



## AGENDA REQUEST

11.B.2.  
ORD-2023-17  
PUBLIC HEARINGS -  
PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICES  
DATE: **12/5/2023**  
\*ORDINANCE ITEM -  
LAND DEVELOPMENT  
CODE TEXT  
AMENDMENT  
QUASI-JUDICIAL ITEM?  
NO

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**PRESENTED BY:** Benjamin Balcer, Planning & Development Services Director

**SUBMITTED BY:** Planning & Development Services

**SUBJECT:** County Initiated Land Development Code Text Amendment to Backyard Chickens

### **BACKGROUND:**

On October 6, 2020, St. Lucie Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2020-26, establishing a Backyard Chicken Registration program. The adopted Ordinance established specific standards for owners within residential zoning districts desiring to keep up to five (5) hen chickens. One of these standards includes a 6ft. tall opaque fence or wall located on the property line, between the registered chicken coop and any adjacent properties and rights-of-way.

At an informal Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 9, 2023, the Board guided staff to draft a County initiated Land Development Code Text Amendment to expand the permitted chicken coop buffering to include vegetative hedge material with specific height and spacing requirements. The requirements for vegetative screening of the chicken coop include the planting of evergreen shrubs measuring a minimum of four (4) feet in height, planted three (3) feet on center, which can be expected to reach and be maintained at six (6) feet in height within 18 months.

Additionally, the proposed language shifts the requirement from placing the opaque buffer on the property line, to other areas of the yard between the property line and the registered chicken coop.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION:**

On February 11, 2020, a proposed Ordinance establishing a Backyard Chicken Registration Program was discussed at an informal Board of County Commissioners meeting.

On March 17, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners authorized permission to advertise public hearings before the Planning and Zoning Commission and two (2) public hearings before the Board of County

Commissioners to establish the Backyard Chicken Registration Program.

On October 6, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners approved Ordinance 2020-26, establishing the Backyard Chicken Registration Program.

On May 9, 2023, at an informal Board meeting, the Board guided staff to draft a County initiated Land Development Code Text Amendment to expand the permitted chicken coop buffering to include vegetative hedge material and eliminate the requirement for the required buffer to be located on the property line, allowing buffer to be placed elsewhere on the lot between the chicken coop and the adjacent parcels and rights-of-way.

On August 9, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners authorized permission to advertise public hearings before the Planning & Zoning Commission and two (2) public hearings before the Board of County Commissioners to hear the proposed changes to the Backyard Chicken Registration Program.

On September 28, 2023, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed text amendment.

On November 7, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to schedule the adoption hearing for the proposed Ordinance on December 5, 2023, beginning at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board vote to approve Ordinance No. 2023-17 and have the Chair sign documents as approved by the County Attorney.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

**RESULT:**

**MOVER:** None

**SECONDER:** None

**AYES:** None

**NAYS:** None

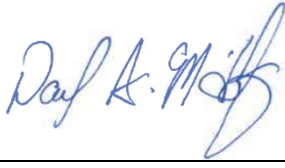
**EXCUSED:** None

**Coordination/Signatures**



Date: November 22, 2023

Benjamin Balcer, Planning & Development Services Director



Date: November 24, 2023

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Daniel McIntyre, County Attorney



Date: November 25, 2023

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Mayte Santamaria, Deputy County Administrator

**TO:** St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Ben Balcer, AICP, Planning & Development Services Director

**DATE:** November 8, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Text Amendment to the Land Development Code (LDC)  
Backyard Chicken Buffering  
TLDC-2308-000026

The St. Lucie County Planning & Development Services Department is proposing a County initiated Land Development Code text amendment to Section 7.10.03, Animals in Residential Zoning Districts, specifically subsection D. Backyard Chicken Keeping One-time Registration Holder Program, to allow for vegetative screening to serve as an eligible buffer between registered chicken coops and adjacent rights-of-way and neighboring parcels. Additionally, the proposed amendment seeks to remove the requirement for the opaque buffer to be located on the property line, allowing the opaque buffer to be located between the registered chicken coop and the property line.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2020, the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners adopted regulations pertaining to the Backyard Chicken Registration program. The Ordinance approved the ability for citizens to incorporate fresher products into diets; a lifestyle which is supported by allowing residents to raise chickens on their single-family residential properties for the purpose of producing eggs for personal consumption.

