



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 19-00255

City Council

5/30/2019

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council President Andy Terhaar

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) - GATEWAY REVIEW BOARD

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council refer to the Planning Board for its consideration and recommendation a proposed amendment to the Code of the City of Pensacola Land Development Code, dissolving the Gateway Review Board and reassigning aesthetic review to the Planning Board.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

In September of 1998, Ordinance No. 33-98 as codified within City Code 12-2-12 and 12-14, respectively created the Gateway Redevelopment District and Gateway Review Board.

The LDC is the principal means of planning and regulating the development and redevelopment of land within the City. The LDC was adopted by City Council in its present form in 1991 pursuant to the *Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act*. From time to time, it is necessary to amend the LDC to provide consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and to respond to community concerns, legal considerations, and changes in the development patterns and planning techniques. One of the overlay districts currently contained in the LDC is the Gateway Redevelopment District.

The Gateway Redevelopment District was created in September of 1998 upon the passage of Ordinance No. 33-98 by the City Council. It was established to promote the orderly redevelopment of the southern gateway to the city in order to enhance its visual appearance, preserve a unique shoreline vista, improve traffic safety, and encourage a high quality of site planning and architectural design. Site specific analysis of each development proposal within the Gateway Redevelopment District is intended to ensure that the scenic orientation and open space image of Bayfront Parkway is maintained, the development character of the Chase-Gregory corridor is upgraded, and the boundary of the adjacent historic district is positively reinforced.

Currently, the Planning Board has aesthetic review over other development district, such as the Waterfront Redevelopment District, therefore providing this oversight to the Planning Board is in line with their current responsibilities.

PRIOR ACTION:

September 1998 - Ordinance No. 33-98 passed by City Council

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Sec. 12-13-4 Gateway Review Board
- 2) Sec. 12-2-12 Redevelopment Land Use District - Gateway Review District

PRESENTATION: No