

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & POLICIES

GOAL 1: To practice effective intergovernmental coordination and communication, so as to attain the goals and objectives of the elements of the City of North Port Comprehensive Plan, and to promote cooperation, through which present and future mutual areas of concern can be addressed and conflicts resolved.

Objective 1: The City will exercise the appropriate mechanisms with other jurisdictions which are needed to manage growth, address adjacent development impacts, coordinate comprehensive planning activities, and establish and maintain adopted level of service standards.

Policy 1.1: The City will continue in its interlocal agreement, and will expand cooperation as necessary, with the Sarasota County School Board regarding such matters as school concurrency, busing, the programming and promotion of continuing education services within the City in order to meet local needs, and facility and site planning, including elementary, middle, and high schools.

Policy 1.2: The City will maintain and ensure the appropriate level of responsibility for maintenance and expansion of shared facilities as specified in existing and future interlocal agreements with adjacent governments, school boards, and other units of local government.

Policy 1.3: The City will continue to implement procedures by which the City and surrounding jurisdictions will exchange pending land development applications, and will provide for comments and recommendations by such jurisdictions during the application review process.

Policy 1.4: Consistent with Policy 1.3, the City declares an interest in land development applications within four miles of its borders, and in any other land development beyond four miles which may have impacts upon the City.

Policy 1.5: The City may execute joint participation agreements with the appropriate entities for the development of growth management information needed by an agency for areas within the City.

Policy 1.6: The City of North Port will coordinate in the establishment of levels of service for public facilities with any state, regional, or local entity having operational or maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

Objective 2: The City will maintain and enhance its formal and informal interaction with other jurisdictions.

Policy 2.1: The City will participate in the regional planning programs and technical advisory committees of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

Policy 2.2: The City shall participate in all Sarasota and Charlotte County technical advisory committees which address issues having a direct impact upon the City of North Port.

Policy 2.3: The City will participate in all planning or resource management programs for the Myakka River or Charlotte Harbor including, but not limited to, the Myakka River Coordinating Council, the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (NEP), and the Charlotte Harbor Surface Water Improvement and Management Program (SWIM).

Policy 2.4: In the event or the likelihood of a dispute with a neighboring jurisdiction or regional or state agency, the City agrees to initial use of informal mediation programs of the Regional Planning Council or the Florida Growth Management Resolution Consortium; if such mediation fails, cannot be initiated or is inappropriate, then other forms of dispute resolution may be pursued as set forth in state law.

Policy 2.5: The City will share its information on comprehensive planning with any interested entity, and will make use of other agencies' information to the extent feasible and relevant.

Policy 2.6: The City may pursue further annexations only of those areas which can be served by the appropriate party in a manner that is demonstrably fiscally neutral; notwithstanding the City's home rule powers, the City will advise Sarasota County of any contemplated future annexations and contractions of the City.

Policy 2.7: Recognizing the important environmental and safety functions of prescribed burning, the City will continue to cooperate with the State Division of Forestry in assessing and implementing controlled burn programs.

Policy 2.8: The City will continue to coordinate activities with all appropriate agencies for the purpose of securing grants.

Policy 2.9: The City will continue coordination with independent and dependent districts, and Holiday Park, as necessary.

Policy 2.10: With the aid and resources of the North Port Fire Rescue District, the District's Emergency Management Coordinator, and other City agencies, the City will continue to coordinate emergency management planning with Sarasota County Emergency Services, and as necessary, Charlotte County and other regional emergency management agencies.

Policy 2.11: The City will review existing and consider future mutual aid agreements for fire and police service in an ongoing effort to improve public safety for its residents.

Policy 2.12: Pursuant to the provisions of the June 2006 Interlocal Agreement between the City of North Port and Sarasota County whereby the County is responsible for maintenance

and operation of certain City-owned parks, the City will continue to coordinate with the County and its agents in order that recreational facilities and activities are readily accessible to and usable by City residents. Further, the City will also continue to coordinate with other local, state and federal agencies to provide public access to properties under their control.

Policy 2.13: To facilitate coordination of transportation projects, the City will continue to participate as an active voting member of the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The City shall continue as an active participant in the transportation planning activities of the Charlotte-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization through its inclusion in the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee.

