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March 15, 2021

The Honorable Jeff Gold  
Chairman, Marion County  
Board of County Commissioners  
601 Southeast 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ocala, Florida 34471

Dear Chairman Gold:

The Department of Economic Opportunity ("Department") has reviewed Marion County proposed comprehensive plan amendment (Amendment No. 21-01ESR), received on February 22, 2021, pursuant to the expedited state review process in Section 163.3184(2)(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.). We have identified no comment related to adverse impacts to important state resources and facilities within the Department's authorized scope of review.

We are, however, providing a technical assistance comment consistent with Section 163.3168(3), F.S. The technical assistance comment will not form the basis of a challenge. It is offered either as a suggestion which can strengthen the County's comprehensive plan in order to foster a vibrant, healthy community or is technical in nature and designed to ensure consistency with the Community Planning Act in Chapter 163, Part II, F.S. The technical assistance comment is:

The proposed amendment deletes Policy 1.2.3 which requires the County to update the CIE Schedule annually and adopt revisions by ordinance. The Department recommends that the County retain the policy and revise the language to mirror the language in Section 163.3177(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

The County should act by choosing to adopt, adopt with changes, or not adopt the proposed amendment. For your assistance, we have enclosed the procedures for adoption and transmittal of the comprehensive plan amendment. In addition, the County is reminded that:

- Section 163.3184(3)(b), F.S., authorizes other reviewing agencies to provide comments directly to the County. **If the County receives reviewing agency comments and they are not resolved, these comments could form the basis for a challenge to the amendment after adoption.**
- **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plan amendments, must be held within 180 days of your receipt of agency comments or the amendment shall be deemed withdrawn unless extended by agreement with**

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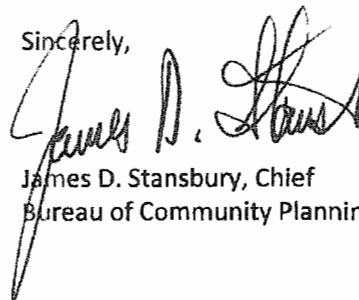
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notice to the Department and any affected party that provided comment on the amendment pursuant to Section 163.3184(3)(c)1., F.S.

- **The adopted amendment must be rendered to the Department.** Under Section 163.3184(3)(c)2. and 4., F.S., the **amendment effective date** is 31 days after the Department notifies the County that the amendment package is complete or, if challenged, until it is found to be in compliance by the Department or the Administration Commission.

If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact Beau Scott, Planning Analyst, by telephone at (850) 717-8515 or by email at [beau.scott@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:beau.scott@deo.myflorida.com).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure(s): Procedures for Adoption

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