

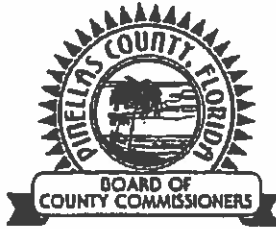
PINELLAS COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 31, 2014; 1:30 PM
TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Ste. 100, Pinellas Park

Agenda

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Approval of Minutes June 27, 2014
- 3) Presentation – Steve Elliot, President of the Association of Contingency Planners (ACP)
- 4) Sub-Committees/Assignments
 - a. Appendix 1- Vulnerability Identification & Assessment
 - b. Appendix 2 – Workgroup Membership
 - c. Appendix 4 – LMS Goals & Objectives
 - d. Appendix 5 – Local Programs, Policies and Capabilities
 - e. Appendix 6 – Local Departmental Responsibilities in Mitigation Implementation
 - f. Appendix 7 – Community Participation and Outreach
 - g. Appendix 9 – Initiatives
 - h. Appendix 10 – Mitigation Accomplishments & Successes
 - i. Appendix 12 – Critical Facilities
 - j. Appendix 13 – Repetitive Property Loss Inventory
 - k. Inclusion of CRS Floodplain Planning Process
- 5) Any Other Business
- 6) Adjourn

NEXT PROPOSED LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, August 20, 2014
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
New Pinellas County EOC
10750 Ulmerton Rd.,
Largo, FL



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: August 5, 2014
AGENDA ITEM NO.

Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

Public Hearing

County Administrator's Signature:

Subject:

Request for Authority to Advertise a Proposed Amendment to the Pinellas County Code Adding Division 2 of Chapter 34, Article II, Creating Regulations to Govern the Provision of Temporary Emergency Housing Following a Disaster.

Department:

Planning & Development Services

Staff Member Responsible:

Jake Stowers, Executive Director

Recommended Action:

I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE CONDUCTED ON OCTOBER 21, 2014 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2014 TO CONSIDER AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PINELLAS COUNTY TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING ORDINANCE.

Summary Explanation/Background:

This proposed Temporary Emergency Housing Ordinance is the result of a lengthy collaborative endeavor directed at developing the regulations and process for addressing temporary housing needs following a disaster declaration. The intent is to allow, on a temporary basis, housing options that would normally not be permitted in certain land use and zoning districts, as well as to provide a certain amount of flexibility in the application of land development regulations to allow for the provision and placement of temporary housing options for residents displaced from their homes as a result of a disaster. The proposed regulations would only go into effect upon declaration of a State of Housing Emergency by the Board of County Commissioners and would apply to all or any part of the incorporated and/or unincorporated areas of Pinellas County.

The proposed Ordinance has been reviewed by local municipalities (distributed via email on September 11, 2013), the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) staff and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It was also presented and discussed at the April 1, 2013 Planners Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting. Comments received have been incorporated into the Ordinance or noted for discussion later. Importantly, a municipality could opt out of the County Ordinance if they have adopted a municipal ordinance to address local housing emergencies within their own jurisdiction. Otherwise, the County Ordinance would apply. Those who opt out are encouraged to use the County's Ordinance as a model to customize for their own purposes, as it may expedite FEMA's relief efforts to the County as a whole in the event of a larger emergency. FEMA indicates it is their desire to work within a consistent post-disaster regulatory framework, as it can make a countywide relief effort easier and more efficient.

In addition to this implementing Ordinance, amendments are required to municipal Comprehensive Plans and the Countywide Rules in order to recognize and support the necessity of allowing for alternative housing options, as well as a coordinated process for regulating the placement of those housing options on a temporary basis. For these reasons, County staff plan to use the Local Mitigation Strategy group (comprised of staff from the County and municipalities who work together on disaster mitigation) to continue to coordinate on the critical issue of emergency/temporary housing. The County's Comprehensive Plan already includes the required policy support (refer to Coastal Management Element Policy 1.1.14) directing the development of a means to address emergency housing needs following a disaster.

At this time, staff is seeking authority from the Board to advertise the public hearings required to adopt this Ordinance. The Local Planning Agency (LPA) will be required to review the Ordinance at a public hearing and make a recommendation to the Board regarding its consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. That hearing is anticipated to be held in September of this year, prior to the Board hearings planned for October and November. Ongoing coordination will then occur with the municipalities and the PPC in order to complete the steps necessary to fully implement this critical disaster recovery responsibility.