; revising eligibility; conforming
68	provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
69	196.1979, F.S.; revising the value to which a certain
70	ad valorem property tax exemption applies; revising a
71	condition of eligibility for vacant residential units
72	to qualify for a certain ad valorem property tax
73	exemption; making technical changes; revising the
74	deadline for an application for exemption; revising
75	deadlines by which boards and governing bodies must
76	deliver to or notify the Department of Revenue of the
77	adoption, repeal, or expiration of certain ordinances;
78	requiring property appraisers to review certain
79	applications and make certain determinations;
80	authorizing property appraisers to request and review
81	additional information; authorizing property
82	appraisers to grant exemptions only under certain
83	conditions; providing the method for determining the
84	value of a unit for certain purposes; providing for
85	retroactive application; amending s. 333.03, F.S.;
86	excluding certain proposed developments from specified
87	airport zoning provisions; amending s. 420.507, F.S.;

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2024328er 88 revising the enumerated powers of the corporation; amending s. 420.5096, F.S.; making technical changes; 89 90 amending s. 420.518, F.S.; specifying conditions under 91 which the corporation may preclude applicants from 92 corporation programs; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date. 93 94 95 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 96 97 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 125.01055, Florida 98 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (8) is added to that 99 section, to read: 100 125.01055 Affordable housing.-(7) (a) A county must authorize multifamily and mixed-use 101 102 residential as allowable uses in any area zoned for commercial, 103 industrial, or mixed use if at least 40 percent of the 104 residential units in a proposed multifamily rental development 105 are rental units that, for a period of at least 30 years, are 106 affordable as defined in s. 420.0004. Notwithstanding any other 107 law, local ordinance, or regulation to the contrary, a county 108 may not require a proposed multifamily development to obtain a zoning or land use change, special exception, conditional use 109 110 approval, variance, or comprehensive plan amendment for the 111 building height, zoning, and densities authorized under this

subsection. For mixed-use residential projects, at least 65 percent of the total square footage must be used for residential purposes.

(b) A county may not restrict the density of a proposed development authorized under this subsection below the highest

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117 currently allowed density on any unincorporated land in the 118 county where residential development is allowed under the 119 county's land development regulations. For purposes of this 120 paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed density" does not 121 include the density of any building that met the requirements of 122 this subsection or the density of any building that has received any bonus, variance, or other special exception for density 123 124 provided in the county's land development regulations as an 125 incentive for development. 126 (c) A county may not restrict the floor area ratio of a 127 proposed development authorized under this subsection below 150 percent of the highest currently allowed floor area ratio on any 128 129 unincorporated land in the county where development is allowed 130 under the county's land development regulations. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed floor area 131 132 ratio" does not include the floor area ratio of any building 133 that met the requirements of this subsection or the floor area 134 ratio of any building that has received any bonus, variance, or 135 other special exception for floor area ratio provided in the county's land development regulations as an incentive for 136 137 development. For purposes of this subsection, the term floor 138 area ratio includes floor lot ratio.

139 (d)1.(c) A county may not restrict the height of a proposed 140 development authorized under this subsection below the highest 141 currently allowed height for a commercial or residential 142 <u>building development</u> located in its jurisdiction within 1 mile 143 of the proposed development or 3 stories, whichever is higher. 144 <u>For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently</u> 145 <u>allowed height" does not include the height of any building that</u>

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146 met the requirements of this subsection or the height of any 147 building that has received any bonus, variance, or other special 148 exception for height provided in the county's land development 149 regulations as an incentive for development. 150 2. If the proposed development is adjacent to, on two or 151 more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use which is within a single-family residential development with at 152 153 least 25 contiguous single-family homes, the county may restrict 154 the height of the proposed development to 150 percent of the 155 tallest building on any property adjacent to the proposed 156 development, the highest currently allowed height for the 157 property provided in the county's land development regulations, 158 or 3 stories, whichever is higher. For the purposes of this 159 paragraph, the term "adjacent to" means those properties sharing more than one point of a property line, but does not include 160 161 properties separated by a public road.

