

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-004**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; REPEALING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE THREE, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONE (PUD), SECTION 22-40; AND CREATING A NEW **CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE THREE, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONE (PD) SECTION 22-40**; CREATING THE PURPOSE, GENERAL STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL, APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES, ADHERENCE TO APPROVED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, MODIFICATIONS OF AN APPROVED PD SITE PLAN, STATUS OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PUD PLANS, EXPIRATION OF AN APPROVED PD PLAN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS** on June 15, 1981, the City adopted Ordinance No. H-186 which established the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District, with subsequent amendments following in 2004 and 2012; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Fort Pierce would like to promote and provide greater flexibility for design and diversification of uses within the Planned Unit Development Zoning District by eliminating the requirement for a residential component and allowing for any combination of uses;

**WHEREAS** the City of Fort Pierce would like to repeal Chapter 22, Article Three, Section 22-40, Planned Unit Development Zone (PUD), of the Code of Ordinances, and create a new Chapter 22, Article Three, Section 22-40, Planned Development Zone (PD), of the Code of Ordinances;

**WHEREAS** the City of Fort Pierce finds the created Planned Development (PD) Zoning District consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Fort Pierce; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Fort Pierce finds the created Planned Development (PD) Zoning District satisfies the following standards specified in Section 22-131 of the City Code:

(1) The amendment will not have an adverse effect on the ability of the City to:

- a. Satisfy land and water use needs
- b. Meet transportation demands and provide community facilities and services

(2) The amendment will promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 22-40, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida is hereby repealed so that the same shall be of no further force or effect whatsoever:

**~~Sec. 22-40. — Planned Unit Development Zone (PUD).~~**

- ~~(a) *Purpose.* The PUD zone is intended to provide for comprehensive developments incorporating residential uses, a substantial amount of open space and appropriate commercial, public and semi-public uses. It is designed to achieve a desirable environment through application of flexible and diversified land development standards in an overall site plan. It is further intended to promote economics in land development, maintenance, street systems and utility networks.~~
- ~~(b) *General standards for approval.* Prior to including a tract of land in the PUD zone or approving a final development plan for a planned unit development, the city commission shall determine that:~~
- ~~(1) The planned unit development is an effective and unified treatment of the development possibilities of the project site while remaining consistent with the comprehensive plan, avoiding environmental hazards and making appropriate provisions for the preservation of natural features such as shorelands and wooded cover.~~
  - ~~(2) The planned unit development will not create excessive traffic congestion on nearby streets or overburden the following public facilities and services in terms of their capacities, operational costs or maintenance costs: Water, sewer, storm drainage, electrical services, fire protection, police protection and schools.~~
  - ~~(3) A demand exists for the planned unit development at the proposed location and the applicant has the capacity to assure completion of the project.~~
  - ~~(4) The planned unit development complies with standards referred to in this section, additional zoning ordinance provisions and other city laws.~~
- ~~(c) *Potential uses.* The following uses are allowed in a planned unit development if the city commission considers them appropriate for the particular development being proposed, compatible with nearby uses and consistent with the comprehensive plan and if other applicable standards are satisfied:~~
- ~~(1) Single family dwelling, detached or attached.~~
  - ~~(2) Duplexes, triplexes and quadraplexes.~~
  - ~~(3) Multifamily housing developments.~~
  - ~~(4) Adult congregate living facilities and boarding houses.~~
  - ~~(5) Retail sales establishments, except stores selling automobiles, other large motorized vehicles or mobile homes.~~
  - ~~(6) Motels/hotels.~~
  - ~~(7) Personal service establishments.~~
  - ~~(8) Repair service establishments which provide repair services of a minor nature, such as: Radio and television repair services; watch, clock and jewelry repair services; and shoe repair services.~~
  - ~~(9) Finance, insurance and real estate service establishments.~~
  - ~~(10) Business service establishments.~~
  - ~~(11) Communication service establishments.~~
  - ~~(12) Professional service establishments.~~
  - ~~(13) Education service establishments.~~
  - ~~(14) Indoor amusement, entertainment and/or recreation establishments.~~
  - ~~(15) Public and semi-public uses, including outdoor park and recreation facilities.~~