Presently, the Planning & Development Services Department is proposing a County initiated Land Development Code Text Amendment to address and clarify provisions for opaque screening between registered chicken coops within residential zoning districts. The current regulations within Land Development Code Section 7.10.03.D require chicken coops to be completely screened from adjacent roadways and neighboring parcels by a 6ft. tall opaque fence or wall erected on the property line. The proposal seeks to add the option of installing a vegetative hedge, subject to certain height and spacing standards, in lieu of an opaque fence or wall. As proposed, the vegetative screening shall consist of evergreen shrubs that are a minimum of 4ft. tall at the time of planting, planted 3ft. on center, that can be expected to reach and be maintained at a minimum height of 6ft. within 18 months. Additionally, the proposed language shifts the requirement from placing the opaque buffer on the property line, to other areas of the yard between the property line and the registered chicken coop.

**TEXT AMENDMENT STANDARDS OF REVIEW  
AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 11.06.03,  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**

Pursuant to St. Lucie County Land Development Code (LDC) Section 11.06.03, the Development Review Committee (DRC) has reviewed the proposed Text Amendment to LDC Sections, as noted above, and found it to meet the technical requirements and standards of review. In reviewing this application for a text amendment to the LDC, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall consider and make the following determinations:

- A. Whether the proposed amendment is in conflict with any applicable portions of the St. Lucie County Land Development Code;**

The proposed amendments are internally consistent with the Land Development Code. The amendments provide flexibility in the type of opaque buffer utilized to screen registered chicken coops. Applicants for the Registered Backyard Chicken program would have the added option of using a planted hedge that meets the specifications of the code, as well as the current option of an opaque fence or wall. Additionally, the Planning & Development Services Department has received complaints from citizens applying for the Backyard Chicken Program because of the strict language in the LDC requiring the opaque buffer to be located on the property line. This amendment aims to provide added flexibility, allowing the required buffer to be placed elsewhere in the yard, if the overall intent of the Code is met.

**B. Whether the proposed amendment is in conflict with all elements of the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan;**

The proposed amendments are consistent with the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan. The following specific goals, objectives, and policies from the Comprehensive Plan support the proposed Land Development Code Text Amendment:

**Goal 1.1:** *Ensure the highest quality living environment possible, through a mixture of land uses reflecting the needs and desires of the local residents and how they want their community to develop. The goal shall be implemented by strictly enforced building, zoning and development codes based on objectives and policies that will enhance St. Lucie County's natural and man-made resources while minimizing any damage or threat of degradation to the health, safety and welfare of the county's citizens, native wildlife and environment, through incompatible land uses.*

**Objective 1.1.4:** *Implementing Land Development Code. Review and amend, as required, the County's Land Development Code which support the implementation of the Future Land Use Element, and the other components of the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan.*

**Policy 1.1.4.1:** *The Land Development Code shall maintain the specific and detailed provisions necessary to implement the adopted Comprehensive Plan, and which at as a minimum include the following:*

- a. Regulate the subdivision of land;*
- b. Regulate the use of land, air, and water consistent with all elements of the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, to ensure the compatibility of adjacent land uses and provide for adequate open space;*
- c. Protect those areas designated for conservation purposes or that contain other special environmental habitat as identified in the Future Land Use and other elements of the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan;*
- d. Regulate areas subject to seasonal and periodic flooding and provide for drainage and stormwater management;*
- e. Protect potable water wellfields and aquifer recharge areas;*
- f. Regulate signage;*
- g. Provide minimum landscaping standards for all development that encourages the use and protection of native and drought tolerant species in lieu of exotic and water consumptive plants;*
- h. Ensure safe and convenient on-site traffic flow and vehicle parking needs;*
- i. Provide that development orders and development permits shall not be issued which result in a reduction of the levels of service for the affected public facilities below the level of service standards adopted in this and other elements of the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan;*
- j. Provide for procedures and time schedules for acceptance of amendments to the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the provisions of Section 163.3187, F.S.; and*
- k. Minimize noise and light pollution.*

