

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: October 20, 2020

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: **Public Hearing (Legislative)** – Adoption of Land Development Code Amendments, Section 5611.F, Streets, Driveways, and Access Management

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item is presented to the Board for consideration adoption of Ordinance 2020-004 to adopt amendments to Section 5611.F, Streets, Driveways, and Access Management, of the Gadsden County Land Development Code

Background:

Pursuant to 163.3202(1)(b) F.S., the Board of County Commissioners is required to adopt a Land Development Code to implement the adopted Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan. Policy 2.1.5, of the Comprehensive Plan stipulates that to avoid potential vehicular conflict, access management criteria shall be outlined in the Land Development Regulations.

Analysis:

The code is being amended to allow for one additional access point for circular driveways per street frontage in residential areas and to provide new spacing and setback requirements for the placement of driveways based on lot size and the speed limit of the adjacent roadway.

The language reduces the minimum distance between driveways from 100 feet to 50 feet on residential local roads with a posted speed limit of 25 mph. Additionally, it requires a 12-foot setback from property lines to avoid abutting driveways on adjacent properties and provides clarifying language in the remainder of the LDC section.

Planning Commission Recommendation:

At their September 24, 2020 Public Hearing, the Planning Commission voted 6-1 to recommend approval of the changes to Section 5611.F of the Land Development Code.

Options:

1. Adopt Ordinance 2020-004, adopting the amendments to Section 5611.F of the Land Development Code and authorize the Chairman to sign.
2. Do not adopt Ordinance 2020-004, thereby not adopting the amendments to Section 5611.F of the Land Development Code.
3. Board direction.

Interim County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1.

Attachment(s):

1. Draft Ordinance with Strike Add Version of Section 5611.F of the Land Development Code
2. Clean Version of Section 5611.F of the Land Development Code
3. Newspaper Advertisement