



Agenda Item Cover Sheet


Agenda Item No. _____

Meeting Date August 8, 2023

Consent Section

Regular Section

Public Hearing

Subject: Proposed Farmworker Housing Land Development Code Amendments			
Department Name: Development Services Department			
Contact Person: Adam Gormly		Contact Phone: 276-8422	
Sign-Off Approvals:			
Assistant County Administrator	Date		8/1/2023
Management and Budget – Approved as to Financial Impact Accuracy	Date	County Attorney – Approved as to Legal Sufficiency	Date
Deputy County Administrator	Date		

Staff's Recommended Board Motion:
 Direct staff to initiate an amendment to the Land Development Code to promote the efficient development of farm worker housing.

Financial Impact Statement:
 Approval of this item would not increase or decrease any County Departmental budgets.

Background:

At the April 5, 2023, Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting the Board receive a presentation by Dennis Carlton, Chair, Agriculture Economic Development Council (AEDC) on the 2023 Hillsborough County AEDC strategic priorities.

The purpose of the Hillsborough County Agriculture Economic Development Council (AEDC) is to initiate and assist with efforts to create a business atmosphere that is conducive to the continuation and expansion of agricultural businesses within Hillsborough County for the benefit of all its residents. The Council serves the BOCC to review and evaluate county agricultural issues and to initiate projects and recommendations.

One of the strategic priorities identified by the AEDC was to ensure that farm worker housing can be developed efficiently while not being evaluated with urban housing criteria.

Following the presentation, Development Services staff held discussions with Mr. Carlton and Cooperative Extension Services and identified the following areas that could be modified or clarified in the Land Development Code to provide for efficient development of farm worker housing and predictability in the development process:

- Concurrent conditional use and site development plan review
- Screening and landscaping requirements
- Sidewalk requirements

- Parking requirements including landscaping and lighting
- Stormwater management
- Occupancy limits for housing structures

Staff is seeking direction to initiate an amendment to the Land Development Code that will address the identified areas of regulation as appropriate for farm worker housing, a temporary use to support the agricultural industry. The amendment process will include outreach and discussion with our stakeholders. Public hearings to consider the amendments would be held on October 19, 2023, and November 2, 2023, to consider adoption.

List Attachments: