



Legislation Text

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ITEM: ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02: REPEALING THE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENTS AND REPLACING WITH THE EDUCATION ELEMENT.

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE WELLINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO REPEAL THE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENTS AND REPLACING WITH THE EDUCATION ELEMENT, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AS CONTAINED HEREIN; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PUBLIC HEARING: YES

QUASI-JUDICIAL: NO

EXPLANATION: The Wellington Comprehensive Plan is being updated. The Plan forms the blueprint for Wellington's future for the next 10 to 20 years. The Plan is comprised of 10 "elements" or chapters and each element consists of goals, objectives, and policies to guide development and redevelopment, transportation, infrastructure, parks, and capital improvements.

SUMMARY: The Public School Facilities Element is recommended to be repealed. The element was required by Florida Statutes as a part of the concurrency requirements. In 2011, public schools were removed from the list of public facilities and services subject to concurrency requirements. The current element is comprised of two goals: (1) Public School Concurrency, and (2) School Facility Siting and Development Coordination. School concurrency has been replaced with "School Capacity Adequacy Determination" at the School District. In addition, Wellington joined with the District, Palm Beach County, and all municipalities in an interlocal agreement for school planning and coordination. Specific goals, objectives, and policies have been introduced into the proposed Education element to continue to focus on the need for coordinated school planning and development.

The proposed Education Element is an update of the existing element. The proposed element is comprised of three goals: (1) Education Opportunities and Facilities, (2) Extracurricular and Lifelong Learning Initiatives, and (3) Public School Coordinated Planning. These are the same themes provided in the current element as well as the coordinated school planning theme from the Public School Facilities Element. The proposed element also introduces a new objective and policies regarding "Lifelong Learning". In general, the Education Element continues to focus on the importance of the public schools to Wellington being a Great Hometown.

The Education Element was presented to the Education Committee on January 14, 2021. The Committee had no comments on the Element.