

INTERLOCAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

GOAL I: IMPROVE THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF INTERLOCAL COORDINATION TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND TO RESOLVE ANY CONFLICTS THAT MAY ARISE.

Objective I.A: The City will continue to use the existing interlocal agreements with the school board and adjacent communities which provides for close coordination and evaluation of development proposals. The City will periodically review and update the interlocal agreements as needed.

Policy I.A.1: The City's Land Development Code will delineate the specific process to be used to advise the school board and adjacent communities of proposed developments which would impact their jurisdiction.

Policy I.A.2: The City will initiate notification of any changes that may affect other jurisdictions or agencies by transmitting copies of required Citizen Participation notifications to all jurisdictions and agencies on its inventory of coordinating agencies and requesting comments.

Policy I.A.3: The City will contact Walton County and any adjacent municipality of an intended annexation and will request comments. When objections are voiced, a committee consisting of the Mayor, a Council member named by the Council, and the City Attorney shall resolve conflicts and recommend a course of action to the full Council.

Policy I.A.4: The City shall implement the requirements of Section 163.3177, F.S. by executing by November 30, 2003, an interlocal agreement with the Walton County School Board to jointly establish the specific ways in which the plans and processes of both entities are to be coordinated regarding land use and public facilities planning.

Policy I.A.5: The interlocal agreement on school planning shall at a minimum include provisions for joint meetings; student enrollment and population projections; coordinating and sharing of information; school site selection, significant renovations, and potential school closures; supporting infrastructure; school board

representation on the local planning agency; co-location and shared use; resolution of disputes; oversight process; and site plan review.

Objective I.B: The City and the County fire districts will maintain a communications agreement.

Policy I.B.1:The City will coordinate fire protection service communications countywide.

Objective I.C: The City and Walton County will maintain an informal conflict resolution process.

Policy I.C.1: The Comprehensive Plan Committee will be formed and will function as the initial agency to mediate comprehensive planning conflicts.

Policy I.C.2: The informal mediation process established by Rule of the WRFPC will be used to mediate conflicts which cannot be resolved by the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Objective I.D: The City will use the procedures established in the adopted Land Development Code to coordinate the impacts of development proposed by the Comprehensive Plan and the appropriate aspects of the Walton County Comprehensive Plan.

Policy I.D.1: The City will establish procedures whereby the affected municipalities and affected counties will be afforded the opportunity to review development proposals that affect the Choctawhatchee Bay and that affect development proposed in their Comprehensive Plan.

Policy I.D.2: The City will establish procedures in their internal review of development proposals that identifies the effects, if any, on the comprehensive plan of Walton County. Identified potential conflicts will be resolved as they arise.

Policy I.D.3: The City shall implement the Northwest Florida Water Management District's Regional Supply Plan.

Policy I.D.4: The City shall ensure coordination of the comprehensive plan with the most current NFWMD Regional Water Supply Plan when proposing and/or amending the ten-year (10) Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

Policy I.D.5: The City will review and coordinate with the most recently published District Water Supply Plan and NFWMD staff in projecting future supply and demand on potable water and alternative sources when preparing amendments to the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and Consumptive Use Permit Applications.

Policy I.D.6: The City will exchange water supply information and services with the NFWMD, West Florida Regional Planning Council, and local governments through water supply planning work groups and through meetings on an as-needed basis.

Policy I.D.7: The City will examine, to the extent possible, the use of interconnectivity of water facilities with other local jurisdictions as recommended by the NFWMD Regional Supply Plan.

Objective I.E: The City will ensure coordination in establishing Level of Service Standards for public facilities with any state, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

Policy I.E.1: The City shall maintain a current listing of state, regional or local entities and their points of contact which have operational and maintenance responsibility for public facilities within Freeport and meet with them to coordinate improvements as required to insure that the needs of the City are met.

Objective I.F: The City will continue working with Walton County to maintain a franchise agreement addressing the "Water Extension Project" for rural communities outside of the City's Jurisdiction.

GOAL II: TO ENCOURAGE COMPATIBLE LAND USE, HELP PREVENT INCOMPATIBLE ENCROACHMENT, AND FACILITATE THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE.

Objective II.A: To facilitate the exchange of information between Eglin Air Force Base and the City of Freeport.

Policy II.A.1: A representative of Eglin Air Force Base will be included as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the City's Planning Board.

Policy II.A.2: The City will make materials provided by Eglin AFB regarding MIODs (Military Influence Overlay Districts) available to the public.

GOAL III: TO PROVIDE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND WALTON COUNTY, REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE DECISIONS WITHIN THE FOUR MILE CREEK WORKING WATERFRONT PLANNING AREA.

Objective III.A: Intergovernmental coordination between the City of Freeport and Walton County regarding land use and zoning changes within the Planning Area.