162 (e) (d) A proposed development authorized under this 163 subsection must be administratively approved and no further 164 action by the board of county commissioners is required if the development satisfies the county's land development regulations 165 for multifamily developments in areas zoned for such use and is 166 otherwise consistent with the comprehensive plan, with the 167 exception of provisions establishing allowable densities, floor 168 169 area ratios, height, and land use. Such land development 170 regulations include, but are not limited to, regulations 171 relating to setbacks and parking requirements. A proposed 172 development located within one-quarter mile of a military 173 installation identified in s. 163.3175(2) may not be 174 administratively approved. Each county shall maintain on its

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175	website a policy containing procedures and expectations for
176	administrative approval pursuant to this subsection.
177	(f)1. <del>(e)</del> A county must consider reducing parking
178	requirements for a proposed development authorized under this
179	subsection if the development is located within one-quarter <del>one-</del>
180	half mile of a major transit stop, as defined in the county's
181	land development code, and the major transit stop is accessible
182	from the development.
183	2. A county must reduce parking requirements by at least 20
184	percent for a proposed development authorized under this
185	subsection if the development:
186	a. Is located within one-half mile of a major
187	transportation hub that is accessible from the proposed
188	development by safe, pedestrian-friendly means, such as
189	sidewalks, crosswalks, elevated pedestrian or bike paths, or
190	other multimodal design features; and
191	b. Has available parking within 600 feet of the proposed
192	development which may consist of options such as on-street
193	parking, parking lots, or parking garages available for use by
194	residents of the proposed development. However, a county may not
195	require that the available parking compensate for the reduction
196	in parking requirements.
197	3. A county must eliminate parking requirements for a
198	proposed mixed-use residential development authorized under this
199	subsection within an area recognized by the county as a transit-
200	oriented development or area, as provided in paragraph (h).
201	4. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "major
202	transportation hub" means any transit station, whether bus,
203	train, or light rail, which is served by public transit with a
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204 mix of other transportation options.

205 (g) (f) For proposed multifamily developments in an 206 unincorporated area zoned for commercial or industrial use which 207 is within the boundaries of a multicounty independent special district that was created to provide municipal services and is 208 not authorized to levy ad valorem taxes, and less than 20 209 210 percent of the land area within such district is designated for 211 commercial or industrial use, a county must authorize, as 212 provided in this subsection, such development only if the 213 development is mixed-use residential.

214 (h) A proposed development authorized under this subsection which is located within a transit-oriented development or area, 215 216 as recognized by the county, must be mixed-use residential and 217 otherwise comply with requirements of the county's regulations 218 applicable to the transit-oriented development or area except 219 for use, height, density, floor area ratio, and parking as 220 provided in this subsection or as otherwise agreed to by the 221 county and the applicant for the development.

(i) (g) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a development authorized under this subsection must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations.

(j)1. Nothing in this subsection precludes a county from granting a bonus, variance, conditional use, or other special exception for height, density, or floor area ratio in addition to the height, density, and floor area ratio requirements in this subsection.

230 <u>2. Nothing in this subsection precludes a proposed</u>
 231 <u>development authorized under this subsection from receiving a</u>
 232 <u>bonus for density, height, or floor area ratio pursuant to an</u>

2024328er 233 ordinance or regulation of the jurisdiction where the proposed 234 development is located if the proposed development satisfies the 235 conditions to receive the bonus except for any condition which 236 conflicts with this subsection. If a proposed development 237 qualifies for such bonus, the bonus must be administratively 238 approved by the county and no further action by the board of 239 county commissioners is required. 240 (k) (h) This subsection does not apply to: 241 1. Airport-impacted areas as provided in s. 333.03. 242 2. Property defined as recreational and commercial working 243 waterfront in s. 342.201(2)(b) in any area zoned as industrial. (1) (i) This subsection expires October 1, 2033. 244 245 (8) Any development authorized under paragraph (7) (a) must be treated as a conforming use even after the expiration of 246 subsection (7) and the development's affordability period as 247 248 provided in paragraph (7)(a), notwithstanding the county's 249 comprehensive plan, future land use designation, or zoning. If 250 at any point during the development's affordability period the 251 development violates the affordability period requirement provided in paragraph (7)(a), the development must be allowed a 252 253 reasonable time to cure such violation. If the violation is not 254 cured within a reasonable time, the development must be treated 255 as a nonconforming use. 256 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 166.04151, Florida 257 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (8) is added to that 258 section, to read: 259 166.04151 Affordable housing.-260 (7) (a) A municipality must authorize multifamily and mixed-261 use residential as allowable uses in any area zoned for

