

The Marion County Land Development Regulation Commission met on May 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Growth Services Main Training Room, 2710 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, Florida.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Tillman called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Autumn Williams called roll, and the quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were Chairman David Tillman, Vice Chairman Gene Losito, Richard Busche, Erica Larson, Robert Stepp, and Nate Chambers.

Staff members present were Chief Assistant County Attorney Dana Olesky, Assistant County Administrator Tracy Straub, Growth Services Director Chuck Varadin, Growth Services Deputy Director Ken Weyrauch, Code Enforcement Manager Robin Hough, Planner Sarah Wells, and Administrative Manager Autumn Williams.

Chairman David Tillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were members of the public present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Autumn Williams read the Proof of Publication and advised that the meeting was properly advertised.

1. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

LDRC Board Member Richard Busche made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 6, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gene Losito. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

2. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2.1 Workshop: Discussion for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments Presented by Staff. The LDRC will Review and Provide Recommendations Regarding Section 4.3.30 Smoke Shops

Ken Weyrauch, Growth Services Deputy Director, opened the discussion regarding this item. Chief Assistant County Attorney Dana Olesky added additional comments.

LDRC Board Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding the current language.

The following member of the public spoke during Public Comment:

1. Mary DelZotto – 5050 NW 150th Avenue, Morriston
 - Clarified that there are currently 140 to 170 child care facilities in Marion County.

LDRC Board Member Gene Losito made a motion, which was seconded by Board Member Erica Larson. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

2.2 Workshop: Discussion for Proposed Marion County Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments Presented by Staff. The LDRC will Review and Provide Recommendations Regarding Section 4.3.12 Roadside Vendors

Ken Weyrauch, Growth Services Deputy Director, opened the discussion regarding this item.

LDRC Board Members voiced their recommendations and comments regarding the current language.

Chuck Varadin, Growth Services Director, Dana Olesky, Assistant County Attorney, and Robin Hough, Code Enforcement Manager, added additional comments.

The following member of the public spoke during Public Comment:

1. Mary DelZotto – 5050 NW 150th Avenue, Morriston
 - Expressed concerns about the restroom facilities intended for employees only, or are they also available for public/guest use? If a restaurant removes its kitchen operations from inside the main building and instead operates from a food truck positioned behind the establishment, does this arrangement fall under the same rules and requirements as standard food trucks? In cases where equipment or structures (such as a food truck or portable kitchen setup) are temporary or removable, how are they classified for regulatory or compliance purposes?

The Board agreed that more discussion on the language was needed and will bring the item back to a future Workshop.

2. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Next LDRC Workshop will be scheduled for June 3, 2026

Dana Olesky, Chief Assistant County Attorney, clarified when public comment should be accepted. She also discussed the upcoming Workshop and Public Hearing Meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Attest:



Autumn Williams, Administrative Manager



David Tillman, Chairman