- ~~(16) Temporary uses meeting the requirements in section 22-65-~~
- ~~(17) Such other uses as the city commission may consider appropriate.~~
- ~~(d) *Limitations on commercial uses.* No more than thirty (30) per cent of the gross floor area may be used for commercial development in the portion of a planned unit development which the comprehensive plan designates as residential. In an area designated as residential in the comprehensive plan, no building permit for commercial development shall be issued unless at least twenty (20) dwelling units have been constructed in the planned unit development, are in the process of being constructed or will be constructed simultaneously with the commercial development. The following comprehensive plan classifications will be considered to be residential categories: Low density residential (RL), medium density residential (RM) and high density residential (RH).~~
- ~~(e) *Minimum site size.* Planned unit developments shall be established on parcels of land which are a size suitable for the proposed development and are part of PUD zone which is at least five (5) acres in size.~~
- ~~(f) *Residential densities.* Maximum residential densities will not exceed the level which the city commission determines is consistent with the comprehensive plan. Unless it determines that density bonuses should be allowed in accordance with the following criteria, the maximum gross density allowed shall be fifteen (15) units per acre. Density bonuses awarded for the following criteria are cumulative.~~
- ~~(1) *Landscaping.* The gross density may be increased up to one unit per acre for landscaping plans which provide for effective use of existing vegetation and/or for approved landscape plans for streetscapes, pedestrian ways, bicycle paths, areas near buildings, open spaces and/or recreation areas. This increased density may only be awarded if the landscaping of the planned unit development will exceed the requirements in section 22-59 for landscaped area by ten (10) per cent, for amount of trees by ten (10) per cent and/or in terms of qualitative characteristics of the landscaping.~~
- ~~(2) *Siting.* The gross density may be increased up to one unit per acre for creative placement of buildings and/or other facilities in terms of visual focal points, use of existing physical features (such as topography), views, sun and wind orientation, the circulation pattern, variation in building setbacks and/or building and facility groupings (such as clustering).~~
- ~~(3) *Design.* The gross density may be increased up to one unit per acre for imaginative design features including architectural styles, harmonious use of building materials, varied use of housing types and/or other design elements of the planned unit development.~~
- ~~(g) *Basic use standards.*~~
- ~~(1) Area, width, depth, yard and lot coverage requirements for lots in a planned unit development shall be determined by the city commission on the basis of relevant characteristics of the use, the rest of the planned unit development and the surrounding area, including those characteristics relating to use compatibility, physical feature constraints and utility and transportation capacities.~~
- ~~(2) No building within the planned unit development shall be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to any street or street right-of-way. No building with residential dwellings shall be closer than twenty (20) feet to any non-accessory building, except single family dwellings may be attached or less than twenty (20) feet apart. Additional setback requirements may be imposed by the city commission to provide adequate light, ventilation, privacy and other appropriate features.~~
- ~~(h) *Open spaces.*~~
- ~~(1) In all planned unit developments at least forty (40) per cent of the site, exclusive of aquatic areas, shall be devoted to open space. Of this required open space area, no more than twenty five (25) per cent may be utilized privately by individual owners or users of the planned unit development. At least seventy five (75) per cent of the required open space area must be common open space.~~
- ~~(2) No area may be accepted as common open space within a planned unit development unless it meets the following requirements:~~
- ~~a. The location, shape, size and character of the common open space is suitable for the development.~~
- ~~b. The common open space is for amenity or recreational purposes and the uses authorized are appropriate for the scale and character of the development based on~~

~~consideration of its size, density, expected population, topography and the number and type of dwellings provided.~~

- ~~c. The common open space will be suitably improved for its intended use, except that common open space containing natural features worthy of preservation should be left unimproved. The buildings, structures and improvements to be permitted in the common open space are appropriate to the uses which are authorized for the common open space.~~
- ~~d. Waterfront access for the public, such as walkways, trails, waterfront seating or landscaped areas, will be provided, whenever possible, when consistent with the scale of the use, surrounding uses, security and proximity to the waterfront.~~
- ~~e. No parking facilities will be included in areas designated as common open space unless the parking facilities are intended to provide access to the common open space area and are not intended to meet the ordinance requirements for other uses. No streets will be designated as common open space.~~
- ~~f. The development schedule which is part of the development plan coordinates the improvement of the common open space and the construction of buildings and other structures in the common open space with the building of residential dwellings in the planned unit development.~~
- ~~g. If buildings or structures are to be constructed in the common open space, the developer will provide a bond or other adequate assurances that the buildings and structures will be completed. The director of the department of planning and development shall release the bond or other assurances when the buildings and structures have been completed according to the development plan.~~