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commercial, industrial, or mixed use if at least 40 percent of 262 263 the residential units in a proposed multifamily rental 264 development are rental units that, for a period of at least 30 265 years, are affordable as defined in s. 420.0004. Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or regulation to the contrary, a 266 267 municipality may not require a proposed multifamily development 268 to obtain a zoning or land use change, special exception, 269 conditional use approval, variance, or comprehensive plan 270 amendment for the building height, zoning, and densities authorized under this subsection. For mixed-use residential 271 272 projects, at least 65 percent of the total square footage must 273 be used for residential purposes.

274 (b) A municipality may not restrict the density of a 275 proposed development authorized under this subsection below the 276 highest currently allowed density on any land in the 277 municipality where residential development is allowed under the 278 municipality's land development regulations. For purposes of 279 this paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed density" 280 does not include the density of any building that met the 281 requirements of this subsection or the density of any building 282 that has received any bonus, variance, or other special 283 exception for density provided in the municipality's land 284 development regulations as an incentive for development.

(c) A municipality may not restrict the floor area ratio of a proposed development authorized under this subsection below 150 percent of the highest currently allowed floor area ratio on any land in the municipality where development is allowed under the municipality's land development regulations. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently allowed floor area

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2024328er 291 ratio" does not include the floor area ratio of any building 292 that met the requirements of this subsection or the floor area 293 ratio of any building that has received any bonus, variance, or 294 other special exception for floor area ratio provided in the municipality's land development regulations as an incentive for 295 296 development. For purposes of this subsection, the term "floor 297 area ratio" includes floor lot ratio. (d)1.(c) A municipality may not restrict the height of a 298 299 proposed development authorized under this subsection below the 300 highest currently allowed height for a commercial or residential building development located in its jurisdiction within 1 mile 301 302 of the proposed development or 3 stories, whichever is higher. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "highest currently 303 304 allowed height" does not include the height of any building that 305 met the requirements of this subsection or the height of any 306 building that has received any bonus, variance, or other special 307 exception for height provided in the municipality's land 308 development regulations as an incentive for development. 309 2. If the proposed development is adjacent to, on two or more sides, a parcel zoned for single-family residential use 310 311 that is within a single-family residential development with at 312 least 25 contiguous single-family homes, the municipality may 313 restrict the height of the proposed development to 150 percent 314 of the tallest building on any property adjacent to the proposed 315 development, the highest currently allowed height for the 316 property provided in the municipality's land development 317 regulations, or 3 stories, whichever is higher. For the purposes 318 of this paragraph, the term "adjacent to" means those properties sharing more than one point of a property line, but does not 319

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320	include properties separated by a public road.
321	<u>(e)</u> A proposed development authorized under this
322	subsection must be administratively approved and no further
323	action by the governing body of the municipality is required if
324	the development satisfies the municipality's land development
325	regulations for multifamily developments in areas zoned for such
326	use and is otherwise consistent with the comprehensive plan,
327	with the exception of provisions establishing allowable
328	densities, <u>floor area ratios,</u> height, and land use. Such land
329	development regulations include, but are not limited to,
330	regulations relating to setbacks and parking requirements. <u>A</u>
331	proposed development located within one-quarter mile of a
332	military installation identified in s. 163.3175(2) may not be
333	administratively approved. Each municipality shall maintain on
334	its website a policy containing procedures and expectations for
335	administrative approval pursuant to this subsection.
336	<u>(f)1.<del>(</del>e)</u> A municipality must consider reducing parking
337	requirements for a proposed development authorized under this
338	subsection if the development is located within <u>one-quarter</u> <del>one-</del>
339	half mile of a major transit stop, as defined in the
340	municipality's land development code, and the major transit stop
341	is accessible from the development.
342	2. A municipality must reduce parking requirements by at
343	least 20 percent for a proposed development authorized under
344	this subsection if the development:
345	a. Is located within one-half mile of a major
346	transportation hub that is accessible from the proposed
347	development by safe, pedestrian-friendly means, such as
348	sidewalks, crosswalks, elevated pedestrian or bike paths, or