**Objective 1.1.9:** *Residential Areas. Property owners' investments, their quality of life and the single-family neighborhood, as a defined residential area, shall be protected from the encroachment of*

*commercial and/or other inappropriate land uses through consistent and predictable application of the Land Development Code.*

*Policy 1.1.10.2: Require effective visual and light diffusion barriers between residential and non-residential uses. Standards and requirements for such barriers are to be included in the landscaping and screening regulations of the St. Lucie County Land Development Code.*

**C. Whether and the extent to which the proposed amendment is inconsistent with the existing and proposed land uses;**

The proposed text amendment is consistent with existing or proposed land uses. The proposed Land Development Code Text Amendment allows for vegetative screening to serve as an eligible buffer between registered chicken coops and adjacent rights-of-way and neighboring parcels. Additionally, the proposed amendment seeks to remove the requirement for an opaque buffer to be located on the property line, allowing the location of the opaque buffer to be located between the registered chicken coop and the property line.

**D. Whether there have been changed conditions that require an amendment;**

Chickens are not generally recognized as household pets. County residents desired to have the ability to keep backyard chickens and were the motivation for adopting the Backyard Chicken Registration Program in 2020. The current societal trend incorporates fresh food products into diets; a lifestyle which is supported by allowing residents to keep and raise chickens on their single-family residential properties for the purpose of producing eggs for personal consumption. Many communities around the Country have integrated backyard chickens into urban and suburban residential settings. This amendment provides additional flexibility on the buffering of the chicken coops from adjacent uses.

**E. Whether and the extent to which the proposed amendment would result in demands on public facilities, and whether or to the extent to which the proposed amendment would exceed the capacity of such public facilities, including but not limited to transportation facilities, sewage facilities, water supply, parks, drainage, schools, solid waste, mass transit, and emergency medical facilities;**

The proposed text amendment will not result in additional demands on public facilities. Site specific impacts are addressed at the time of development permit application.

**F. Whether and the extent to which the proposed amendment would result in significant adverse impacts on the natural environment;**

The proposed text amendment would not result in adverse impacts on the natural environment. The proposed text amendment is not expected to increase development pressures on natural areas and does not modify or exempt improvements from any of the County's natural resource protection standards.

**G. Whether and the extent to which the proposed amendment would adversely affect the property values in the area;**

The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on property values in the area.

**H. Whether and the extent to which the proposed amendment would result in an orderly and logical development pattern specifically identifying any negative effects of such patterns;**

The proposed changes will maintain an orderly and logical development pattern and does not influence the need for an opaque screen between registered chicken coops and adjacent properties and rights-of-way. The proposed language provides flexibility and will not negatively affect the surrounding area.

**I. Whether the proposed amendment would be in conflict with the public interest, and is in harmony with the purpose and intent of this code;**

The proposed amendment is not in conflict with the public interest and is in harmony with the purpose and intent of this code.

**J. Any other matters that may be deemed appropriate by the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Board of County Commissioners, in review and consideration of the proposed amendment.**

The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners may raise other matters regarding the proposed Land Development Code Text Amendment.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

The Planning & Zoning Commission heard this petition at their September 28, 2023, regularly scheduled meeting, voting unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed County initiated Land Development Code Text Amendment.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff finds this County initiated text amendment to meet the standards of review as set forth in Section 11.06.03 of the St. Lucie County Land Development Code, and is not in conflict with the goals, objectives, and policies of the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan.

