

Rural Concerns Advisory Committee
Suggestions & questions to staff on proposed amendments
to Alachua County Unified Land Development Code

At their meetings on September 19 and October 17, 2023, the Rural Concerns Advisory Committee had the following suggestions and questions* for staff consideration regarding proposed amendments to the Unified Land Development Code.

Suggestions and Questions

Recreational Vehicles, Mobile Tiny Houses, & Temporary Living Quarters Standards and Certifications

- Replace “Professional Engineer” with “Qualified Inspector” for certification requirement.
- Discussion of fatalities, fires, or other life safety concerns to date in RV living quarters.
- What would be the frequency of registration, and the inspection and certification requirements?
- Are there minimum lot size requirements for RV’s?
- Are there any implementation impacts to the County budget for inspections?
- Are there any similarities to the farm stay standards previously reviewed by the Committee?
- Would food trucks be affected?

Temporary Use Permits and Temporary Filming Permits

- Who is responsible for the temporary use permit traffic review?
- There should be deadlines and timeframes for review.
- What is the minimum threshold/size of event requiring a permit?
- Be consistent with exemptions for agritourism.
- Discussion of typical quantity of filming permits per year.

1,000 Foot Roadway Lengths in New Rural Residential Subdivisions \leq 9 Lots

- What are the current requirements, standards, and frequency for maintaining unpaved roads, and the associated enforcement?
- Is there data on existing road maintenance issues?
- What are the current and historic fire rescue required access widths?
- Discussion of approaches, methodology, and regulations for this issue used by other Florida counties.
- What is the process for acceptance of subdivision roads or creation of community development districts for County maintenance?
- Is there an optional covenant or deed note that acknowledges risks of unpaved roads longer than 1,000 feet?
- What are the legal aspects of County liability?

Community Engagement Process and Expanded Notification

- Discussion of what information is provided on roadside notification signs.
- Consider adding a QR code to roadside signs.

*Notes made by staff during the Rural Concerns Advisory Committee meetings.