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349 other multimodal design features. 350 b. Has available parking within 600 feet of the proposed 351 development which may consist of options such as on-street 352 parking, parking lots, or parking garages available for use by residents of the proposed development. However, a municipality 353 354 may not require that the available parking compensate for the 355 reduction in parking requirements. 356 3. A municipality must eliminate parking requirements for a 357 proposed mixed-use residential development authorized under this 358 subsection within an area recognized by the municipality as a transit-oriented development or area, as provided in paragraph 359 360 (h). 361 4. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "major transportation hub" means any transit station, whether bus, 362 train, or light rail, which is served by public transit with a 363 364 mix of other transportation options. 365  $(q) \xrightarrow{(f)} A$  municipality that designates less than 20 percent 366 of the land area within its jurisdiction for commercial or 367 industrial use must authorize a proposed multifamily development 368 as provided in this subsection in areas zoned for commercial or 369 industrial use only if the proposed multifamily development is mixed-use residential. 370 371 (h) A proposed development authorized under this subsection 372 which is located within a transit-oriented development or area, 373 as recognized by the municipality, must be mixed-use residential 374 and otherwise comply with requirements of the municipality's 375 regulations applicable to the transit-oriented development or 376 area except for use, height, density, floor area ratio, and 377 parking as provided in this subsection or as otherwise agreed to

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378	by the municipality and the applicant for the development.
379	(i) (g) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a
380	development authorized under this subsection must comply with
381	all applicable state and local laws and regulations.
382	(j)1. Nothing in this subsection precludes a municipality
383	from granting a bonus, variance, conditional use, or other
384	special exception to height, density, or floor area ratio in
385	addition to the height, density, and floor area ratio
386	requirements in this subsection.
387	2. Nothing in this subsection precludes a proposed
388	development authorized under this subsection from receiving a
389	bonus for density, height, or floor area ratio pursuant to an
390	ordinance or regulation of the jurisdiction where the proposed
391	development is located if the proposed development satisfies the
392	conditions to receive the bonus except for any condition which
393	conflicts with this subsection. If a proposed development
394	qualifies for such bonus, the bonus must be administratively
395	approved by the municipality and no further action by the
396	governing body of the municipality is required.
397	(k) (h) This subsection does not apply to:
398	1. Airport-impacted areas as provided in s. 333.03.
399	2. Property defined as recreational and commercial working
400	waterfront in s. 342.201(2)(b) in any area zoned as industrial.
401	(1) (i) This subsection expires October 1, 2033.
402	(8) Any development authorized under paragraph (7)(a) must
403	be treated as a conforming use even after the expiration of
404	subsection (7) and the development's affordability period as
405	provided in paragraph (7)(a), notwithstanding the municipality's
406	comprehensive plan, future land use designation, or zoning. If
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407	at any point during the development's affordability period the
408	development violates the affordability period requirement
409	provided in paragraph (7)(a), the development must be allowed a
410	reasonable time to cure such violation. If the violation is not
411	cured within a reasonable time, the development must be treated
412	as a nonconforming use.
413	Section 3. An applicant for a proposed development
414	authorized under s. 125.01055(7) or s. 166.04151(7), Florida
415	Statutes, who submitted an application, written request, or
416	notice of intent to utilize such provisions to the county or
417	municipality and which has been received by the county or
418	municipality, as applicable, before the effective date of this
419	act may notify the county or municipality by July 1, 2024, of
420	its intent to proceed under the provisions of s. 125.01055(7) or
421	s. 166.04151(7), Florida Statutes, as they existed at the time
422	of submittal. A county or municipality shall allow an applicant
423	who submitted such application, written request, or notice of
424	intent before the effective date of this act the opportunity to
425	submit a revised application, written request, or notice of
426	intent to account for the changes made by this act.
427	Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 196.1978, Florida
428	Statutes, is amended to read:
429	196.1978 Affordable housing property exemption
430	(3)(a) As used in this subsection, the term:
431	1. "Corporation" means the Florida Housing Finance
432	Corporation.
433	2. "Newly constructed" means an improvement to real
434	property which was substantially completed within 5 years before
435	the date of an applicant's first submission of a request for $\underline{a}$
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2024328er 436 certification notice or an application for an exemption pursuant 437 to this subsection section, whichever is earlier. 438 3. "Substantially completed" has the same meaning as in s. 439 192.042(1). 440 (b) Notwithstanding ss. 196.195 and 196.196, portions of 441 property in a multifamily project are considered property used 442 for a charitable purpose and are eligible to receive an ad 443 valorem property tax exemption if such portions meet all of the 444 following conditions: 445 1. Provide affordable housing to natural persons or 446 families meeting the income limitations provided in paragraph 447 (d).÷ 2.a. Are within a newly constructed multifamily project 448 449 that contains more than 70 units dedicated to housing natural 450 persons or families meeting the income limitations provided in 451 paragraph (d); or 452 b. Are within a newly constructed multifamily project in an 453 area of critical state concern, as designated by s. 380.0552 or 454 chapter 28-36, Florida Administrative Code, which contains more 455 than 10 units dedicated to housing natural persons or families 456 meeting the income limitations provided in paragraph (d). and 457 3. Are rented for an amount that does not exceed the amount 458 as specified by the most recent multifamily rental programs 459 income and rent limit chart posted by the corporation and 460 derived from the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Projects Income Limits 461 published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban 462 Development or 90 percent of the fair market value rent as 463 determined by a rental market study meeting the requirements of 464 paragraph (1) (m), whichever is less.

