

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL G1 –PROMOTE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CITY, ADJACENT CITIES, OKALOOSA COUNTY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES FOR EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF SERVICES, REDUCTION OF CONFLICTS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS AND PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OBJECTIVE G.1 – PROVIDE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT AND COORDINATION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND OTHER AGENCIES WHICH PROVIDE SERVICES BUT HAVE NO REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER LAND USE IN THE CITY

Policy G.1.1

Prior to final adoption of plan amendments, the City will submit copies of its Comprehensive Plan or amendment for comment and coordination to the Okaloosa County School Board, the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and any other agency which may provide a service but which has no regulatory authority over the use of land within the City.

OBJECTIVE G.2 – PROVIDE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT AND COORDINATION ON ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO THE COUNTY, NEARBY MUNICIPALITIES, EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE AND HURLBURT FIELD

Policy G.2.1

Prior to final adoption of any amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, the City will submit copies of the proposed amendments for comment and coordination to Okaloosa County, adjacent municipalities, other municipalities that requested copies, Eglin AFB, and Hurlburt Field.

Policy G.2.2

The City will continue to participate as a member of the Okaloosa Comprehensive Plan Committee (OCPC), consisting of planning officials from the County, all municipalities, Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, and the Okaloosa County School Board, in order to coordinate comprehensive planning in Okaloosa County.

OBJECTIVE G.3 – THE CITY WILL REVIEW PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENTS BY THE COUNTY AND ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES.

Policy G.3.1

The City will review any proposed comprehensive plan amendment proposed by the Town of Cinco Bayou, the City of Mary Esther or Okaloosa County prior to their adoption.

Policy G.3.2

The City will continue to utilize the Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan Committee as the initial agency to mediate comprehensive plan conflicts between the City and adjacent local governments.

OBJECTIVE G.4 – MAINTAIN LEVELS OF SERVICE FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES CONSISTENT WITH STATE, REGIONAL OR LOCAL AGENCIEES HAVING OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER SUCH FACILITIES.

Policy G.4.1

The City will coordinate any amendment to its level of service standards with the following agencies:

- Roadways- Cinco Bayou, Mary Esther, Okaloosa County, TPO, FDOT;
- Sanitary Sewer- Okaloosa County, DEP;
- Potable Water – Okaloosa County, NFWFMD, DEP;
- Solid Waste – Okaloosa County;
- Drainage – Cinco Bayou, Mary Esther, Okaloosa County, DEP, FDOT;
- Recreation – Cinco Bayou, Mary Esther, Okaloosa County.

Policy G.4.2

The City will coordinate with other regulatory or jurisdictional agencies regarding issuance of permits. The permits identified below may be required. Specific permits needed will be identified through pre-application meetings with City development review staff, based on the circumstances of the proposed development.

FDOT

- (1) Drainage Connection Permit
- (2) Driveway Connection Permit

FDEP

- (1) Stormwater Permit
- (2) Dredge and Fill Permit
- (3) Marine Construction

Policy G.4.3

The City will utilize the West Florida Regional Planning Council’s informal mediation process to resolve conflicts with other units of government.

Policy G.4.4

The City will ensure coordination of the comprehensive plan with the most current NFWMD Regional Water Supply Plan when amending the ten-year (10) Water Supply Plan.

Policy G.4.5

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 Plan and Individual Water Use Permit Applications.

Policy G.4.6

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 G.4.7

The City will examine, to the extent possible, the interconnectivity of water transmission facilities with other local jurisdictions as recommended by the NFWMD Regional Water Supply Plan.

OBJECTIVE G.5 – THE CITY WILL CONSIDER ANNEXING ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THE PROPERTIES OF THOSE OWNERS WHO WISH TO VOLUNTARILY BECOME PART OF THE CITY AND ARE EITHER ENCLAVES WITHIN THE CITY LIMIT BOUNDARY OR CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH.

Policy G.5.1

During the annexation process, the City will ensure an efficient and smooth transition from Okaloosa County's jurisdiction to the City of Fort Walton Beach.

Policy G.5.2

The City will maintain a County- to- City Land Use Category and Zoning District Conversion Table for use in determining appropriate land use and zoning designations during preparation of annexation documents.

Policy G.5.3

The City will ensure that annexed properties are included in the neighborhood planning process in order to address areas of public concern within those neighborhoods.

Policy G.5.4

The City and Okaloosa County will coordinate information in the form of data and analysis of population projections, infrastructure service areas and the siting of facilities with countywide significance and pursue an interlocal agreement to implement this policy.

GOAL G2 – COLLABORATE AND COORDINATE WITH THE OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO ENSURE HIGH QUALITY PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES WHICH MEET THE NEEDS OF FORT WALTON BEACH'S EXISTING AND FUTURE POPULATION.

OBJECTIVE G2.1 – THE CITY WILL IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO FL. STA. 163.3177 WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, COUNTY, AND ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSE COORDINATION AND EVALUATION OF RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND TO ENSURE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY ARE FULFILLED, INCLUDING: PARTICIPATING IN STAFF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, SCHOOL SITE SELECTION COMMITTEES, WRITTEN AGREEMENTS, ANNUAL JOINT WORKSHOPS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS ADDRESSING ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN, COORDINATION OF GROWTH PROJECTIONS AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT, SUPPORTING THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, PARTICIPATING IN THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS AS NECESSARY, AND AMENDING THE CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ENSURE SCHOOL CONCURRENCY IS UPDATED, AND THAT CAPITAL FACILITIES REMAIN FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE AND UP TO DATE.

Policy G2.1.1

General types of provisions that will be included in the interlocal agreement in order to advise the School Board, County, special taxing districts and municipalities of proposed residential and residential mixed-use developments which would impact their jurisdiction include:

- 1. Provision for a feedback process/information exchange from the Okaloosa County Growth Management Department to the above entities and others on the Comprehensive Plan mailing list describing proposed residential and residential mixed-use developments impacts and school planning activities.**
- 2. Provision for a feedback process/information exchange so the above entities can inform the Growth Management Department and the Local Planning Agency of any potential adverse impact(s) from proposed residential and residential mixed-use developments and/or conflicting planning activities.**
- 3. Provision for the district wide application of LOS standards.**

OBJECTIVE G2.2 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION THE CITY WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE JOINT PLANNING PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING.

Policy G2.2.1

On an ongoing basis, the City will establish new and review existing coordination mechanisms that will evaluate and address its Comprehensive Plan and its effects on the County, adjacent local governments and school board. Assistance for this effort shall be requested from regional and state agencies, as needed.

Policy G2.2.2

In order to coordinate the effective and efficient provision and siting of public educational facilities with associated infrastructure and services within Okaloosa County, the Okaloosa County Board of County

Commissioners, School Board, and the municipalities of Cinco Bayou, Crestview, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Laurel Hill, Mary Esther, Niceville, Shalimar and Valparaiso shall meet jointly to develop mechanisms for coordination. Such efforts may include:

1. Coordinated submittal and review of the annual capital improvement program of Fort Walton Beach, and the Strategic Plan.
2. Use of a Site Selection Committee to coordinate review and assessment of new sites, significant renovations and potential closures of existing schools. They will consider proximity to urban residential development, land use compatibility, access management, coordinated siting of schools with parks for multi-functional use, proximity to airports, parking circulation and queuing of vehicles, environmental, archeological or historical constraints and the associated costs and expenditures of siting and developing schools with needed public infrastructure, site acquisition and development costs.
3. Coordinated review of residential planned developments or mixed-use planned developments involving residential development.
4. Use of a unified database including population (forecasts of student population), land use and facilities.
5. Use of a Staff Working Group (with representative from each of the entities) that will meet at least twice annually as called by either the School Board or the County staff to review and coordinate School Level of Service standards and issues of mutual concern regarding coordination of land use and school facilities planning, including population and student growth, development trends, school needs, off-site improvements, and joint use opportunities. In addition, the group will review population and enrollment projections and updates of comprehensive and work plans as part of annual review process to assure the maintenance of the adopted LOS and financial feasibility of the CIP and Work Plan.