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Text Amendment Summary Sheet

This proposed amendment would:

- Modify the LOS standard for detention facilities
- Modify the LOS standard for law enforcement officers
- Modify the LOS for parks
- Clarify the purpose and content of the Capital Facility Plan and its relationship to the Comprehensive Plan

13-CPA-03 Text Amendment Detail Sheet

This amendment will address issues that were identified during the recent Urban Growth Area (UGA) and Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) update. The update revealed that the County has several outdated Level of Service (LOS) requirements which no longer reflect desirable growth management strategies and values. These LOS requirements may obligate the County to dedicate financial resources to address deficiencies that would result from the County's 2031 adopted population projection.

The text amendment would also correct inconsistencies related to the purpose and intent of the CFP. These inconsistencies were addressed in the 2013 Capital Facilities Plan update, but changes need to occur in the Comprehensive Plan text to make both documents consistent and better reflect our current understanding of their relationship.

LOS standard for detention facilities

The proposed text amendment would change the current LOS of 3.04 detention beds per 1,000 population to a service that is consistent with state and federal regulations and adequate to serve and protect the citizens of the County. This will allow greater flexibility for the County to manage detention needs without being fiscally obligated to expand detention facilities based upon a population measurement. The County is currently evaluating the efficiencies of its criminal justice system and expects to reduce its need for detention beds through the use of various alternatives. The GMA does not require jurisdictions to establish a LOS for detention services because it is not viewed as being directly related to growth.

LOS standard for law enforcement officers

The proposed text amendment would change the LOS of 1.01 officers per 1,000 population to a service that is consistent with state and federal regulations and adequate to serve and protect the citizens of the County. This proposed change allows greater flexibility for the County to manage law enforcement needs without being fiscally obligated to increase the number of its law enforcement personnel based upon a population measurement. The GMA allows communities the flexibility to establish LOS' that reflect community values and needs.

LOS for Community Parks

The proposed text amendment would change the LOS of 1.4 acres per 1,000 UGA population for Community Parks and replace it with language that allows the County to acquire and develop parks and recreational facilities to meet the needs of the public within available resources. This change allows greater flexibility for the County to

manage park needs without being fiscally obligated to increase a particular category of park land. The GMA allows communities the flexibility to establish LOS' that reflect community values and needs.

Clarify the purpose and content of the Capital Facility Plan and its relationship to the Comprehensive Plan

This change proposes to make the text of the Comprehensive Plan consistent with the 2013 Capital Facilities Plan as it relates to the purpose of the Capital Facilities Plan. The modifications will clarify that the goals, policies and LOS standards related to capital facilities will be identified within the Comprehensive Plan and that the Capital Facilities Plan will function as an inventory and analysis document.

Please see Attachment A for proposed changes. Additions are underlined and highlighted in yellow and proposed deletions shown with ~~strikeouts and highlighted in yellow~~.