

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: May 19, 2009

Date Submitted: May 6, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Commissioner Kessler

Subject: Ordinance Requiring a Supermajority Vote on Large-Scale Comprehensive Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan

Statement of Issue:

This item asks the Board of County Commissioners to direct staff to create an Ordinance that would require a supermajority vote on any future Large Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments and bring it back to the Board for approval to advertise.

Background/Description:

Our Comprehensive Plan is intended to be a road map for our County defining the way we grow. At present a simple majority vote of the Board can change our Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a plan that looks out into the future.

Analysis:

At present a simple majority vote of the Board can have significant impact on the County's Comprehensive Plan. This plan is intended to provide stability and give assurance for our citizens and for future investors that our County is going to develop in a certain manner. At present our Comprehensive Plan can be too easily changed. This diminishes the stability that a Comprehensive Plan is intended to provide. Stability is important for well-planned future growth. There are other counties in Florida that have Ordinances requiring such a supermajority vote for Comprehensive Plan changes. Having such an Ordinance would reinforce the significant importance of each such comprehensive change and prevent piecemeal changes and encourages that are compatible with an overall County plan of change and growth.

Options:

1. Vote to direct staff to create an Ordinance that would require a supermajority vote for large-scale comprehensive changes.
2. Do not direct staff to create an Ordinance that would require a supermajority vote for large-scale comprehensive changes
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment:

1. Example Ordinance