

ORDINANCE NO. 14- 17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING SECTION 10-6.612, RURAL ZONING DISTRICT, RELATING TO RETAIL TRADE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the rural zoning district in Leon County features undeveloped and nonintensively developed acreage remotely located away from urbanized areas, and contains the majority of the County's present agricultural and low density residential; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and intent of the rural zoning district is to maintain and promote present and future agricultural and silvicultural uses and to prohibit residential sprawl into remote areas lacking basic urban infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS, minor commercial activities designed to service basic household needs of area residents are allowed; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to implement the provisions of a Settlement Agreement, approved on September 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County wishes to prohibit fuel oil sales in the rural zoning district to ensure consistency with the intent of the category;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. Section 10-6.612 of Article VI of Chapter 10 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, entitled "Rural zoning district," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10-6.612. Rural zoning district.

(a) *Purpose and intent.* This section applies to the rural zoning district which includes undeveloped and nonintensively developed acreage remotely located away from urbanized areas containing majority of county's present agricultural, forestry and grazing activities. Land use intensities associated with urban activity are not anticipated during the time frame of the Comprehensive Plan, due to lack of urban infrastructure and services. Very low residential density (one unit per ten acres) and small scale commercial activities designed to service basic household needs of area residents are allowed as are passive recreational land uses. Industrial and ancillary commercial land uses associated directly with the timbering and/or agribusiness are permitted. This district is intended to maintain and promote present and future agricultural and silvicultural uses and to prohibit residential sprawl into remote areas lacking basic urban infrastructure and services.

(b) *Allowable uses.* For the purpose of this article, the following land use types are allowable in this zoning district and are controlled by the land use development standards of this article, the Comprehensive Plan and chart of permitted uses.

- (1) Agricultural.
- (2) Minor commercial.
- (3) Low-density residential.
- (4) Passive recreation.
- (5) Active recreation.
- (6) Community services.
- (7) Light infrastructure.
- (8) Heavy infrastructure.
- (9) Post-secondary.

(c) *List of permitted uses.* Some of the uses on these schedules are itemized according to the Standard Industrial Code (SIC). Allowable uses, appropriate permit level and applicable development and locational standards in the rural zoning district are as follows:

P = Permitted use R = Restricted use S = Special exception

Legend					
Ag	=	Agricultural	CS	=	Community services
MC	=	Minor commercial	LI	=	Light industrial
LR	=	Low-density residency	LF	=	Light infrastructure
PR	=	Passive recreation	HLF	=	Heavy infrastructure
AR	=	Active recreation			

SIC Code	Name of Use	Development and Locational Standards							
		Ag	MC	LR	PR	AR	CS	LI	HLF
	RESIDENTIAL								
	Dwelling, one-family	P		P					
	Dwelling, two-family	P		P					
	Dwelling, mobile home	P		P					
	AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHING								
01	Agricultural production—Crops	P							
0181	Ornamental nursery products	P							
02	Agricultural production—Livestock	P							
074	Veterinary services	P	P						

0781	Landscape counseling and planning	R						
092	Fish hatcheries and preserves	P						
	MINING							
144	Sand and gravel	S						
145	Clay, ceramic, and refractory minerals	S						
	MANUFACTURING							
201	Meat products	R						
202	Dairy products	R						
203	Preserved fruits and vegetables	R						
204	Grain mill products	R						
205	Bakery products	R						
206	Sugar and confectionery products	R						
21	Tobacco products	R						
24	Lumber and wood products	R						
	TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES							
401	Railroads					S		S
43	Postal service		P					
4513	Air courier services							S
458	Airports, flying fields and services							S
483	Radio and television broadcasting					R		
	WHOLESALE TRADE							
503	Lumber and construction materials	S						
515	Farm-product raw materials	P						
	RETAIL TRADE							
525	Hardware stores		R					
526	Retail nurseries and garden stores		R					
533	Variety stores		R					
539	Misc. general merchandise stores		R					
541	Grocery stores		R					
542	Meat and fish markets		R					