~~(i) Various environmental standards.~~

- ~~(1) Uses having potential air polluting sources such as stacks, burning facilities, concentrations of motor vehicles and dust-generating processes shall be located and designed to provide adequate separation of these sources from other development and especially residential neighborhoods, institutional uses and outdoor recreation areas. Any adverse air quality impacts of the use will be reduced to the extent practical.~~
- ~~(2) The development plan, to the extent practical, will attempt to follow the principle that the water falling on a given site should be absorbed to the extent that after development the quantity and rate of water leaving the site would not be significantly different than if the site had remained undeveloped. Techniques that capitalize on and are consistent with natural resources and processes will be used whenever possible. In part, the intent of the plan should be to minimize the adverse cumulative effects of development in an area on drainage.~~
- ~~(3) The development plan shall include provisions needed to control water and wind erosion during and after construction associated with the development. Runoff from impervious surfaces or other potential polluting sources in developments with three (3) or more acres of impervious area should be directed to retention areas or through vegetated areas as needed to allow sedimentation and filtration of contaminants to occur before runoff enters canals, rivers or wetland areas. Any adverse water quality impacts of the use will be reduced to the extent practical.~~

~~(j) Transportation.~~

- ~~(1) A suitable site layout will be used for all street and on-site drives; parking, loading and unloading areas; refuse collection and disposal points; sidewalks; bike paths; and other transportation facilities. Suitability, in part, shall be determined by the potential impact of these facilities on safety, traffic flow and control and emergency vehicle movements.~~
- ~~(2) Principal vehicular access points shall be designed to permit smooth traffic flow and to minimize hazards to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Minor streets within a planned unit development shall not be connected to streets outside the development in such a way as to encourage their use by through traffic.~~
- ~~(3) Streets in a planned unit development may be dedicated to public use or may be retained in private ownership, except the city commission may require arterial and collector streets to be dedicated to the public. When considered appropriate by the city commission, city requirements concerning rights-of-way and street pavement widths may be reduced and those requiring curbs and gutters may be waived, notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in this Code of Ordinances.~~

- ~~(4) All uses shall comply with access, parking and loading standards in sections 22-60 and 22-61, except additional requirements may be specified by the city commission when it considers them appropriate.~~
- ~~(k) *Compatibility with adjacent development.* If topographical or other barriers near the perimeter of the planned unit development do not provide reasonable privacy for existing or potential uses adjacent to the development, the city commission shall require buildings in the planned unit development to be set back an adequate distance from the perimeter of the planned unit development or require an attractively designed and maintained buffer in the form of vegetation, fencing, walls and/or berms. In no case shall buildings in the planned unit development be closer than twenty-five (25) feet to a lot in an E-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 or R-5 zone.~~
- ~~(l) *Landscaping.* The planned unit development shall comply with the provisions of a landscape plan approved by the city commission. This plan must at a minimum be consistent with landscaping requirements in section 22-59.~~
- ~~(m) *Unified control.* All land intended to be included in the planned unit development shall be under the legal control of the applicant, whether that applicant be an individual, partnership or corporation or group of individuals, partnerships and/or corporations.~~
- ~~(n) *Maintenance of common areas.* Common open space, streets and any area or facility designated by the city commission as a shared area will comply with the following provisions:~~
- ~~(1) The property will be conveyed under one of the following options:~~
- ~~a. To a public agency which agrees to maintain the property and buildings or structures placed on it; or~~
- ~~b. To association(s) of owners and/or tenants, created as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the state, which shall adopt and impose articles of incorporation and bylaws and adopt and impose a declaration of covenants and restrictions that are acceptable to the city commission as providing for the continuing care of the property.~~
- ~~(2) The property may not be put to a use not specified in the final development plan unless the final development plan is first amended to permit the use. However, no change of use may be considered as a waiver of any of the covenants limiting the use of the property, and all rights to enforce these covenants against any use permitted are expressly reserved.~~
- ~~(3) If the property is not conveyed to a public agency, the covenants and restrictions that govern the association of owners and/or tenants will at least include the following provisions:~~
- ~~a. Membership must be mandatory for each home buyer or tenant and each successive buyer or tenant.~~
- ~~b. The association must be responsible for liability insurance, local taxes and the maintenance of property.~~
- ~~c. Owners and tenants must pay their pro rata share of the cost.~~
- ~~d. The association must be able to adjust assessments to meet changing needs.~~
- ~~e. The city must be authorized to enforce these and other provisions governing the use, improvement and maintenance of the property.~~
- ~~(4) If the property is not conveyed to a public agency then, in addition to those requirements set forth hereinabove, there shall be delivered to the building official at or before the time the first building permit is obtained an instrument in recordable form containing:~~
- ~~a. A legal description of the property upon which the dwelling units are to be constructed;~~
- ~~b. A statement of the total area contained within such description;~~
- ~~c. A statement of the number of existing or proposed units situated on the subject property;~~
- ~~d. A statement of the number of dwelling units for which the application is made;~~
- ~~e. A restriction prohibiting any further development or construction beyond what is set forth in the instrument.~~

