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## Public hearings begin on comprehensive plan changes

Public hearings on proposed amendments to the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan will begin next week.

The Sarasota County Commission will conduct the first of three public hearings on the amendments at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the Commission Chamber, County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.

Subsequent public hearings will take place Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the Commission Chamber, County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota and Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the Commission Chamber, Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. All meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m.

During the Oct. 14 public hearing, commissioners will take public comments and consider the following proposed amendments which will affect several chapters of the comprehensive plan:

- Adding new policies and amending an existing policy to address nonconforming residential densities. The purpose of this amendment is to deal with situations where the density permitted within existing zoning districts exceeds the density allowed by future land use designations on the future land use map.
- Amending policies to limit residential densities to nine units per acre maximum in the light office future land use designation
- Adding the adoption of three new impact fee ordinances and revising a policy regarding school concurrency

Other proposed changes to the comprehensive plan that commissioners will consider in the later public hearings include:

- Identifying significant local roads and providing related data and analysis
- Adding new policies for transit services and revising existing objectives and policies
- Amending policies, tables and maps for adopted roadway levels of service standards
- Adding policies and maps recognizing the Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway and the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway
- Amending policies regarding the water supply plan

- Expanding the boundaries of the Englewood Town Center on the Future Land Use Map

For more information, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for Planning Services or visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) and click the button for Comprehensive Plan Amendment Updates located at the bottom of the Web page.

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