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners vote to approve the proposed Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17**  
**FILE NO.: TLDC-2308-000026**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 7.10.03, ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS, ALLOWING FOR THE ADDITION OF A VEGETATED VISUAL BARRIER TO SERVE AS AN OPTION TO BUFFER REGISTERED CHICKEN COOPS FROM ADJACENT ROADWAYS AND NEIGHBORING PARCELS, PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR THE VEGETATED MATERIAL, AND REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN OPAQUE FENCE OR WALL TO BE LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY LINE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Florida has, in Chapter 125 – County Government, Florida Statutes, conferred upon local governments the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 8 of the Florida Constitution and Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, St. Lucie County possesses the police powers to enact ordinances in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the County’s citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is not subject to a business impact estimate pursuant to Section 125.66(3), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 1, 1990, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the St. Lucie County Land Development Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners is authorized by Section 125.01(1)(h), Florida Statutes, to establish, coordinate and enforce zoning and such business regulations as are necessary for the protection of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners is authorized by Section 125.01(1)(t), Florida Statutes, to adopt ordinances and resolutions necessary for the exercise of its powers and to prescribe fines and penalties for the violations of ordinances in accordance with law; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, after publishing due notice in the St. Lucie News Tribune on September 17, 2023. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to the Board to **approve/deny** the proposed text amendment to the St. Lucie County Land Development Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners held its first public hearing on the proposed ordinance, after publishing due notice in the St. Lucie News Tribune on October 19, 2023; and



**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners held its second Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance, after publishing due notice in the St. Lucie News Tribune on November 22, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the proposed amendments to the St. Lucie County Land Development Code are consistent with the general purpose, goals, objectives, and standards of the County's Comprehensive Plan, and are in the best interest of the health, safety, and public welfare of the citizens of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners that the St. Lucie County Land Development is amended as set forth in the following amendments, as shown in ~~strike through~~ and underline format in Section 2.

**SECTION 1. RATIFICATION OF RECITALS.** The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. This ordinance specifically amends St. Lucie County Land Development Code, as follows:**

Words in ~~strike through~~ type are deletions from existing text.  
Words in underlined type are additions to existing text.  
Asterisks (\*\*\*) indicate existing text not shown.

**Section 7.10.03. – ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

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D. Backyard Chicken-keeping One-time Registration Holder Program:

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3. Location and requirements for chicken coops and enclosures. Backyard chicken-keeping shall be permitted as an accessory use within single-family residential zoning districts, where the lot or parcel is developed and occupied by a single-family detached residence. Chickens shall not be kept on residential property with mobile home/manufactured home parks, duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, and apartments or other multi-family properties.

a. Permission for backyard chicken-keeping shall be subject to the following standards and conditions:

- (1) The maximum size of the coop and enclosure area shall be one hundred and twenty-five (125) square feet. The coop may be movable so long as it meets the required setbacks in this ordinance.
- (2) The space per bird in the coop shall be not less than four (4) square feet.
- (3) The coop and enclosure shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the side and rear lot lines and a minimum of twenty (20) feet from any side street, so long as the coop and enclosure area shall be at least twenty-five (25) feet, from any residential structure on an adjoining lot. The coop and enclosure must be kept in the rear backyard of the residence.

- (4) A building permit from the building department shall not be required for the coop. The registration for keeping backyard chickens shall list the construction material methods as well as anchoring methods, such as tie-downs. Prefabricated mobile coops may be exempt from the requirement to obtain a building permit.
- (5) The coop and enclosure area shall be located in the rear yard of the developed and occupied single-family detached residential property.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall prevent the construction of a coop and enclosure from abutting the rear of an applicant's house, so long as it otherwise meets the requirements of this Code.
- (7) The maximum height of a coop and the enclosure area fence around the coop shall be six (6) feet, as measured from the existing grade to the highest part of the coop or fence.
- (8) Chicken coops and enclosures shall be completely screened from adjacent roadways and neighboring parcels by a six (6) foot-tall opaque fence, ~~or wall erected on the property line.~~, or vegetated barrier consisting of evergreen shrubs that at the time of planting shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in height, planted 3 ft. on center, that can be expected to reach and be maintained at a minimum of six (6) feet in height within 18 months. Required buffers shall be erected or installed between the coop and the property line. A chain-link fence, chain-link fence with slats, or similar fence shall not constitute an opaque fence or wall. A building permit may be required to erect an enclosure area fence in accordance to Section 8.00.04 of the St. Lucie County Land Development Code.
- (9) Chicken coops shall be covered and ventilated, and a fenced enclosure/run is required. The coop and enclosure must be constructed in a way that establishes a clean, safe, and pleasant environment free of odor, vermin, noise, and disease.
- (10) All enclosures for the keeping of chickens shall be so constructed and maintained as to prevent rodents or other pests. Chicken coops must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds, predators and weather, including all openings, ventilation holes, doors, and gates. Enclosures shall be kept in clean and neat conditions, including the provision of clean, dry bedding materials and regular removal of waste materials, not to create an odor.
- (11) All chicken feed shall be kept in a secured and covered metal container, or otherwise protected to prevent rodents and other pests from gaining access to it.
- (12) Chicken coops shall not be permitted within any protected St. Lucie River shorelines and adjacent upland areas along with water bodies such as the Indian River Lagoon, St. Lucie River, and its tributaries. Refer to Section 6.02.02 Riverine Shoreline Protection for buffer requirements.