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(c) If a unit that in the previous year <u>received</u> qualified for the exemption under this subsection and was occupied by a tenant is vacant on January 1, the vacant unit is eligible for the exemption if the use of the unit is restricted to providing affordable housing that would otherwise meet the requirements of this subsection and a reasonable effort is made to lease the unit to eligible persons or families.

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(d)1. The property appraiser shall exempt:

473 a. Seventy-five percent of the assessed value of the units 474 in multifamily projects that meet the requirements of this 475 subsection and are Qualified property used to house natural 476 persons or families whose annual household income is greater 477 than 80 percent but not more than 120 percent of the median 478 annual adjusted gross income for households within the 479 metropolitan statistical area or, if not within a metropolitan 480 statistical area, within the county in which the person or 481 family resides; and, must receive an ad valorem property tax 482 exemption of 75 percent of the assessed value.

483 b.2. From ad valorem property taxes the units in multifamily projects that meet the requirements of this 484 485 subsection and are Qualified property used to house natural 486 persons or families whose annual household income does not 487 exceed 80 percent of the median annual adjusted gross income for 488 households within the metropolitan statistical area or, if not 489 within a metropolitan statistical area, within the county in 490 which the person or family resides, is exempt from ad valorem 491 property taxes.

492 <u>2. When determining the value of a unit for purposes of</u>
493 <u>applying an exemption pursuant to this paragraph, the property</u>

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494 <u>appraiser must include in such valuation the proportionate share</u> 495 <u>of the residential common areas, including the land, fairly</u> 496 <u>attributable to such unit.</u>

497 (e) To be eligible to receive an exemption under this subsection, a property owner must submit an application on a 498 499 form prescribed by the department by March 1 for the exemption, 500 accompanied by a certification notice from the corporation to 501 the property appraiser. The property appraiser shall review the 502 application and determine whether the applicant meets all of the 503 requirements of this subsection and is entitled to an exemption. 504 A property appraiser may request and review additional 505 information necessary to make such determination. A property 506 appraiser may grant an exemption only for a property for which 507 the corporation has issued a certification notice and which the 508 property appraiser determines is entitled to an exemption.

(f) To receive a certification notice, a property owner must submit a request to the corporation for certification on a form provided by the corporation which includes all of the following:

513 1. The most recently completed rental market study meeting 514 the requirements of paragraph <u>(1)</u> <del>(m)</del>.

515 2. A list of the units for which the property owner seeks 516 an exemption.

517 3. The rent amount received by the property owner for each 518 unit for which the property owner seeks an exemption. If a unit 519 is vacant and qualifies for an exemption under paragraph (c), 520 the property owner must provide evidence of the published rent 521 amount for each vacant unit.