~~The building official shall thereafter issue permits in accordance with what is set forth in the aforesaid instrument provided all other requirements of this chapter are met and~~

~~thereafter no further permits shall be issued for any additional units on the tract described. The instrument shall be recorded to place all persons on notice of its contents and limitations upon further building.~~

~~(o) *Utility easements.* Easements necessary for the orderly extension and maintenance of public utilities may be required as a condition of approval.~~

~~(p) *Other standards.* All planned unit developments will comply with regulations affecting signs referred to in section 22-55 and applicable portions of the city's regulations governing subdivisions except that in case of conflict the city commission shall determine the requirement for the PUD. The city commission may also establish additional requirements which it considers necessary to assure that a planned unit development conforms to the intent of this section.~~

~~(q) *Special application requirements.* When an application is submitted to include property in a PUD zone, the following items will be submitted, in addition to other information submitted in accordance with section 22-127, the city's subdivision regulations or other city laws:~~

~~(1) *Written documents:*~~

~~a. A statement of planning objectives to be achieved by the planned unit development through the particular approach proposed by the applicant. This statement should include a description of the character of the proposed development.~~

~~b. Material which presents firm evidence of unified control of the entire area within the proposed planned unit development, including a certificate of apparent ownership and encumbrance with the opinion of counsel representing the applicant establishing that the applicant has the unrestricted right to impose all of the covenants and conditions upon the land as are contemplated by the provisions of these regulations.~~

~~c. A statement of the applicant's intentions with regard to the future selling or leasing of all or portions of the planned unit development, such as land areas and dwelling units.~~

~~d. A development schedule indicating:~~

~~1. The approximate date when construction of the project can be expected to begin.~~

~~2. The stages in which the project will be built and the approximate date when construction of each stage can be expected to begin.~~

~~3. The anticipated rate of development.~~

~~4. The approximate date when each stage in the development will be completed.~~

~~5. The area, location and degree of development of common open space that will be provided at each stage.~~

~~e. Quantitative data for the following: Total number and type of dwelling units; parcel sizes; proposed lot coverage of buildings and structures; approximate residential gross densities; total amount of open space (including separate figures for common open space and usable open spaces); and the total amount of nonresidential acreage (including a separate figure for commercial and industrial acreage).~~

~~f. A statement indicating the justification for a gross density in excess of twelve (12) units per acre if such a density is being proposed.~~

~~g. Agreements, provisions and covenants which govern the use, maintenance and continued protection of the planned unit development and any of its common open space or other shared areas. This material shall include material which binds successors in title to any commitments concerning completion of the project and its maintenance and operation.~~

~~(2) *Site plan and supporting maps.* Maps with the following minimum information must be submitted:~~

~~a. The existing site conditions, including contours at one foot intervals, shorelines, flood plains, unique natural features and forest cover.~~

~~b. A grading plan for the site showing future contours for locations where the existing grade is to be changed by more than two (2) feet.~~