**SECTION 3. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.** Special acts of the Florida legislature applicable only to unincorporated areas of St. Lucie County, and adopted prior to January 1, 1969, County ordinances and County resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby superseded by this ordinance to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY AND APPLICABILITY.** If any portion of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance. If this ordinance or any provision thereof shall be held to be inapplicable to any person, property, or circumstance, such holding shall not affect its applicability to any other person, property, or circumstance.

**SECTION 5. FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.** The Clerk is hereby directed forthwith to send a certified copy of this ordinance to the Department of State.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** A certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County within ten days after enactment by the Board, and this ordinance shall take effect upon filing with the Department of State.

**SECTION 7. CODIFICATION.** Provisions of this ordinance shall be incorporated in the St. Lucie County Land Development Code, and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or other appropriate word, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention.

**SECTION 8. ADOPTION.** After motion and second, the vote on this ordinance was as follows:

Cathy Townsend, Chair	XXX
Chris Dzadovsky, Vice Chair	XXX
Linda Bartz, Commissioner	XXX
Larry Leet, Commissioner	XXX
Jamie Fowler, Commissioner	XXX

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** this 5th day of December, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**Deputy Clerk**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**County Attorney**

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

**NOTICE OF AN ADOPTION HEARING FOR A PROPOSED LAND  
DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT AMENDMENT**

The Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida is scheduled to review and consider the following County initiated proposal for adoption by Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**FILE NO: TLDC-2308-000026**

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**APPLICANT:** ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**PURPOSE:** A County initiated Text Amendment to the Land Development Code to update the chicken coop buffering requirements within Section 7.10.03, Animals in Residential Zoning Districts, specifically allowing for existing or planted vegetation to serve as a buffer between registered chicken coops and adjacent rights-of-way and neighboring parcels. Additionally, the amendment would allow the required visual buffer to be located between the registered chicken coop and the property line.

The **PUBLIC HEARING** on this item will be held in the Commission Chambers, Roger Poitras Annex, 3rd Floor, St. Lucie County on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm** or as soon thereafter as possible.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments received in advance of the public hearing will also be considered. Written comments to the Board should be received by the Planning and Development Services Department - Planning Division or Public Works Department at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled hearing. Comments will be distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting and included in the record provided the comments comply with the County's rules. The petition files are available for review at the Planning and Development Services Department – Planning offices located at 2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida during regular business hours. Please call (772) 462-2822 or TDD (772) 462-1428 if you have any questions or require additional information about this petition.

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners has the power to review and enact land development code regulations within St. Lucie County's jurisdiction.

The proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners are electronically recorded. **PURSUANT TO Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes**, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings. For such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Upon the request of any party to the proceeding, individuals testifying during a hearing will be sworn in. Any party to the proceeding will be granted an opportunity to cross-examine any individual testifying during a hearing upon request. If it becomes necessary, a public hearing may be continued to a date certain.

Anyone with a disability requiring accommodation to attend this meeting should contact the St. Lucie County Community Risk Manager at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting at (772) 462-1546 or T.D.D. (772) 462-1428. Any questions about this agenda may be referred to St. Lucie County Planning Division at (772) 462-2822.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
/S/ CATHY TOWNSEND, CHAIR

**PUBLISH DATE: Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

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