

XIII - INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT



Serving the Community

GOAL 13.1: The City shall maintain an ongoing commitment to Intergovernmental Coordination to ensure that the growth management goals of the comprehensive plan will be effectively implemented.

Objective 13.1.1: Coordinate Comprehensive Plan. The City shall continue to coordinate comprehensive planning and intergovernmental issues with Brevard County, adjacent municipalities and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC).

Policy 13.1.1.1: The City shall exchange intergovernmental information and services with appropriate local governments through scheduled meetings and as requested.

Policy 13.1.1.2: The City shall engage in mutual discussion with Brevard County and adjacent municipalities to establish an annexation policy to direct an orderly and timely process of annexing unincorporated lands adjacent to Cocoa's municipal boundaries.

Policy 13.1.1.3: In the event of a conflict with the comprehensive plan of another local government that cannot be successfully resolved within a reasonable period of time, the City will appeal to the ECFRPC's informal mediation process. Wherever possible, the appeal will be submitted as a joint request by the local governments. The City shall work with Brevard County to adopt a Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) to address long-term planning and decision making for the region, including the issue of future annexations.

Policy 13.1.1.4: The City shall review and update all interlocal agreements to ensure consistency with the requirements of Florida Statutes.

Objective 13.1.2: Impacts of Development. The City of Cocoa shall ensure that the impacts resulting from the implementation of the comprehensive plan upon development in adjacent municipalities, unincorporated areas, regions and the State are evaluated and addressed with such jurisdictions.

Policy 13.1.2.1: The City staff will evaluate development projects in Cocoa to include an assessment of impacts on the comprehensive plans of adjacent jurisdictions.

Policy 13.1.2.2: The City staff will assess future amendments to its comprehensive plan, including the Future Land Use and Capital Improvements elements, for impact on the comprehensive plans of adjacent jurisdictions.

Policy 13.1.2.3: The City shall coordinate with the City of Rockledge to institute joint planning activities in areas of joint concern and influence. The activities shall include land use, landscaping, urban design and urban form of new development in the area.

Policy 13.1.2.4: The City shall coordinate transportation planning activities with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), ECFRPC, the Space Coast TPO, Brevard County and the adjacent municipalities to protect and preserve necessary future rights-of-way and to adopt corridor roadway systems in and around the City of Cocoa.

Objective 13.1.3: Coordinate Level of Service Standards. The City shall continue to coordinate with responsible local, regional, and State authorities, as appropriate, to ensure consistency of adopted level of service (LOS) standards across jurisdictions.

Policy 13.1.3.1: The City shall continue to contract with a private service provider for solid waste collection service and disposal at the Brevard County landfill and will coordinate adopted LOS standards with the County.

Policy 13.1.3.2: The City shall continue to function as the primary provider for potable water service within its franchise area in central Brevard County and will coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions using potable water services regarding LOS standards and the extension of water and wastewater services to the new users of the Cocoa water system.

Policy 13.1.3.3: The City shall continue to coordinate with FDOT, the Space Coast TPO and Brevard County to establish concurrency management mechanisms that will provide consistent LOS standards to be maintained on major roadways in and around the City of Cocoa.

Objective 13.1.4: Housing and Recreational Facilities. The City shall provide appropriate mechanisms to coordinate information and programs for the provision of housing and recreational facilities.

Policy 13.1.4.1: The City shall solicit recommendations and assistance from various public agencies and quasi-public organizations such as the Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources, the state land planning agency, Florida Department of Children & Families, Brevard County Housing Authority and local Chambers of Commerce to assist in program funding, identification of structures and areas to be preserved for historical purposes.

Policy 13.1.4.2: The City shall continue both formal and informal communication with appropriate State and regional agencies, such as the state land planning agency and the ECFRPC, to ensure availability of information on specific programs, projects, and legislation pertinent to affordable housing and to provide technical assistance for potential grants.

Policy 13.1.4.3: The City shall engage in efforts with Brevard County and the Brevard County School Board for procurement, operation and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities.

Policy 13.1.4.4: The City shall continue to cooperate with state agencies as well as non-profit environmental organizations in identifying programs and funding sources to promote further development of community parks, open space and recreation facilities and to coordinate with them in effectively managing existing natural areas and open space.

Objective 13.1.5: Natural Resources. The City will continue to strengthen existing, and establish new, intergovernmental relationships to ensure natural resource management and protection.

Policy 13.1.5.1: The City shall coordinate with existing resource protection plans of other government agencies and entities including the FDEP, SJRWMD, as well as with nonprofit environmental organizations to appropriately conserve and manage natural areas, water supply sources and open space.

Policy 13.1.5.2: The City shall coordinate with Brevard County and adjoining municipalities to ensure that natural resources occurring in, or affecting more than one governmental jurisdiction, are effectively managed to preserve, protect and enhance natural systems, wildlife, fisheries and habitat. This includes ensuring the City's stormwater management, aquifer recharge and reuse water policies and projects are consistent with the goals of the SJRWMD's water supply plan and the Upper St. Johns River Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plan to protect or enhance water quality and natural systems.

Objective 13.1.6: Coordinate with Brevard County School Board. The City shall continue to coordinate with the Brevard County School Board with regard to school site selection and the implementation of school concurrency consistent with the adopted Interlocal Agreement.

Policy 13.1.6.1: The City and the Brevard County School Board shall discuss and coordinate development plans for expansion of existing schools or development of new education facilities within the City to assure such activities are consistent with growth management directives established within the City's comprehensive plan. Issues shall include the impacts of facilities on adopted LOS standards established for public school facilities, transportation, potable water, wastewater, drainage and solid waste services.

Policy 13.1.6.2: The City shall provide the Brevard County School Board with information regarding proposed new developments to assist its efforts in planning new schools and to solicit its review comments.

Policy 13.1.6.3: In cooperation with the Brevard County School Board, Brevard County, and other local jurisdictions the City will implement the Interlocal Agreement which includes procedures for the coordination

of land use and school capacity, and the sharing of information, including population and student enrollment projections.

Objective 13.1.7: **St. Johns River Water Management District.** The City shall continuously monitor the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Water Supply Plan for revisions and amendments on an annual basis to determine whether revisions to the City's Water Supply Management Plan are needed.

Policy 13.1.7.1: The City shall maintain a Water Supply Facilities Work Plan consistent with the SJRWMD's Water Supply Plan.

Policy 13.1.7.2: Within 18 months of any changes to the above referenced plan by SJRWMD, the City shall evaluate its adopted Water Supply Facilities Work Plan for updates necessary to keep it consistent with the SJRWMD's plan.

Policy 13.1.7.3: Supply and demand projections will be consistent with the above-mentioned plans, assessments and processes.

Policy 13.1.7.4: The City will continue to actively participate in water supply planning work groups and meetings on an as-needed basis.

Policy 13.1.7.5: The City shall participate in the updates to the SJRWMD's water supply assessment and District Water Supply Plan and other water supply development-related initiatives facilitated by the SJRWMD that affect the City.