

28-36.003 Principles for Guiding Development.

(1) Objectives to Be Achieved.

(a) Strengthen local government capabilities for managing land use and development;

(b) Protection of tidal mangroves and associated shoreline and marine resources and wildlife;

(c) Minimize the adverse impacts of development of the quality of water in and around the City of Key West and throughout the Florida Keys;

(d) Protection of scenic resources of the City of Key West and promotion of the management of unique, tropical vegetation;

(e) Protection of the historical heritage of Key West and the Key West Historical Preservation District;

(f) Protection of the value, efficiency, cost-effectiveness and amortized life of existing and proposed major public investments, including:

1. The Florida Keys Aqueduct and water supply facilities,

2. Sewage collection and disposal facilities,

3. Solid waste collection and disposal facilities,

4. Key West Naval Air Station,

5. The maintenance and expansion of transportation facilities, and

6. Other utilities, as appropriate;

(g) Minimize the adverse impacts of proposed public investments on the natural and environmental resources of the City of Key West; and

(h) Protection of the public health, safety, welfare and economy of the City of Key West, and the maintenance of Key West as a unique Florida resource.

(2) Elements Requiring Regulation.

(a) Planning and Administration.

1. The City of Key West shall modify the Comprehensive Plan which guides development within its boundaries to be consistent with these principles. The Comprehensive Plan shall be implemented through development regulations, including zoning ordinances and maps, which are kept current and made available for reasonable public distribution and inspection. Development orders shall be issued only in conformance with the policies and standards of the Comprehensive Plan, development regulations and maps.

2. The City of Key West shall prepare and implement Capital Improvement Plans based on viable funding sources to provide adequate infrastructure for existing and future development.

3. Issuance of development orders shall be coordinated with and contingent upon provisions contained within the Capital Improvement Plan. Development shall not be approved which is inconsistent with or exceeds the services specified in the Plan.

4. Special planning and zoning districts shall be created for:

a. Environmentally sensitive areas including, without limitation, mangrove communities. Such areas shall be zoned with a maximum use density of one dwelling unit per acre. Site alteration in these areas shall be limited to 10% of the total site size. Density credit should be considered by local governments as an incentive for the preservation of environmentally sensitive areas.

b. Noise and hazard zones of the Key West Naval Air Station as delineated by the U. S. Navy Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Development within such zones should be limited to that compatible with air operations. Implementation of this section should be closely coordinated with the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Similar districts should be created around civilian airfields in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration. Codes for airfield districts should clearly specify height limits for structures and other appropriate restrictions on development necessary to protect air operations and public health and safety.

5. A community impact statement shall be designed to enable local governmental officials to determine the proposed development's favorable or unfavorable impact on the environment, natural resources, economy and the potential of the project to meet local or regional housing needs. The statement shall also require information relative to the project's potential impact on public facilities, including without limitation, water, sewer, solid waste disposal and transportation facilities. A community impact assessment statement shall be submitted and approved prior to the issuance of development orders or site plan approval for the following developments:

a. Any development which includes building(s) in excess of 45 feet in height;

b. Any intensive land uses including: residential uses of 10 or more dwelling units per acre or 50 or more total dwelling units; and

c. Intensive business, commercial, or industrial uses.

6. Developments shall be encouraged in the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations to use clustering and other design techniques which would reduce public facilities costs, produce energy savings, and improve the scenic quality of the development. In addition, they shall conform to appropriate setback and open space requirements, stringent landscaping and land use compatibility requirements. Building and siting requirements shall reduce hurricane and fire damage potential and control access to City thoroughfares.

7. An evacuation plan consistent with regional and County plans shall be prepared and adopted which provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to evacuate to a place of safety during a natural disaster.

(b) Site Alteration Regulations.

Site alteration and landscaping regulations shall provide for:

1. A land clearing permit of limited duration issued upon approval of a site plan which includes a natural vegetation map, excepting minimal clearing required for survey.

2. Limitation of the size and species of trees allowed to be removed in clearing, including reasonable exceptions for structure sites and public safety. The ordinance shall provide protection for native tropical vegetation and tree species characteristic of West Indian tropical hardwood hammocks.

3. Revegetation and landscaping of cleared sites after construction.

(c) Waste Control and Water Quality Protection.

1. The City of Key West, in cooperation with the Monroe County Waste Collection and Disposal District, shall establish criteria and regulations for the methods and location of the disposal of all solid waste and waste-water effluents and residuals.

2. Site alteration and subdivision regulations shall provide for:

a. Retention of runoff or discharge of such runoff into adequately sized natural vegetative filtration areas in a manner approximating the natural runoff regime.

b. Permanent drainage systems which make maximum use of natural drainage patterns, vegetative retention and filtration.

c. Maintenance of habitat for wildlife species, prevent the introduction of noxious vegetation, and minimize the alteration of transitional wetlands.

(d) Protection of Public Facilities and Investments.

1. The City of Key West, in cooperation with the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, shall amend all applicable plumbing codes to provide for the mandatory installation of water conserving fixtures in all new development and redevelopment.

2. Business, commercial and industrial development shall provide off street parking and limited controlled access points to City thoroughfares.

3. Existing and future waste treatment and disposal sites shall be protected from encroachment by land uses which would endanger their functions or existence.

(e) Historical Resource Protection.

1. A management and enforcement plan and ordinance shall be adopted by the City of Key West providing that designs and uses of development reconstruction within the Key West Historical Preservation District shall be compatible with the existing unique architectural styles and shall protect the historical values of the District.

2. The City of Key West shall maintain an architectural review board established pursuant to Section 266.207(2), Florida Statutes. Furthermore, the architectural review board shall receive notice of all applications for development within the City of Key West and participate in hearings as appropriate.

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