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4. A sworn statement, under penalty of perjury, from the

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2024328er 523 applicant restricting the property for a period of not less than 524 3 years to housing persons or families who meet the income 525 limitations under this subsection.

(g) The corporation shall review the request for <u>a</u> certification <u>notice</u> and certify <u>whether a</u> property <del>that</del> meets the <u>eligibility</u> criteria of <u>paragraphs</u> (b) and (c) <del>this</del> <del>subsection</del>. A determination by the corporation regarding a request for <u>a</u> certification <u>notice</u> does not constitute <u>a grant</u> <u>of an exemption pursuant to this subsection or</u> final agency action pursuant to chapter 120.

533 1. If the corporation determines that the property meets 534 the <del>eligibility</del> criteria <del>for an exemption under this subsection</del>, 535 the corporation must send a certification notice to the property 536 owner and the property appraiser.

537 2. If the corporation determines that the property does not 538 meet the <del>eligibility</del> criteria, the corporation must notify the 539 property owner and include the reasons for such determination.

(h) The corporation shall post on its website the deadline
to submit a request for <u>a</u> certification <u>notice</u>. The deadline
must allow adequate time for a property owner to submit a timely
application for exemption to the property appraiser.

(i) The property appraiser shall review the application and determine if the applicant is entitled to an exemption. A property appraiser may grant an exemption only for a property for which the corporation has issued a certification notice.

548 (j) If the property appraiser determines that for any year 549 during the immediately previous 10 years a person who was not 550 entitled to an exemption under this subsection was granted such 551 an exemption, the property appraiser must serve upon the owner a

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552 notice of intent to record in the public records of the county a 553 notice of tax lien against any property owned by that person in 554 the county, and that property must be identified in the notice 555 of tax lien. Any property owned by the taxpayer and situated in 556 this state is subject to the taxes exempted by the improper 557 exemption, plus a penalty of 50 percent of the unpaid taxes for 558 each year and interest at a rate of 15 percent per annum. If an 559 exemption is improperly granted as a result of a clerical 560 mistake or an omission by the property appraiser, the property 561 owner improperly receiving the exemption may not be assessed a 562 penalty or interest.

563 <u>(j)(k)</u> Units subject to an agreement with the corporation 564 pursuant to chapter 420 recorded in the official records of the 565 county in which the property is located to provide housing to 566 natural persons or families meeting the extremely-low-income, 567 very-low-income, or low-income limits specified in s. 420.0004 568 are not eligible for this exemption.

569 <u>(k)(l)</u> Property receiving an exemption pursuant to s. 570 196.1979 or units used as a transient public lodging 571 <u>establishment as defined in s. 509.013 are is not eligible for</u> 572 this exemption.

573 (1) (m) A rental market study submitted as required by subparagraph (f)1. paragraph (f) must identify the fair market 574 575 value rent of each unit for which a property owner seeks an 576 exemption. Only a certified general appraiser as defined in s. 577 475.611 may issue a rental market study. The certified general 578 appraiser must be independent of the property owner who requests 579 the rental market study. In preparing the rental market study, a 580 certified general appraiser shall comply with the standards of

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581	professional practice pursuant to part II of chapter 475 and use
582	comparable property within the same geographic area and of the
583	same type as the property for which the exemption is sought. A
584	rental market study must have been completed within 3 years
585	before submission of the application.
586	<u>(m) (n)</u> The corporation may adopt rules to implement this
587	section.
588	<u>(n)</u> This subsection first applies to the 2024 tax roll
589	and is repealed December 31, 2059.
590	Section 5. Present subsections (6) and (7) of section
591	196.1979, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (8)
592	and (9), respectively, new subsections (6) and (7) are added to
593	that section, and paragraph (b) of subsection (1), subsection
594	(2), paragraphs (d), (f), and (l) of subsection (3), and
595	subsection (5) of that section are amended, to read:
596	196.1979 County and municipal affordable housing property
597	exemption
598	(1)
599	(b) Qualified property may receive an ad valorem property
600	tax exemption of:
601	1. Up to 75 percent of the assessed value of each
602	residential unit used to provide affordable housing if fewer
603	than 100 percent of the multifamily project's residential units
604	are used to provide affordable housing meeting the requirements
605	of this section.
606	2. Up to 100 percent of the assessed value <u>of each</u>
607	residential unit used to provide affordable housing if 100
608	percent of the multifamily project's residential units are used
609	to provide affordable housing meeting the requirements of this

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610 section.

