

INTERLOCAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

GOAL I: IMPROVE THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF INTERLOCAL COORDINATION TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND TO RESOLVE ANY CONFLICTS THAT MAY ARISE.

Objective A: The City will continue to use the existing interlocal agreements with the school board and adjacent communities which provides for close coordination and evaluation of development proposals. The City will periodically review and update the interlocal agreements as needed.

Policy A.1: The City's Land Development Code will delineate the specific process to be used to advise the school board and adjacent communities of proposed developments which would impact their jurisdiction.

Policy A.2: The City will initiate notification of any changes that may affect other jurisdictions or agencies by transmitting copies of required Citizen Participation notifications to all jurisdictions and agencies on its inventory of coordinating agencies and requesting comments.

Policy A.3: The City will contact Walton County and any adjacent municipality of an intended annexation and will request comments. When objections are voiced, a committee consisting of the Mayor, a Council member named by the Council, and the City Attorney shall resolve conflicts and recommend a course of action to the full Council.

Policy A.4: The City shall implement the requirements of Section 163.3177, F.S. by executing by November 30, 2003, an interlocal agreement with the Walton County School Board to jointly establish the specific ways in which the plans and processes of both entities are to be coordinated regarding land use and public facilities planning.

Policy A.5 The interlocal agreement on school planning shall at a minimum include provisions for joint meetings; student enrollment and population projections; coordinating and sharing of information; school site selection, significant renovations, and potential school closures; supporting infrastructure; school board representation on the local planning agency; co-location and shared use; resolution of disputes; oversight process; and site plan review.

Objective B: The City and the County fire districts will maintain a communications agreement.

Policy B.1: The City will coordinate fire protection service communications countywide.

Objective C: The City and Walton County will maintain an informal conflict resolution process.

Policy C.1: The Comprehensive Plan Committee will be formed and will function as the initial agency to mediate comprehensive planning conflicts.

Policy C.2: The informal mediation process established by Rule of the WRFPC will be used to mediate conflicts which cannot be resolved by the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Objective D: The City will use the procedures established in the adopted Land Development Code to coordinate the impacts of development proposed by the Comprehensive Plan and the appropriate aspects of the Walton County Comprehensive Plan.

Policy D.1: The City will establish procedures whereby the affected municipalities and affected counties will be afforded the opportunity to review development proposals that affect the Choctawhatchee Bay and that affect development proposed in their Comprehensive Plan.

Policy D.2: The City will establish procedures in their internal review of development proposals that identifies the effects, if any, on the comprehensive plan of Walton County. Identified potential conflicts will be resolved as they arise.

Objective E: The City will ensure coordination in establishing Level of Service Standards for public facilities with any state, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

Policy E.1: The City shall maintain a current listing of state, regional or local entities and their points of contact which have operational and maintenance responsibility for public facilities within Freeport and

meet with them to coordinate improvements as required to insure that the needs of the City are met.

Objective F: The City will continue working with Walton County to maintain a franchise agreement addressing the "Water Extension" project for rural communities outside of the City's Jurisdiction.