

**SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
*Planning & Development Services Business Center*

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Sarasota County Commission

**THROUGH:** Terry Lewis, Interim County Administrator

**FROM:** Rob Lewis, Executive Director

**DATE:** November 9, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Amending County Code Relating to Comprehensive Planning and Procedures for Processing Plan Amendments

**RECOMMENDED MOTION(S) OR ACTION(S):**

Public hearing to consider a proposed Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2011-070) amending Ordinance No. 98-007, as amended, relating to comprehensive planning and the procedures for processing plan amendments.

**SUMMARY:**

The State of Florida recently approved new legislation, *The Community Planning Act*, on June 2, 2011, which comprehensively revised the existing growth management laws passed in the mid-1980s. During the July 13, 2011 meeting, the Sarasota County Commission (Board) discussed what the revisions were and how they affected comprehensive planning and the procedures in the County Code for processing Comprehensive Plan amendments. At that time, the Board authorized staff to proceed with an amendment to the County Code relative to the new state legislation, and to schedule and advertise a public hearing before the Board to consider an ordinance amending the processing procedures for Comprehensive Plan amendments contained in the Code.

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Wilhelm, Professional Planner, Planning Services, at 861-5175.