543	Fruit and vegetable markets		R					
544	Candy, nut and confectionery stores		R					
545	Dairy products stores		R					
546	Retail bakeries		R					
553	Auto and home supply stores		R					
554	Gasoline service stations		S					
	Convenience store		R					
581	Eating and drinking places		R					
591	Drugstores and proprietary stores		R					
592	Liquor stores		R					
593	Used merchandise stores		R					
5961	Catalog and mail-order houses		R					
5983	Fuel oil dealers		S					
5984	Liquefied petroleum gas dealers		S					
5992	Florists		<u>R</u>					
5994	News dealers and newsstands		<u>R</u>					
	FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE							
602	Commercial banks		S					
603	Savings institutions		S					
606	Credit unions		S					
6553	Cemeteries		P				P	
	SERVICES							
703	Camps and recreational vehicle parks					R		
7353	Heavy construction equipment rental	R						
7359	Equipment rental and leasing, nec	R						
7992	Public golf courses		P			S		
7997	Membership sports and recreation clubs					S		
821	Elementary and secondary schools						S	
822	Colleges and universities						S	
823	Libraries—Less than 7500 sq. ft.		P					

823	Libraries—7500 sq. ft. or more					S	
824	Vocational schools					S	
841	Museums and art galleries					S	
842	Botanical and zoological gardens					S	
866	Religious organizations					R	
	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION						
922	Public order and safety					P	
9221	Police protection					P	
9223	Correctional institutions						S
9224	Fire protection					P	
	RECREATION						
	Hiking and nature trails				P		
	Picnicking				P		
	Canoe trails				P		
	Bicycle trails				P		
	Horseback riding trails				P		
	Tot lots					P	
	Court sports					P	
	Field sports					P	
	Boat landings					P	
	Archaeological historical sites				S		

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(d) *The maximum allowable gross square footage in the rural district is as follows:*

COMMERCIAL LAND USE TYPE	RURAL
MINOR	
Total location	20,000
Single site or quadrant	10,000
Single structure	5,000

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(e) *Minimum development standards in the rural district are as follows:*

	Low Density Residential	Commercial	Agricultural-Related Industrial	Community Services; Active Recreation; Public, Primary and Secondary Schools	Comp. Plan Policy 2.1.9. Subdivision
MINIMUM SETBACKS (FEET)					
Front yard					

Building	30	30	50	30	25
Parking	—	40	50	40	—
Corner yard					
Building	30	20	50	30	25
Parking	—	25	50	40	—
Side yard					
Building	20	25	50	40	15
Parking	—	25	50	40	—
Rear yard					
Building	50	50	50	50	50
Parking	—	40	50	50	50
Adjoining lower intensity use					
Building	—	15	100	—	—
Parking	—	15	100	—	—
Maximum percent impervious surface area	30	30	30	30	30
Maximum height at building envelope perimeter	35	35	35	35	35
Maximum height per additional setback	1'/1'	1'/1'	1'/1'	1'/1'	1'/1'
Total maximum height	—	45	45*	45	—
Minimum lot area (acres)	10.0	0.5	10.0	1.0	0.5
Minimum lot frontage	15	40	100	—	15

* This height applies to habitable portion of an industrial structure.

(f) *Development standards.* All proposed development shall meet the commercial site location standards (section 10-6.619); buffer zone standards (section 10-7.522); and the parking and loading requirements (Subdivision 3 of Division 5 of Article VII).