~~c. A general landscape plan for the planned unit development.~~



- ~~d. Proposed lot lines and other divisions of land for management, use or allocation purposes.~~
  - ~~e. The approximate location of present and proposed buildings and structures.~~
  - ~~f. The location and size of all areas proposed to be conveyed, dedicated or reserved for streets, parks, playgrounds, public and semi-public buildings and similar uses.~~
  - ~~g. The existing and proposed vehicular circulation system, including off-street parking and loading areas.~~
  - ~~h. The existing and proposed pedestrian circulation system, including its interrelationships with the vehicular circulation system, indicating proposed treatments of points of conflict.~~
  - ~~i. The existing and proposed utility systems, including sanitary sewers, storm sewers and water, electric and gas lines.~~
  - ~~j. Enough information on land areas adjacent to the proposed planned unit development to indicate the relationship between the proposed development and adjacent areas, including land uses, zoning classifications, densities, circulation systems, public facilities and unique natural features of the landscape.~~
  - ~~k. The proposed treatment of the perimeter of the planned unit development, including materials and techniques used such as screens, fences and walls.~~
- ~~(r) Special planned unit development review procedures.~~
- ~~(1) Planned unit developments will be reviewed in at least three (3) phases—a preapplication conference, a preliminary development plan phase and a final development plan phase. The preapplication conference will involve a minimum of one informal discussion between the applicant and staff of the department of planning and development on the proposed planned unit development.~~
  - ~~(2) At the request of the applicant, an optional phase, a concept plan phase, will take place. For this phase, a map showing the general layout of uses in the proposed planned unit development will be submitted along with written material mentioned in this section in (q)(1)(a), (q)(1)(c), (q)(1)(d) and (q)(1)(e). A public hearing will be held by the city planning board on the proposal and it will approve, approve with conditions or disapprove the concept plan.~~
  - ~~(3) The preliminary development plan will include information specified in subsection (p) of this section. The procedure for reviewing the preliminary development plan is the procedure set forth in section 22-128 for amending this chapter. If the proposed planned unit development involves the subdividing of land which is regulated by the city, the preliminary plat should be reviewed concurrently with the preliminary development plan. Approval of a preliminary development plan or approval of the plan with conditions shall occur concurrently with a change in zoning for the property. If the city planning board approved the concept plan or approved it with conditions, the board will not change its earlier opinion unless it determines that it is appropriate due to new information or due to differences between the concept plan and preliminary development plan.~~
  - ~~(4) Within a year of the date of approval of a preliminary development plan or approval of the plan with conditions, the applicant shall file with the department of planning and development a final development plan containing in final form the information required in the preliminary plan. This plan may be for the entire development or, when submission in stages has been authorized, for the first stage of the development. If the planned unit development involves the subdividing of land which is regulated by the city, the final plat should be reviewed concurrently with the final development plan.~~
  - ~~(5) The staff of the department of planning and development shall have a maximum of thirty-five (35) days from the submission of a complete final development plan to review the plan and prepare comments concerning the plan. Prior to acting on the final development plan, the city commission shall hold a public hearing in accordance with section 22-143. The city commission shall approve, approve with conditions or disapprove the final development plan within twenty (20) days of the public hearing, except the city commission with good cause demonstrated may allow an extension of time.~~
  - ~~(6) If the city commission finds evidence of a significant deviation from the preliminary development plan, the city commission shall advise the applicant to submit an application for an amendment to the preliminary development plan. An amendment shall be reviewed using the same procedure as was used for the preliminary development plan, except that this chapter will not need to be amended. If no significant deviation from~~

~~the preliminary development plan is found, the city commission will approve the portions of the planned unit development in the final plan.~~

- ~~(7) If an amended preliminary development plan is not submitted within seventy-five (75) days of the city commission decision to require such an amendment, or if the amended preliminary development plan is not approved or approved with conditions, the city commission shall initiate proceedings for rezoning all of the property in the planned unit development.~~
- ~~(s) Adherence to approved final development plan. Building permits for construction shall be issued only if consistent with an approved final development plan.~~
- ~~(1) Minor changes not altering the intent and purpose of the approved final development plan may be approved by the director of planning and development after such departmental comment as he deems appropriate. The director shall also advise the city commission of his administrative determination at the earliest practicable opportunity and such determination shall become effective unless the city commission thereupon finds that the proposed change is substantial in nature and advises the applicant to apply for an amendment of the approved development plan.~~
- ~~(2) Substantial changes in requested uses, density, phasing or other specifications of the approved development plan must be approved by the city commission after it has held a public hearing and after review of the proposed changes by the city planning board.~~
- ~~(3) The amendment of an approved development shall be in the manner provided for adoption of the development plan.~~
- ~~(t) Determining the residential density of existing developments. Developments existing as of January 1, 1981, which request rezoning to the Planned Unit Development District prior to July 1, 1982, may receive credit for property previously owned by the developer for the purpose of determining residential density provided that:~~
- ~~(1) The property not owned by the developer is an integral part of the development;~~
- ~~(2) The property not owned by the developer is contiguous to the property owned by the developer; and~~
- ~~(3) The overall density of the development will not exceed the maximum established by the application of section 22-40(f).~~

**SECTION 2.** 22-40 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, is hereby created so that the same shall read thereafter as follows:

**Sec. 22-40. – Planned Development Zone (PD).**

(a) Purpose. The PD District is intended to provide a process for the evaluation of individually Planned Developments which are not otherwise permitted in the zoning districts established by this Chapter. The PD District is to be a voluntary process commenced by an applicant for such zoning designation. The standards and procedures of this district are intended to promote flexibility of design and permit planned diversification and integration of uses and structures, while at the same time granting the City Commission the absolute authority to establish such limitations and regulations as it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare. In so doing, the PD district is designed to:

- (1) Provide for the planning, review and approval of one (1) or a combination of residential, commercial, public and industrial land uses not otherwise allowed under general zoning districts.
- (2) Encourage structures which result in an organized, compatible development within and with surrounding land uses in density and intensity of use.
- (3) Allow flexibility through a more efficient arrangement of structures, utilities, on-site circulation, and ingress and egress than is permitted under conventional zoning and subdivision regulations.
- (4) Encourage the preservation of environmental assets and natural amenities as scenic and functional open-space areas.
- (5) Encourage usable open space by permitting a more concentrated building area than is allowed under conventional zoning and subdivision regulations.



