



# East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

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To: Emily W. Johnson, AICP, Senior Planner, City of Ocala Growth Management Dept.

From: John Patterson, AICP, Planner III, ECFRPC

Date: August 17, 2023

Subject: Local Government Comprehensive Plan Review | Proposed Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment – Ocala 23-02ESR

## **Introduction**

The Community Planning Act, Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the regional planning council to review local government comprehensive plan amendments prior to their adoption. The regional planning council review and comments are limited to adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. Council must provide any comments to the local government within 30 days of the receipt of the proposed amendments and must also send a copy of any comments to the state land planning agency.

The amendment package from the City of Ocala was received on July 27, 2023 and contains one large-scale Comprehensive Plan text amendment. This report includes a summary of the proposed amendments and Council staff comments.

## **Summary of Proposed Amendment**

The proposed amendment is to eliminate Future Land Use Policy 18.3, allowing housing types other than those allowed in the Low Density future land use designation and allowing such development at a density of greater than 12 units per acre.

## **Comments and Recommendations**

The proposed policy amendment will not adversely impact state resources and facilities; will not nor adversely affect regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan; and will not create extra-jurisdictional impacts. There are no additional comments.

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We thank you for the opportunity to review this draft comprehensive plan rewrite. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Patterson, AICP, by email at [jpatterson@ecfrpc.org](mailto:jpatterson@ecfrpc.org), or by phone at (407) 245-0300, Ext. 301.

Sincerely,



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