

HERNANDO COUNTY ZONING AMENDMENT PETITION

File No. **H2460** Official Date Stamp:



Application to Change a Zoning Classification

Application request (check one):

- Rezoning Standard PDP
 Master Plan New Revised
 PSFOD Communication Tower Other
PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Date: _____

APPLICANT NAME:

Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
Property owner's name: (if not the applicant) _____

REPRESENTATIVE/CONTACT NAME:

Company Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION: Yes No (if applicable provide name) _____

Contact Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

1. PARCEL(S) **KEY** NUMBER(S): _____
2. SECTION _____, TOWNSHIP _____, RANGE _____
3. Current zoning classification: _____
4. Desired zoning classification: _____
5. Size of area covered by application: _____
6. Highway and street boundaries: _____
7. Has a public hearing been held on this property within the past twelve months? Yes No
8. Will expert witness(es) be utilized during the public hearings? Yes No (If yes, identify on an attached list.)
9. Will additional time be required during the public hearing(s) and how much? Yes No (Time needed: _____)

PROPERTY OWNER AFFIDIVAT

I, _____, have thoroughly examined the instructions for filing this application and state and affirm that all information submitted within this petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are a matter of public record, and that (**check one**):

- I am the owner of the property and am making this application **OR**
 I am the owner of the property and am authorizing (applicant): _____
 and (representative, if applicable): _____
 to submit an application for the described property.

Signature of Property Owner

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HERNANDO

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ who is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification.

Signature of Notary Public

Effective Date: 11/8/16 Last Revision: 11/8/16

Notary Seal/Stamp

Narrative

Continued education and training are vital to the Emergency Services provided by the County for public health and safety. Hernando County does not have adequate training facilities available and must travel outside the County for their Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement training needs. Since 2012 these departments have been working to identify an appropriate location, and possible funding sources to develop an educational campus to accommodate the ongoing training needs of the County's first responders.

While there are numerous training facilities located in other areas of the State, the time and money spent traveling and staying at these locations is a burden on the departmental budgets and staff. When the Fire Department is training in Pasco, they are still called to respond to emergencies in Hernando, significantly increasing the department's response time. To meet the rapidly expanding emergency response needs of the County a suitable facility needs to be constructed within Hernando County.

This proposed Public Safety Training Facility will be designed to meet the County's current and future needs and functions. The subject site was chosen with consideration as to how it will impact the surrounding land uses and residents. The property, on Citrus Way Approximately 657' south of Peach Orchard Road has been identified as the best option for the facility location.

The site will require infrastructure installation, environmental mitigation, and road widening. By developing a single campus for a Public Safety Training Facility, the County will be able to provide an "economy of scale" and a reduction in costs by not duplicating buildings and functions on separate sites. Tactical training can utilize portions of new the burn tower, the vehicular driving pad can be configured for multiple uses, obvious infrastructure, restrooms, and other common spaces will be modular in nature and provide a range of options for use. Administrative office and educational facilities have the same opportunities.

The development of the property is proposed to be accomplished in phases; those phases are as follows:

Phase 1:

- Master site planning and construction of infrastructure.
- A 4-story training tower. The Fire Facilities Commissioner model serves as an example of what will meet the needs of Fire. Additional options can be added for use by both entities.
Outdoor rifle and 2 pistol ranges are contained within the plan. The design and construction of these facilities are outlined in the attached "Range Design Criteria" as developed by the United States Department of Energy. Further development of the specific design should follow these guidelines.
- Combined use Emergency Vehicle Training pad with additional reinforcement for heavy apparatus. This pad may be asphaltic or concrete paving materials and a determination of life cycle costs shall be reviewed to determine the best option. A pavilion shall be placed to provide shelter from the elements.
- Roadways, adequate parking, and staging areas for initial use.

Phase 2 :

- A combined office and conference hall for law and fire. An office/classroom facility combined with auditorium, gym, and locker rooms. It is the plan to utilize mobile classrooms initially on-site until funding is available for the new administrative classroom building. The Fire Department will have 2 that will become available after the construction of Station 2 and 6. Due to the potential of these being re-used in future fire station projects a third modular will be purchased and remain for use by the Public Safety Training Facility. Location of the temporary structures shall be considered in the overall scheme and plan so as not to interfere with future planned improvements, yet utilize the long-term infrastructure built in the initial phase.
- A metal apparatus and equipment storage facility. The size and type is similar to the facility at fire station 2 that is currently used by the Supervisor of Elections and serves as a good example. The current example is 3 bays, and the plan expands the size requirement to 4 bays. The building could house shower and bathroom facilities for decontamination and clean areas.
 1. An outdoor break/staging area for personnel. This may be envisioned as a large concrete foundation with a pavilion style roof, otherwise open.
 2. Considerations for other standalone bathroom structures, depending on distances from training areas.
 3. Parking lot
 4. Training props, such as propane emergencies, vehicle fires, technical rescue, Haz Mat, etc.
 5. K-9 training and kennels.
 6. A tactical house- Examples of options are contained in the appendix 3 entitled "Public Safety Facilities".