

**A RESOLUTION BY THE PASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESTABLISHING THE NORTHEAST PASCO COUNTY RURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

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**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2006, by Ord. No. 06-18, the Board of Commissioners adopted amendments to the Comprehensive Plan adopting Goals, Objectives and Policies to the Comprehensive Plan established Goal FLU: 2 Protection of Rural Areas as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report-Based Amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2006, by Ord. No. 06-37 the Board of Commissioners amended Future Land Use Element Policies and definitions pursuant to a stipulated settlement agreement pertaining to a challenge to the Evaluation and Appraisal Report- Based Amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Pasco Rural Protection Overlay District regulations in Section 604 of the Pasco County Land Development Code were established in accordance with Comprehensive Plan Objectives FLU Goal FLU: 2 Protection of Rural Areas, with specific focus on Policy FLU: 2.1.1 Recognition of the Northeast Pasco County Rural Area and focuses only on residential development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners now desires to address commercial development regulations in the Northeast Pasco County Rural Protection Overlay District; and

**WHEREAS**, to assist in the development of commercial regulations in the Northeast Pasco County Rural Protection Overlay District, the Board of County Commissioners hereby establishes the Northeast Pasco County Rural Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Department desires a balanced representation of Northeast Pasco County Rural Area stakeholders to establish the commercial regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Pasco County Rural Advisory Committee shall be a committee of limited purpose and duration, which shall be automatically disbanded once its final recommendation is made to the Board of County Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, in a hybrid virtual session with a quorum present and voting, that the Northeast Pasco County Rural Advisory Committee is hereby established consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 1. Purpose and Work of the Northeast Pasco County Rural Advisory Committee.

The specific purpose and goal of the Northeast Pasco County Rural Advisory Committee (NERAC) is to serve as policy advisors for their community. The advisory committee shall evaluate and assess all current policies and regulations related to the Northeast Pasco Rural Protection Overlay District. In addition, the advisory committee shall use their expertise, empirical knowledge, and skillset to recommend policy-based commercial enclave development design standards and guidelines to the Board of County Commissioners. The proposed policy recommendations are intended to apply to future commercial enclave development in the area identified as the Northeast Pasco Rural Protection Overlay District to the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2. Composition of NERAC and Membership.

The NERAC shall be composed of thirteen (13) voting members appointed by the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners.

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Members shall be able to devote the time necessary to participate in the activities of the NERAC. The members shall be comprised of the following categories: five (5) property owners that are residents of the Northeast Pasco County Rural Area, five (5) business owners in the Northeast Pasco County Rural Area, one (1) land use attorney, and two (2) at-large members. Members shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties as members of the NERAC.

Committee members may be removed by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners, with or without cause. Otherwise, all committee members shall serve until the Committee makes a final recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, at which point the Committee shall be automatically disbanded without further action by the Board of County Commissioners. Otherwise, all committee members shall serve until the Committee makes a final recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, at which point the Committee shall be automatically disbanded without further action by the Board of County Commissioners.

### Section 3. Officers, Quorum, and Rules of Procedure.

The NERAC shall elect a Chairperson to preside at all meetings and/or workshops. The Chairperson shall be elected at the beginning of the first meeting and/or workshops. There shall be no term limits for a member to serve as Chairperson.

The NERAC may elect a Vice-Chairperson to preside and act on behalf of the Chairperson during his or her absence. The term of office and method of election for the Vice-Chairperson shall be the same as the Chairperson.

The presence at a meeting of a majority of the members of the NERAC shall constitute a quorum of the NERAC necessary to take action and transact business. Other members may appear and participate virtually using communications media technology if not needed for quorum. However, the use of communications media technology may only be allowed if the County's hybrid virtual meeting rules are still in effect. In addition, once quorum requirements have been met, an affirmative vote of NERAC members present at a meeting or appearing virtually using communications media technology shall be necessary for the NERAC to take any action. A tie vote shall not be considered an affirmative vote. No vacancy in the membership of the NERAC shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the NERAC.

The NERAC may, by a majority vote of the entire membership of the NERAC, adopt rules of procedure or bylaws for the transaction of business; provided, however, any such rules or bylaws shall comply with laws of the State and with this Resolution. Should no rules be adopted the NERAC shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

### Section 4. Meetings/Workshops.

Notice of regular or special meetings/workshops of the NERAC and the time and location of each meeting shall be published to the public on the main Pasco County website. The NERAC and the Planning and Development Department shall work together to create the meetings/workshops schedule. All applicable materials shall be distributed to all members prior to the first meeting/workshop.

### Section 5. Compliance with Applicable Laws.

All NERAC activities shall be applicable with federal, state, and local ordinances and are deemed to be included in this Resolution the same as though herein written out in full. All NERAC meetings shall be open to the public and subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida open meetings ("Sunshine") laws, Chapter 286, Florida Statutes. The records of the NERAC shall also be subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida Public Records Law, Chapter 119, and Florida Statutes. The members of the NERAC shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to sections 112.313 and 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Section 6. Term.

Members shall serve until the Committee makes a final recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, at which point the Committee shall be automatically disbanded without further action by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 7.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021.



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