(6) Encourage innovative site planning and land development concepts in order to create an aesthetically pleasing and functionally desirable living environment while preserving onsite natural elements and cultural resources.

(7) Promote flexibility and efficiency in site design for more desirable living and working environments.

(8) Promote development that is adapted to natural features, including wetlands, trees and other vegetation and habitat, and which avoids the disruption of natural drainage patterns.

(9) Permit site specific requirements based on the unique characteristics of the individual site.

(10) Permit site specific limitations where necessary to protect public health, safety, or welfare, or for the protection or preservation of lands either internal or external to the Planned Development.

(11) The terms Planned Development (PD) and Planned Unit Development (PUD) are deemed synonymous and may be used interchangeably throughout the City's Code of Ordinances.

(b) General standards for approval. The Planned Development (PD) district is designed to allow an applicant to submit a proposal for consideration, for any use or any mixture of uses. The approval of Planned Development rezoning rests with the City Commission. However, no rezoning or development plan may be approved unless the following conditions are met:

(1) Comprehensive Plan Consistency. Any residential, commercial, industrial, or public land uses and structures are permitted in this district, provided the proposed development is shown to be consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the comprehensive plan, and consistent with the future land use element, and the standards and criteria contained in the following sections, unless a corresponding amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is also adopted.

a Density. In no event shall the density granted exceed the maximum gross density permitted under the underlying land use in the Comprehensive Plan.

(2) Perimeter Setbacks. Setbacks at the perimeter of the development shall be equal to those of the abutting zoning district(s), except where City Commission finds that alternate perimeter setbacks would be appropriate. Conditions under which alternate perimeter setbacks may be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

a Property in the abutting zoning district is located across a major roadway from the PD, and therefore, a reduced setback would have little or no impact on the character of the adjacent property;

b. The minimum PD perimeter setback required by this section cannot be achieved due to an exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape, topographic condition or physical or environmental feature uniquely affecting the subject property.

(3) Open space. In all Planned Developments at least twenty (20%) per cent of the site shall be devoted to open space, regardless of project size or intended use; it may include vegetated areas or urban areas unencumbered by an impervious surface, but shall exclude aquatic areas.

(4) Applicability to Other LDRs. All building code, housing code, and other land use regulations of the City of Fort Pierce are applicable to the PD district.

(5) Easements. Easements necessary for the orderly extension and maintenance of public utilities and/or other special needs may be required as a condition of approval.

(6) Phasing. When provisions for phasing are included in the development plan, each phase of development must be so planned and so related to previous development, surrounding properties, and the available public facilities and services, that failure to proceed with subsequent phases will not adversely impact drainage, utilities, parking or the traffic flow of the completed phases.

(7) Other standards. All Planned Developments will comply with regulations affecting signs referred to in section 22-55 and applicable portions of the City's regulations governing subdivisions except that in case of conflict,

(8) Additional requirements. The City Commission may also establish additional requirements which it considers necessary to assure that a Planned Development conforms to the intent of this section.

(9) Variances are Not Necessary. The specific development standards of the PD district are contained in the approved development plan for each Planned Development which normally takes into account those matters which might otherwise be the subject of variance review by the Board of Adjustment.

(c) Application requirements. When an application is submitted to rezone property to a PD zoning district, the following items will be submitted in addition to other information submitted in accordance with section 22-127, the City's subdivision regulations or other City laws:

(1) Written documents:

a. Project Narrative: A statement describing the Planned Development. This statement should include a description of the character of the proposed development as it relates to the development objectives of the City and the City's Comprehensive Plan as well as the applicant's intentions with regard to the future selling or leasing of all or portions of the Planned Development, such as land areas and dwelling units.

b. Unified Control: Material which presents firm evidence of unified control of the entire area within the proposed Planned Development in a manner approved by the City Attorney.

c. Phasing: A development phasing schedule indicating:

1. The approximate date when construction of the project can be expected to begin.

2. The number of phases in which the project will be built and the approximate date when construction of each phase can be expected to begin and completed.

