

April 13, 2026

The Honorable J.C. Deriso  
Chairman, DeSoto County  
Board of County Commissioners  
201 East Oak Street, Suite  
Arcadia, Florida 34266

Dear Chairman Deriso,

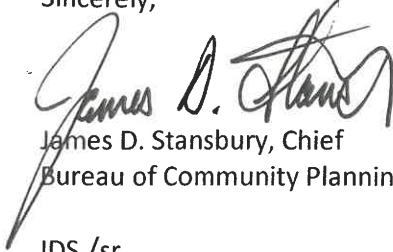
FloridaCommerce has reviewed the proposed comprehensive plan amendment for DeSoto County (Amendment No. 26-01ESR) received on March 13, 2026. The review was completed under the expedited state review process. FloridaCommerce has no comment on the proposed amendment.

The local government should act by choosing to adopt, adopt with changes, or not adopt the proposed amendment. For your assistance, FloridaCommerce has enclosed the procedures for adoption and transmittal of the comprehensive plan amendment. In addition, the local government is reminded that:

- Section 163.3184(3)(b), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes other reviewing agencies to provide comments directly to the local government. **If the local government receives reviewing agency comments and they are not resolved, these comments could form the basis for a challenge to the amendment after adoption.**
- The local government shall hold a second public hearing, which shall be a hearing on whether to adopt the comprehensive plan amendment. **If the local government fails, within 180 days after receipt of agency comments, to hold the second public hearing, the amendment is deemed withdrawn** unless extended by agreement with notice to the state land planning agency and any affected person that provided comments on the amendment pursuant to section 163.3184(3)(c)1., F.S. **If the amendment is not adopted at the second public hearing, the amendment shall be formally adopted by the local government within 180 days after the second public hearing is held or the amendment is deemed withdrawn.**
- **The adopted amendment must be transmitted to FloridaCommerce within 30 working days after the final adoption hearing or the amendment shall be deemed withdrawn pursuant to 163.3184(3)(c)2., F.S.** Under section 163.3184(3)(c)2. and 4., F.S., **the amendment effective date** is 31 days after FloridaCommerce notifies the local government that the amendment package is complete or, if challenged, until it is found to be in compliance by FloridaCommerce or the Administration Commission.

If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact Scott Rogers, Regional Planning Administrator, by telephone at (850)-717-8510 or by email via [Scott.Rogers@Commerce.fl.gov](mailto:Scott.Rogers@Commerce.fl.gov).

Sincerely,



James D. Stansbury, Chief  
Bureau of Community Planning and Growth

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Enclosure(s): Procedures for Adoption

cc: Misty Servia, AICP, DeSoto County Planning Director

Rebekah Harp, Interim Executive Director, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

## SUBMITTAL OF ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

### FOR EXPEDITED STATE REVIEW

Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes

**NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:** Please submit electronically using FloridaCommerce's electronic amendment submittal portal "**Comprehensive Plan and Amendment Upload**" (<https://fldco.my.salesforce-sites.com/cp/>) or submit three complete copies of all comprehensive plan materials, of which one complete paper copy and two complete electronic copies on CD ROM in Portable Document Format (PDF) to the State Land Planning Agency and one copy to each entity below that provided timely comments to the local government: the appropriate Regional Planning Council, Water Management District, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of State, the appropriate county (municipal amendments only), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (county plan amendments only), and the Department of Education (amendments relating to public schools), and for certain local governments, the appropriate military installation and any other local government or governmental agency that has filed a written request.

**SUBMITTAL LETTER:** Please include the following information in the cover letter transmitting the adopted amendment:

\_\_\_\_\_ State Land Planning Agency identification number for adopted amendment package.

\_\_\_\_\_ Summary description of the adoption package, including any amendments proposed but not adopted.

\_\_\_\_\_ Identify if concurrency has been rescinded and indicate for which public facilities. (Transportation, schools, recreation and open space).

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance number and adoption date.

\_\_\_\_\_ Certification that the adopted amendment(s) has been submitted to all parties that provided timely comments to the local government.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name, title, address, telephone, FAX number and e-mail address of local government contact.

\_\_\_\_\_ Letter signed by the chief elected official or the person designated by the local government.