(1) *Mining activities.*

a. All mining activities as defined on the schedule of permitted uses must meet the specific development standards, as follows upon review and

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1 approval by the Board of County Commissioners following a duly
2 noticed public hearing. This includes SIC items 144 and 145.
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4 b. A plan must be submitted demonstrating protection of adjacent
5 properties and public interest which shall include, but not be limited to
6 the following:
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- 8 1. The mining activity, all accessory uses and structures, internal
9 roadways, and driveways onto the adjacent streets shall be set
10 back a minimum of 100 feet from the perimeter property
11 boundaries or 200 feet from the nearest off-site residence,
12 residential zoning district, or subdivision intended primarily for
13 residential land use, whichever distance is greater. This
14 setback standard may be reduced if less of a setback is
15 approved in writing by the adjacent property owner or owners
16 prior to site plan approval or if the adjacent property is also
17 used as a mining activity.
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- 19 2. A plan of vehicular access to and from the site demonstrating
20 that heavy trucks and equipment will not travel on that portion
21 of a local or minor collector street with frontage containing
22 residential land use, zoned for residential land use, or
23 containing subdivision lots intended primarily for residential
24 land use. For purposes of this requirement, local and minor
25 collector streets shall be those identified in the local
26 government Comprehensive Plan and the Tallahassee-Leon
27 County Long Range Transportation Plan.
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- 29 3. A land reclamation plan shall be submitted demonstrating that
30 upon termination of the activity the land shall be returned to a
31 condition that will allow an effective reuse comparable to
32 surrounding properties.
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- 34 4. Fencing requirement: All areas proposed for use in open-pit
35 mining operations and/or construction and demolition debris
36 disposal must be secured by a fence, unless the area is
37 determined by the county administrator or designee to be a
38 reclaimed open-pit mine. The fence must be at least four feet
39 in height with openings that will reject the passage of a seven-
40 inch diameter sphere. The fence must be equipped with a gate
41 which shall remain locked when workers or employees of the
42 land owner or mining company are not present at the site. At
43 every gate or access point, at least one sign must be posted
44 which states, in at least four-inch tall letters, "Danger," "Keep
45 Out," "No Trespassing," or similar language indicate that there
46 may be hazardous conditions on the premises.
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48 (g) *Restricted uses and special exception uses.* If uses are restricted or are special
49 exception uses according to the schedule of permitted uses, they will not be allowed
50 unless they follow the general development guidelines for restricted uses as provided in

1 this division or for special exceptions as provided in this subsection. Specific restricted
2 uses are addressed in this division.
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4 (1) *Lumber and wood products.*
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- 6 a. A plan must be submitted demonstrating protection of adjacent
7 properties and public interest which shall include, but not be limited to
8 the following:
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- 10 1. All buildings and outside activities associated with the use
11 shall be set back a minimum of 200 feet from the nearest off-
12 site residence or subdivision intended primarily for residential
13 land uses.
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15 (2) *Camps and recreational vehicle parks (SIC 703).*
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- 17 a. A plan must be submitted demonstrating protection of adjacent
18 properties and public interest which shall include, but not be limited to
19 the following:
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- 21 1. Sanitary facilities shall be provided.
22 2. Not more than ten campsites per acre shall be provided.
23 3. Individual campsites, roadways, and accessory structures
24 shall be located to meet the minimum building setback
25 standards from the exterior property lines of the campground.
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27 (3) *Heavy construction equipment rental and equipment rental and leasing (SIC*
28 *7353 and 7359).*
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- 30 a. A plan must be submitted demonstrating protection of adjacent
31 properties and public interest which shall include, but not be limited to
32 the following:
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- 34 1. Such equipment rental and leasing must be associated with
35 timbering and/or agribusiness.
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37 2. A plan of vehicular access to and from the site demonstrating
38 that heavy trucks and equipment will not travel on that portion
39 of a local or minor collector street with frontage containing
40 residential land use, zoned for residential land use, or
41 containing subdivision lots intended primarily for residential
42 land use. For purposes of this requirement, local and minor
43 collector streets shall be those identified in the local
44 government Comprehensive Plan and the Tallahassee-Leon
45 County Long Range Transportation Plan.
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47 (4) *Retail Trade*
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- 49 a. A plan and supporting narrative must be submitted pursuant to the
50 Type B site and development plan process that demonstrates
51 compliance as applicable with the following:

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1. Free-standing onsite signs shall be limited to monument-style signs and the sign base shall be consistent with the materials and design context of the primary onsite building. Signs shall be illuminated with externally mounted lighting focused on the sign in a manner that limits off-site illumination. Internally illuminated signs and pole signs are prohibited.
2. Building design including any proposed accessory buildings and structures shall reflect or compliment the local vernacular architectural style. Building facade treatments and materials shall provide architectural interest through, but not limited to: the utilization of fenestration that allows for natural surveillance and gabled or parapet roof treatments. Flat roof treatments are prohibited.
3. Onsite lighting including 24-hour security lighting shall be wall mounted with illumination focused on the building in a manner that limits off-site illumination.
4. Perimeter buffering and/or fencing requirements shall be based on the density of the adjacent residential uses. If the adjacent density is one residential unit per two acres or less, a Type C buffer shall be required. A wooden buffer fence may be utilized on sites where the required vegetative buffer cannot be established based on site limitations or constraints.
5. The trash collection dumpster shall be ~~assessable~~ accessible to waste collection vehicles, and shall be located in the side or rear setback area of the onsite principle building. The dumpster shall be screened with a material and design treatment consistent with the building façade of the principle building.
6. All appurtenant mechanical and electrical equipment, outside collection/drop-off/storage areas, and other accessory or ancillary structures shall be screened from public view. The screening material shall be consistent with the materials and design context of the primary onsite building.
7. The site design shall integrate internal and where appropriate external pedestrian circulation and interconnection including the accommodation of bike circulation were applicable.
8. The hours of operation shall be limited to 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.
9. The site shall be designed were applicable to provide a cross-access easement to adjoining property in the commercial node. The cross access easement shall be improved to the property boundary.

1 10. Other site design treatments and considerations as may be
2 applicable to the proposed use and shall be identified during
3 the proposed project's application review meeting.
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5 11. The applicant shall submit documentation demonstrating
6 compliance with the trade area and customer expectation
7 provisions outlined in Section 10-6.619(b)c.
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9 ~~b. For a proposed gasoline service station with or without a convenience
10 store, in addition to the development guidelines outlined in paragraph
11 a., must also demonstrate compliance with the following criteria,
12 guidelines and standards on a plan and supporting narrative
13 submitted pursuant to the Type C site and development plan review
14 process:~~

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16 ~~1. The number of fuel pump islands shall be limited to three with
17 each pump island limited to two fueling positions or six total
18 fueling stations.~~

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20 ~~2. The fuel pump island awning design standards shall include,
21 but shall not be limited to, materials and contextual design
22 integrated with the onsite building facade treatment. The fuel
23 pump island awning height shall be limited to 18 feet as
24 measured from grade. The fuel pump island awning lighting
25 shall be designed in a manner that reduces off-site
26 illumination.~~

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28 ~~3. Accessory structures and ancillary uses such as, but not
29 limited to, vehicle washes (attached or stand-alone) and multi-
30 unit vacuuming stations are prohibited.~~

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32 ~~4. Free standing lighting in the parking areas, drive isles, or other
33 onsite areas shall be limited in height to 15 feet as measured
34 from grade, and shall be designed in a manner that reduces
35 off-site illumination.~~
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37 **SECTION 2.** Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of
38 this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, as of the effective date of this
39 Ordinance, except to the extent of any conflicts with the Tallahassee-Leon County
40 Comprehensive Plan, as amended, which provisions shall prevail over any parts of this
41 Ordinance which are inconsistent, either in whole or in part, with the Comprehensive Plan.
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43 **SECTION 3.** Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this
44 article is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction,
45 such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding
46 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
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48 **SECTION 4.** Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective according to law. However, the
49 provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any properties which have currently existing
50 conforming uses and structures.
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DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, this 9th day of December, 2014.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA



BY: Mary Ann Lindley
MARY ANN LINDLEY, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:
BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE COURT
AND COMPTROLLER
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: [Signature]

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LEON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
BY: Herbert W.A. Thiele
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COUNTY ATTORNEY