



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 5557, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Public Hearing, Re: Ordinance Amending Chapter 62, Article VI, Division 2, Section 62-1157, "Submission of a Binding Development Plan in Support of Request for Change of Zoning or Conditional Use Permit"

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

Planning & Development

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners conduct a public hearing and adopt the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 62, Article VI, Division 2, Section 62-1157, "Submission of a binding development plan in support of request for change of zoning or conditional use permit".

Summary Explanation and Background:

On August 30, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved legislative intent and permission to advertise Amendments to Section 62-1157, Brevard County Code of Ordinances, "Submission of a binding development plan in support of request for change of zoning or conditional use permit". At its February 21, 2023 regular meeting, the Board tabled consideration of this item and directed staff to make modifications to the proposed ordinance in order to make it less burdensome for applicants.

Since that time, staff has modified the proposal to only require "known" parties with a "legal or equitable interest" in the property to be identified at the application stage of a Binding Development Plan (hereinafter "BDP"). Additionally, the requirements for which parties are bound to the BDP have been narrowed to "persons or entities with a legal interest of record in the subject property . . . including, but not limited to, any mortgage holder(s)." The prior version presented for Board consideration would have required "any entity with an interest in the property" be a party to the BDP.

These amendments are being requested for several reasons. First, requiring the owners and mortgage holders of the subject property to be joined in the BDP is necessary to ensure such individuals/entities are bound by the BDP's terms and conditions. The requirement of being a party to the BDP could be met by being a signatory to the BDP itself or a signatory to a legal instrument such as a joinder that would bind the interest-holder to the BDP.

Additionally, while Section 62-1157(1)(g) states, in pertinent part, that "a certified copy of the recorded document shall be supplied to the zoning division within 120 days of approval by the board of county

commissioners,” the Ordinance does not specify that the “approval” being referred to is the approval of the associated rezoning application at the public hearing stage or, where there is no associated rezoning application, when the Board approves an application to amend a BDP or otherwise makes an initial approval of a BDP application. Staff has consistently interpreted this subsection to have this meaning, but clarifying this potential ambiguity would assist in ensuring these agreements are executed and recorded in a timely manner. This is important because the official zoning maps that the public and many entities rely on for information reflecting zoning-related matters will not reflect the Board’s decision regarding an approval subject to the execution of a BDP until such recordation occurs.

On December 14, 2022, the Building Construction Advisory Committee heard the request and unanimously recommended approval.

On January 9th, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency heard the request and voted to recommend approval 8-1, with a request to include “clarification on the extension” of the 120-day period to record a BDP. The attached proposed ordinance implements this request by adding a procedure to allow an applicant to request a 60-day extension from the Board. It should be noted that within the past 3 years, only 1 BDP was withdrawn due to lack of recordation within the 120-day time period.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

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