

June 15, 2026

The Honorable Carl Zalak
Chairman, Marion County
Board of County Commissioners
601 Southeast 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

Dear Chair Zalak,

FloridaCommerce has completed its review of the proposed comprehensive plan amendment for Marion County (Amendment No. 26-01ER), which was received on April 15, 2026. FloridaCommerce has reviewed the proposed amendment in accordance with the state coordinated review process set forth in sections 163.3184(2) and (4), Florida Statutes (F.S.), for compliance with Chapter 163, Part II, F.S. FloridaCommerce does not identify any objections or comments to the proposed amendment and this letter serves as the Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report. Review comments received by FloridaCommerce from the appropriate reviewing agencies, if any, are enclosed.

The County should act by choosing to adopt, adopt with changes or not adopt the proposed amendment. For your assistance, the procedures for final adoption and transmittal of the comprehensive plan amendment are enclosed.

The second public hearing, which shall be a hearing on whether to adopt one or more comprehensive plan amendments, **must be held within 180 days** of your receipt of FloridaCommerce's attached report, or the amendment will be deemed withdrawn unless extended by agreement with notice to FloridaCommerce and any affected party that provided comment on the amendment pursuant to section 163.3184(4)(e)1., F.S. **The adopted amendment must be transmitted to FloridaCommerce within ten working days after the final adoption hearing or the amendment shall be deemed withdrawn pursuant to section 163.3184(4)(e)2., F.S.**

If you have any questions related to this review, please contact Christina Nazaire, Regional Planning Administrator, by telephone at (850)-717-8532 or by email via Christina.Nazaire@Commerce.fl.gov.

Sincerely,



James D. Stansbury, Chief
Bureau of Community Planning and Growth

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Enclosure: Procedures for Adoption

cc: Kenneth Weyrauch, AICP, Deputy Director of Growth Services, Marion County
Scott R. Koons, Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

SUBMITTAL OF ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

FOR STATE COORDINATED REVIEW

Section 163.3184(4), Florida Statutes

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: Please submit electronically using FloridaCommerce’s electronic amendment submittal portal “**Comprehensive Plan and Amendment Upload**” (<https://fideo.my.salesforce-sites.com/cp/>) or submit three complete copies of all comprehensive plan materials, of which one complete paper copy and two complete electronic copies on CD ROM in Portable Document Format (PDF) to the State Land Planning Agency and one copy to each entity below that provided timely comments to the local government: the appropriate Regional Planning Council, Water Management District, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of State, the appropriate county (municipal amendments only), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (county plan amendments only), and the Department of Education (amendments relating to public schools), and for certain local governments, the appropriate military installation and any other local government or governmental agency that has filed a written request.

SUBMITTAL LETTER: Please include the following information in the cover letter transmitting the adopted amendment:

_____ State Land Planning Agency identification number for adopted amendment package.

_____ Summary description of the adoption package, including any amendments proposed but not adopted.

_____ Ordinance number and adoption date.

_____ Certification that the adopted amendment(s) has been submitted to all parties that provided timely comments to the local government.

_____ Name, title, address, telephone, FAX number and e-mail address of local government contact.

_____ Letter signed by the chief elected official or the person designated by the local government.

ADOPTION AMENDMENT PACKAGE: Please include the following information in the amendment package:

_____ In the case of text amendments, changes should be shown in strike-through/underline format.

_____ In the case of future land use map amendment, an adopted future land use map, **in color format**, clearly depicting the parcel, its existing future land use designation and its adopted designation.

_____ A copy of any data and analyses the local government deems appropriate.

Note: If the local government is relying on previously submitted data and analysis, no additional data and analysis is required.

_____ Copy of executed ordinance adopting the comprehensive plan amendment(s).

Suggested effective date language for the adoption ordinance for state coordinated review:

"The effective date of this plan amendment, if the amendment is not timely challenged, shall be the date the state land planning agency posts a notice of intent determining that this amendment is in compliance. If the amendment is timely challenged, or if the state land planning agency issues a notice of intent determining that this amendment is not in compliance, this amendment shall become effective on the date the state land planning agency, or the Administration Commission enters a final order determining this adopted amendment to be in compliance."

_____ List of additional changes made in the adopted amendment that the FloridaCommerce did not previously review.

_____ List of findings of the local governing body, if any, that were not included in the ordinance, and which provided the basis of the adoption or determination not to adopt the proposed amendment.

_____ Statement indicating the relationship of the additional changes not previously reviewed by the FloridaCommerce to the ORC report from the FloridaCommerce.