611 (2) If a residential unit that in the previous year 612 received qualified for the exemption under this section and was occupied by a tenant is vacant on January 1, the vacant unit may 613 614 qualify for the exemption under this section if the use of the 615 unit is restricted to providing affordable housing that would 616 otherwise meet the requirements of this section and a reasonable 617 effort is made to lease the unit to eligible persons or 618 families.

619 (3) An ordinance granting the exemption authorized by this620 section must:

(d) Require the local entity to verify and certify property that meets the requirements of the ordinance as qualified property and forward the certification to the property owner and the property appraiser. If the local entity denies the <u>application for certification</u> exemption, it must notify the applicant and include reasons for the denial.

(f) Require the property owner to submit an application for exemption, on a form prescribed by the department, accompanied by the certification of qualified property, to the property appraiser no later than <u>the deadline specified in s. 196.011</u> March 1.

(1) Require the county or municipality to post on its
website a list of certified properties receiving the exemption
for the purpose of facilitating access to affordable housing.

(5) An ordinance adopted under this section must expire
before the fourth January 1 after adoption; however, the board
of county commissioners or the governing body of the
municipality may adopt a new ordinance to renew the exemption.

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2024328er 639 The board of county commissioners or the governing body of the 640 municipality shall deliver a copy of an ordinance adopted under this section to the department and the property appraiser within 641 642 10 days after its adoption, but no later than January 1 of the 643 year such exemption will take effect. If the ordinance expires 644 or is repealed, the board of county commissioners or the 645 governing body of the municipality must notify the department 646 and the property appraiser within 10 days after its expiration 647 or repeal, but no later than January 1 of the year the repeal or 648 expiration of such exemption will take effect. (6) The property appraiser shall review each application 649 650 for exemption and determine whether the applicant meets all of 651 the requirements of this section and is entitled to an 652 exemption. A property appraiser may request and review 653 additional information necessary to make such determination. A 654 property appraiser may grant an exemption only for a property 655 for which the local entity has certified as qualified property 656 and which the property appraiser determines is entitled to an 657 exemption. 658 (7) When determining the value of a unit for purposes of 659 applying an exemption pursuant to this section, the property 660 appraiser must include in such valuation the proportionate share 661 of the residential common areas, including the land, fairly 662 attributable to such unit. 663 Section 6. The amendments made by this act to ss. 196.1978 and 196.1979, Florida Statutes, are intended to be remedial and 664 665 clarifying in nature and apply retroactively to January 1, 2024.

666 Section 7. Present subsection (5) of section 333.03,

667 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), and a new

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2024328er 668 subsection (5) is added to that section, to read: 669 333.03 Requirement to adopt airport zoning regulations.-670 (5) Sections 125.01055(7) and 166.04151(7) do not apply to 671 any of the following: (a) A proposed development near a runway within one-quarter 672 of a mile laterally from the runway edge and within an area that 673 674 is the width of one-quarter of a mile extending at right angles 675 from the end of the runway for a distance of 10,000 feet of any 676 existing airport runway or planned airport runway identified in 677 the local government's airport master plan. 678 (b) A proposed development within any airport noise zone 679 identified in the federal land use compatibility table or in a 680 land-use zoning or airport noise regulation adopted by the local 681 government. (c) A proposed development that exceeds maximum height 682 683 restrictions identified in the political subdivision's airport 684 zoning regulation adopted pursuant to this section. 685 Section 8. Subsection (35) of section 420.507, Florida 686 Statutes, is amended to read: 687 420.507 Powers of the corporation.-The corporation shall 688 have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and 689 effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, including 690 the following powers which are in addition to all other powers 691 granted by other provisions of this part: 692 (35) To preclude any applicant, sponsor, or affiliate of an 693 applicant or sponsor from further participation in any of the 694 corporation's programs as provided in s. 420.518, any applicant 695 or affiliate of an applicant which has made a material 696 misrepresentation or engaged in fraudulent actions in connection

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applicant has:

2024328er 697 with any application for a corporation program. 698 Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 420.5096, Florida 699 Statutes, is amended to read: 700 420.5096 Florida Hometown Hero Program.-701 (3) For loans made available pursuant to s. 702 420.507(23)(a)1. or 2., the corporation may underwrite and make 703 those mortgage loans through the program to persons or families 704 who have household incomes that do not exceed 150 percent of the 705 state median income or local median income, whichever is 706 greater. A borrower must be seeking to purchase a home as a primary residence; must be a first-time homebuyer and a Florida 707 708 resident; and must be employed full-time by a Florida-based 709 employer. The borrower must provide documentation of full-time 710  $employment_{\overline{L}}$  or full-time status for self-employed individuals\_{\overline{L}} 711 of 35 hours or more per week. The requirement to be a first-time 712 homebuyer does not apply to a borrower who is an active duty 713 servicemember of a branch of the armed forces or the Florida National Guard, as defined in s. 250.01, or a veteran. 714 715 Section 10. Section 420.518, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 716 717 420.518 Preclusion from participation in corporation 718 programs Fraudulent or material misrepresentation.-719 (1) An applicant, a sponsor, or an affiliate of an 720 applicant or a sponsor may be precluded from participation in

(a) Made a material misrepresentation or engaged in
fraudulent actions in connection with any corporation program.
(b) Been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of

any corporation program if the applicant or affiliate of the

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2024328er 726 quilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a 727 crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the 728 financing, construction, or management of affordable housing or 729 the fraudulent procurement of state or federal funds. The record of a conviction certified or authenticated in such form as to be 730 731 admissible in evidence under the laws of the state shall be 732 admissible as prima facie evidence of such quilt. 733 (c) Been excluded from any federal funding program related 734 to the provision of housing, including debarment from 735 participation in federal housing programs by the United States 736 Department of Housing and Urban Development. 737 (d) Been excluded from any federal or Florida procurement 738 programs. 739 (e) Offered or given consideration, other than the consideration to provide affordable housing, with respect to a 740 741 local contribution. 742 (f) Demonstrated a pattern of noncompliance and a failure to correct any such noncompliance after notice from the 743 744 corporation in the construction, operation, or management of one 745 or more developments funded through a corporation program. 746 (g) Materially or repeatedly violated any condition imposed 747 by the corporation in connection with the administration of a 748 corporation program, including a land use restriction agreement, 749 an extended use agreement, or any other financing or regulatory 750 agreement with the corporation. 751 (2) Upon a determination by the board of directors of the 752 corporation that an applicant or affiliate of the applicant be 753 precluded from participation in any corporation program, the 754 board may issue an order taking any or all of the following

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755 actions: 756 (a) Preclude such applicant or affiliate from applying for 757 funding from any corporation program for a specified period. The 758 period may be a specified period of time or permanent in nature. With regard to establishing the duration, the board shall 759 760 consider the facts and circumstances, inclusive of the 761 compliance history of the applicant or affiliate of the 762 applicant, the type of action under subsection (1), and the 763 degree of harm to the corporation's programs that has been or 764 may be done. 765 (b) Revoke any funding previously awarded by the 766 corporation for any development for which construction or 767 rehabilitation has not commenced. 768 (3) Before any order issued under this section can be 769 final, an administrative complaint must be served on the 770 applicant, affiliate of the applicant, or its registered agent

771 that provides notification of findings of the board, the 772 intended action, and the opportunity to request a proceeding 773 pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

(4) Any funding, allocation of federal housing credits, 774 775 credit underwriting procedures, or application review for any 776 development for which construction or rehabilitation has not 777 commenced may be suspended by the corporation upon the service 778 of an administrative complaint on the applicant, affiliate of 779 the applicant, or its registered agent. The suspension shall be 780 effective from the date the administrative complaint is served 781 until an order issued by the corporation in regard to that 782 complaint becomes final.

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Section 11. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, from the funds

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784 received and deposited into the General Revenue Fund from the 785 state's allocation from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal 786 Recovery Fund created under the American Rescue Plan Act of 787 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, the sum of \$100 million in nonrecurring 788 funds is appropriated to the State Housing Trust Fund for use by 789 the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to implement the Florida 790 Hometown Hero Program established in s. 420.5096, Florida

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Section 12. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.