

The Pinellas County Planning Department is in the process of a major update to the County's Land Development Code. Recently, the Department decided to expedite a package of amendments to the Code (i.e. "quick fixes") that can provide some immediate benefit to the land development process while the overall update to the Code is being completed.

The proposed Ordinance includes amendments to Chapter 138, Zoning, and Chapter 154, Site Development and Platting, of the Pinellas County Land Development Code. The purpose of these amendments is to make a certain limited number of changes to the Land Development Code that will allow greater flexibility for redevelopment and infill development of properties situated in constrained and urban contexts; provide more flexibility and administrative discretion to particular code requirements where relief is commonly granted through the issuance of waivers and variances; clarify terms used and defined and reconcile inconsistencies in language and interpretation; and improve the organization, language and readability of the Code.

Current Status:

The Planning Department will request authority from the Board of County Commissioners on June 23, 2015 to advertise this Ordinance for public hearing. Public hearings by the Board of County Commissioners are anticipated in July and August 2015 in order to adopt this Ordinance. With adoption of this Ordinance, focus will return to the overall Code update, as well as to the supporting amendments required to the Comprehensive Plan necessary to ensure an adequate foundation for the new regulations.

- [Current Proposed Ordinance](#)
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