3. A general description of the buildings and streetscapes including standards for height, building coverage, parking areas, and public improvements proposed for each phase of the development.

d. Quantitative data for the following: Total number and type of dwelling units; parcel sizes; proposed lot coverage of buildings and structures; residential gross densities; total amount of open space; and the total amount of nonresidential acreage (including a separate figure for commercial and industrial acreage).

e. A list of any exceptions from the standard zoning ordinance and land development code for any features of the proposed development plan.

f. Agreements, provisions and covenants which govern the use, maintenance and continued protection of the Planned Development and any of its common open space or other shared areas. This material shall include material which binds successors in title to any commitments concerning completion of the project and its maintenance and operation.

(2) Site Plan. A site plan with the following information must be submitted:

a. The existing site conditions, shorelines, flood plains, unique natural features and forest cover.

b. A landscape and irrigation plan per Chapter 22-59 LDC.

c. Proposed lot lines and other divisions of land for management, use or allocation purposes.

d. The location, size and height of present and proposed buildings and structures.

e. The location and size of all areas proposed to be conveyed, dedicated or reserved for streets, parks, playgrounds, public and semi-public buildings and similar uses.

f. The existing and proposed vehicular circulation system, including off-street parking and loading areas.

g. The pedestrian circulation system, including its interrelationships with the vehicular circulation system, within the development to adjacent streets, showing all

curb cuts and sidewalks.

h. The existing and proposed utility systems, including sanitary sewers, storm sewers and water, electric and gas lines.

i. Information on land areas adjacent to the proposed Planned Development, including land uses, zoning classifications, densities, circulation systems, public facilities and unique natural features of the landscape.

j. The proposed buffering treatment of the perimeter of the Planned Development, refuse stations, storage areas, or loading areas, including materials and techniques used such as screens, fences and walls.

k. The location of existing wetlands, proposed preservation and conservation areas.

l. A statement describing any endangered or threatened species that may be located on the site and potential environmental impacts on flora and fauna.

(d) *Planned Development review procedures.*

(1) Pre-application conference. The pre-application conference is an informal discussion between the applicant and the staff of any department that will be involved with the technical review of the proposed Planned Development. The applicant is encouraged to provide the following information related to the proposed development at the meeting.

a. Consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

b. Adequacy of utilities and other public facilities to serve the proposed development.

c. Relationship with the surrounding neighborhood.

d. Compliance concerns.

(2) Site Development Plan. Will include all information specified in this section. The procedure for reviewing the development plan is the procedure set forth in Section 22-128, Amendment Procedures, and Section 22-58, Site Plan Review. If the proposed Planned Development also involves the subdividing of land which is regulated by the City, the preliminary plat should be reviewed concurrently with the development plan as specified in Chapter 18. Approval of a development plan or approval of the plan with conditions shall occur concurrently with a change in zoning for the property.

(e) *Adherence to Approved Development Plan.* Building permits for construction shall be issued only if consistent with an approved development plan. No building permit or certificate of occupancy shall be issued for a Planned Development except in conformity with all provisions of the approved final plan, as amended. All buildings and improvements in a particular phase need not be complete before the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for a completed building in that phase unless otherwise required by the final plan as approved.

(f) *Modification of an Approved PD Site plans.* Changes to approved PD site plans are either major modifications or minor modifications. A major modification shall require the approval of the City Commission, while a minor modification may be done administratively by the Planning Manager (or designee)

(1) *Modification review criteria.* Generally, additions, deletions, changes in the use, density, sequence of development or other specifications of an approved PD plan are to be viewed as a major modification. Once a determination has been made that a proposed modification constitutes a major modification, the applicant shall follow the same procedure as a new Planned Development request. An application for a major modification shall be filed in the planning department. Applications for a major modification of PD plans shall require an updated, revised PD site development plan indicating the effect of the proposed change, a narrative description of the modification and reasons such a change is necessary, and additional information as required by the Planning Manager (or designee) to adequately review the proposed modification.