Policy 2.14: The City will continue to honor the conditions of the Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement based on the terms of §163.01 F.S., and pursue other agreements with neighboring governmental entities that may also serve the purpose of reducing costs through consolidating purchases.

Policy 2.15: The City shall increase coordination with appropriate jurisdictions and governmental agencies in assessing consolidation in the delivery of services where deemed economically feasible.

Policy 2.16: The City will work with the State Division of Forestry and other appropriate State and local agencies, including the State Forest Liaison Committee, to continue to protect and preserve the Myakka State Forest through adherence to the management practices described in the adopted Myakka State Forest Management Plan.

Policy 2.17: To ensure the preservation and protection of North Port's archaeological and historical resources, the City must coordinate preservation efforts with Sarasota County, the Sarasota Historical Society, the SWFRPC, and related public and private agencies.

Policy 2.18: The City shall coordinate with the State of Florida, Southwest Florida Water Management District and other agencies to provide appropriate public access to conservation areas located within, adjacent to or near the City limits.

Objective 3: Recognizing the particular importance of effective intergovernmental relations with Sarasota County, and notwithstanding the City's home rule powers, the City will work jointly with the County to maintain and enhance all feasible and appropriate measures to manage growth and adjacent development impacts.

Policy 3.1: To assure the orderly and efficient provision of public facilities and services and compatibility of land uses, the City will coordinate with the County regarding developments of extra-jurisdictional impact within the Joint Planning Area (consistent with Policy 1.3 of this element) or Areas of Development Review Coordination, whether such developments are within the City limits or in the unincorporated area of the County.

Policy 3.2: The City will provide written notice to the County of the following matters or applications that relate to Developments of Extra-Jurisdictional Impact located within the

municipal boundaries of the City: Comprehensive Plan amendments, rezonings and development concept plans.

Policy 3.3: The City of North Port may consider working with Sarasota County to create, adopt and implement a Joint Planning Agreement and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (JPA/ISBA) to, facilitate regional growth management; achieve parity in the location of public facilities and services; and avoid costly duplication of services and facilities.

Objective 4: Intergovernmental Coordination

The City of North Port shall maintain and enhance joint planning processes and procedures for coordination of public education facilities for planning and decision-making.

Policy 4.1

On an ongoing basis, the City of North Port shall establish new and review existing coordination mechanisms that will evaluate and address its comprehensive plan and programs and their effects on the comprehensive plans developed for the adjacent local governments, the School Board, and other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over use of land and the State, by an annual county-wide forum, joint meetings or other types of forums with other agencies. Assistance for this effort shall be requested from regional and state agencies, as needed.

Policy 4.2

On an annual basis, the School Board will provide the City of North Port with information from their Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan to determine the need for additional school facilities. The School Board shall provide to the county, each year, a general education facilities report. The educational facilities report shall contain information detailing (a) existing facilities and their locations and projected needs, and (b) capacity of each school, current enrollment and committed or reserved capacity. The report shall also contain the School Board's five and ten-year capital improvement plan, including planned facilities with funding representing the district's unmet needs.

Policy 4.3

In order to coordinate the effective and efficient provision and siting of public educational facilities with associated infrastructure and services within Sarasota County, the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners, the Sarasota County School Board, and the Town of Longboat Key, City of Sarasota, City of Venice, and City of North Port shall meet jointly to develop mechanisms for coordination. Such efforts may include:

a) Coordinated submittal and review of the annual capital improvement program of the City of North Port, the annual educational facilities report, Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan and Five-Year School Plant Survey of the Sarasota County School Board.

b) Coordinated review and assessment of the associated costs and expenditures of siting

and developing schools with needed public infrastructure.

c) Coordinated review of residential planned developments or mixed use planned developments involving residential development.

d) Use of a unified data base including population (forecasts of student population), land use and facilities.

e) Use of the Parks/Schools Planning Group (with representatives from each of the entities) to review coordinated siting of schools with parks for multi-functional use. Directives resulting from the joint meeting shall be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Regulations, and other appropriate mechanisms as deemed necessary.