Policy III.A.1: The County will be included as a technical reviewer on city land use changes within the Four Mile Creek Working Waterfront Planning Area. All land use/zoning applications submitted to the City for incorporated property within the Planning Area will be reviewed for consistency with the Four Mile Creek Working Waterfronts Vision Plan.

Policy III.A.2: The City will be included as a technical reviewer on county land use changes within the Four Mile Creek Planning Area. All land use applications submitted to the County for unincorporated property within the Planning Area will be reviewed for consistency with the Four Mile Creek Working Waterfronts Vision Plan.

Objective III.B: Intergovernmental coordination between the City of Freeport and Walton County regarding development order applications within the Planning Area.

Policy III.B.1: The County will be included as a technical reviewer on city development proposals within the Four Mile Creek WFPP Planning Area. All development applications submitted to the City for incorporated property within the Planning Area will be reviewed for consistency with the Four Mile Creek Working Waterfronts Vision Plan.

Policy III.B.2: The City will be included as a technical reviewer on county development projects within the Four Mile Creek Planning Area. All development applications submitted to the County for unincorporated property within the Planning Area will be reviewed for consistency with the Four Mile Creek Working Waterfronts Vision Plan.

Objective III.C: Intergovernmental coordination between the City of Freeport and Walton County to provide additional public facilities within the Four Mile Creek Working Waterfront Planning Area.

Policy III.C.1: The City of Freeport and Walton County, as partners in the Four Mile Creek Working Waterfront Planning Area, will cooperate to plan for additional public parking for the public recreational facilities within the Four Mile Creek Planning Area.

Policy III.C.2: The City of Freeport and Walton County, as partners in the Four Mile Creek Working Waterfront Planning Area, will cooperate to plan for additional permanent moorings/mooring fields for short term docking of commercial and recreational vessels.

GOAL IV: COLLABORATE AND COORDINATE WITH THE WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO ENSURE HIGH QUALITY PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITY'S EXISTING AND FUTURE POPULATION.

Objective IV.A: Implement the Interlocal Agreement with the School Board, other municipalities, and Walton County.

Policy IV.A.1: In cooperation with the School Board, other municipalities (DeFuniak Springs and Paxton) and Walton County, the City of Freeport shall implement the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Planning for Walton County, Florida between the Walton County School District, the City of Freeport and all legislative bodies of the County and other Walton County municipalities including

- a. Joint meetings;
- b. Student enrollment and consistent student population projections, including geographic distribution of jurisdiction-wise growth forecasts;
- c. Coordinating and sharing information;
- d. Participation by affected local governments with the School Board in the process of evaluating potential school closures, significant renovations to existing schools, and new school site selection before land acquisition;
- e. School site analysis including a process for determining the need for and timing of onsite and offsite improvements to

- support new, proposed expansion, or redevelopment of existing schools;
- f. Supporting infrastructure;
- g. Comprehensive Plan amendments, re-zonings, and development approvals;
- h. Education Plant Survey and Five-Year District Facilities Work Program;
- i. Co-location and shared use;
- j. Resolution of disputes; and
- k. An oversight process, including an opportunity for public participation, for the implementation of the Interlocal Agreement.

Policy IV.A.2: The City shall include a representative of the School District, appointed by the School Board, as a non-voting member of the Local Planning Agency, as required by Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes.

Objective IV.B: Coordinate and evaluate development proposals with the School Board the Freeport City Council.

Policy IV.B.1: Advise the School Board and the Freeport City Council of residential development proposals that will impact schools.

Policy IV.B.2: Consider School Board comments in the rendering of land use decisions.

Policy IV.B.3: Coordinate with the School Board, Walton County and local municipalities regarding the siting of facilities with county-wide significance.

GOAL V: ENSURE THAT FUTURE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEEDS ARE ADDRESSED CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS.

Objective V.A: Establish Levels of Service for Public Schools

Policy V.A.1: The following Levels of Service are established:

- Elementary Schools – 100% of Permanent Student Stations
- Middle Schools - 100% of Permanent Student Stations
- High Schools – 100% of Permanent Student Stations

Objective V.B: For Comprehensive Plan amendments, Re-Zoning and other land use decisions, consider the impact on public school levels of service.

Policy V.B.1: Recognize the School Board's statutory and constitutional responsibility to provide a uniform system of free and adequate public schools.

Policy V.B.2: Recognize the City's authority to approve or deny petitions for Comprehensive Plan amendments or rezoning that generate students and impact the Walton County public school system.

Policy V.B.3: Manage the timing of Comprehensive Plan amendments, re-zonings and other land use decisions to maintain adequate school capacity.

Objective V.C.1: Ensure that developers bear a proportionate cost of facility capital improvements necessary to maintain adopted level of service standards.

Policy V.C.1: Provide for proportionate mitigation to fairly attribute the cost of maintaining adequate public school capacity.

Policy V.C.2: Consider the imposition of school impact fees to offset the proportionate share of new residential development.