The following alterations shall be considered a major modification, and reapplication as a new development plan will be required:

a. Increase or decrease in intensity of use. A change of five (5) percent or more of usable floor area, or a change of five (5) percent or more in the number of dwelling units, or a change of five (5) percent or more of outside land area devoted to sales,

displays, or demonstrations. In no case shall the intensity or density be increased over the maximum allowed by the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

b Any change in the location of the parking area(s), or a change of ten (10) percent or more in the number of spaces approved.

c Structural alterations significantly affecting the basic size and form of the building(s) as shown on the approved plan including increase in building height of more than one story or twelve (12) feet.

d Any reduction in the amount of open space by five (5) percent or more, or a substantial change in the location or characteristics of open space uses.

e Substantial changes in location or type of pedestrian or vehicular accesses or circulation.

f Any change which would increase traffic generation by more than ten (10) percent.

g Any change in land use or an increase in density within five hundred (500) feet of the PD boundaries, or within two hundred (200) feet of any part of the Planned Development which has been constructed or sold to an owner or owners different from the applicant requesting the change.

h Any deviation exceeding twelve (12) inches from the setbacks, area, or dimensional standards approved as part of the site development plan.

i A change to the buffering material that negatively impacts the surrounding neighborhood.

j Any change in the design and/or location of the stormwater facility that negatively impacts the surrounding neighborhood.

k Any addition or reduction to the area of a Planned Development.

l Changes proposed to three (3) or more of the criteria that do not meet the threshold individually to be considered a major modification.

m Any change in a condition specifically required by the City Commissioners as part of the Planned Development approval.

(2) Minor modification. Any modification to an approved PD plan which does not constitute a major modification shall be considered a minor modification. Generally, minor variations, extensions, alterations or modifications of proposed uses, buildings/structures or other improvements which are consistent with the purpose and intent of the approved PD plan are considered minor modifications. Upon determination that the proposed modification is a minor modification, the Planning Manager (or designee) shall render a decision to the applicant within fifteen (15) working days after submission of a completed modification application. Applications for a modification shall include an updated, revised PD site development plan indicating the effect of the proposed change and a narrative description of the modification and the reasons why such a change is necessary.

(3) Prior to build-out of fifty percent (50%) of the land in a Planned Development, the property owner shall have the right to initiate any amendments to any developed or undeveloped portions of the Planned Development. After fifty percent (50%) or more of the land in the Planned Development has been built-out, the property owner may initiate any amendments to undeveloped portions of the Planned Development, however, amendments to developed portions of the Planned Development may only be initiated by:

a The property owner, for an amendment to the Planned Development which is not applicable to all developed portions of the Planned Development; or

b Petition by the owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the developed property in the PD district for an amendment to the Planned Development applicable to all of the developed portions of the Planned Development; or

c City Commission, where necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the property owners in the Planned Development.

(g) Status of Previously Approved PUD (Planned Unit Development zone) Plans. Any active or

completed Planned Development project approved prior to the adoption of this ordinance shall continue to be governed by the approved PUD plan and any agreements, terms and conditions to which the approval may be subject, as long as the project continues to be actively under development. Any time limitations to which the approved PUD plan may be subject shall also continue to apply. However, whenever any application is made to substantially modify (see major modification), the approved PUD plan or to undertake a new development on part or all of the property, the application shall be made under the terms and procedures of the PD district.

(h) *Expiration of an Approved PD Plan.* Any Planned Development approval for a project which has failed to commence by securing a building permit for a vertical improvement in accordance with the approved PD plans within two (2) years of final approval of the Planned Development, shall be considered expired. However, if the property owner obtains a building permit for a vertical improvement in accordance with the approved PD plans within two (2) years after final approval of the Planned Development, the property owner's development rights under the PD approval shall be deemed vested and shall not expire. Extensions to the expiration date of the PD approval may be granted by the City Commission in 2-year increments. Any request for an extension to the expiration date of the PD approval must be submitted in writing to the Planning Manager for review no later than the expiration date of the PD approval.

If the PD expires, the land will retain the PD zoning designation; however the Site Development Plan approved with the PD rezoning will be null and void. Either the previously approved or a new Site Development Plan can be used to reapply.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same shall be repealed and shall no further force of effect whatsoever.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is and the same shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:**

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Robert V. Schwerer, Esq.  
City Attorney

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED**, Mayor Commissioner and the City Clerk of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing and above Ordinance No. 15-004 was duly advertised by title only in the St. Lucie News Tribune on February 7, 2015, and on February 20, 2015; copy of said ordinance was made available at the office of the City Clerk to the public upon request; said ordinance was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on first reading by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on February 17, 2015; and was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on second and final reading on March 2, 2015, by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida.

**IN WITNESS HERewith**, we hereunto set our hands and affix the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2015.

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Linda Hudson,  
Mayor Commissioner

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Linda W. Cox,  
City Clerk

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