

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CONDITIONAL USES, PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS, DISTRICT CHANGE, AND AMENDMENTS TO THE POLK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON WEDNESDAY November 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the particular case may be heard, in the Board Room, County Administration Building, 330 West Church Street, Bartow, Florida, the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the following cases:

1. Case File LDCPAS-2026-18 (see map)

Clayton Bricklemeyer, applicant, Susan M. Stelitano, owner, are requesting a Future Land Use Map change from Business Park Center (BPC) to Institutional (INST) on ± 11.82 acres parcel for the development of medical office and related institutional uses. The property is located west of State Road 37 (South Florida Avenue), south of Brannen Road West and north of Commerce Drive, 1.05 miles south of the City of Lakeland, in Section 13, Township 29 South, Range 23 East.

2. Case File LDCU-2026-22

Sarah Case, Next Level Planning & Permitting, applicant, Karen Houtz, owner, are requesting a Conditional Use (CU) approval to allow a special events venue on approximately 2.17 acres in the Agriculture/Residential Rural land use district. The property is located at 4016 Knights Station Road, north of Bella Vista Street, south of Glen Road, east of Walker Road, west of Sands Road in Section 05, Township 28, Range 23.

3. Case File LDPD-2026-14

Tom Wodrich, TDW Land Planning, applicant, Paul F. Savich Real Estate LLC, owners, are requesting to modify PUD 71-4 to change the open space to allow two residential units on approximately ± 7.6 acres. The property location is north of Woodside Court, south of Woodside Drive, east of W Christina Boulevard, west of Shadow Lane, north of the City of Mulberry in Section 24, Township 29, Range 23.

4. Case File LDCPAS-2026-16

An Ordinance of Polk County, Florida adopting LDCPAS-2026-16; an amendment to the Polk County Comprehensive Plan, Ordinance 92-36, as amended, to change the Future Land Use Map Designation on 5.15+/- Acres from Residential-Low (RL) To Industrial (IND), and to modify Section 2.135.L Parcel Specific Future Land Use Map Amendments with Conditions. This case is related to LDCT-2026-23. The site is located north of Highway 542 East, east of Reynolds Road, south of US Highway 92, and east of the City of Lakeland, in Section 14, Township 28, Range 24; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

5. Case File LDCT-2026-23

An ordinance of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners regarding Land Development Code amendment LDCT-2026-23, amending Ordinance No. 00-09, as amended, the Polk County Land Development Code, Modifying Appendix E, Section E105 Parcel Specific Comprehensive Plan Amendments with Conditions. This case is related to LDCPAS 2026-16. The subject site is located north of Highway 542 East, east of Reynolds Road, south of US Highway 92, and east of the City of Lakeland, in Section 14, Township 28, Range 24, providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

6. Case File LDCT-2026-21

A Polk County initiated application for an LDC text amendment to add a section to Chapter 9, Development Review Procedures, and a definition to Chapter 10, Definitions, regarding Agricultural Enclaves, to implement Chapter 2026-34, Laws of Florida; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

7. Case File LDCT-2026-24

An ordinance of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners regarding Land Development Code amendment LDCT-2026-24, amending Ordinance No. 00-09, as amended, the Polk County Land Development Code; amending Chapters 2 and 4 to add Private Schools to the use tables; Chapter 2, Section 206, Accessory Uses, to modify Religious Institution School Standards and provide Private School standards; Chapters 3 and 4 to add development standards; Chapter 7, Section 709, to amend parking standards; Chapter 10 to amend definitions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

8. Case File LDCPAL-2026-13

An Ordinance of Polk County, Florida, adopting LDCPAL 2026-13, an amendment to the Polk County Comprehensive Plan (Ordinance 92-36), as amended; modifying the following sections to add Conservation (CONS) as a new Future Land Use designation in the Future Land Use Element and related Appendices including Section 2.104, Section 2.105, Section 2.106, Section 2.107, Section 2.108, and Section 2.109; modifying Section 2.118 to amend the Preservation Future Land Use designation and add Conservation to Section 2.125 Specialized Uses in Policy 2.125-A2, Policy 2.125-D1, and 2.125-G1; modifying Appendix 2.131 to add Conservation to the US 27, Ronald Reagan, North Ridge, Southeast Polk, I-4 NE, US 98, Wahneta and Gateway Selected Area Plans (SAP); and modifying Appendix 2.132 the Critical Area Resource Management Plan (CARMP) to add Conservation to each Special Protection Area (SPA); providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

9. Case File LDCPAL-2026-15

An ordinance of Polk County, Florida adopting LDCPAL 2026-15, an amendment to the Polk County Comprehensive Plan (Ordinance 92-36), as amended; modifying the Objective and Policies under Section 2.124-F for Redevelopment Areas; providing for Severability; and providing for an Effective Date.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this public hearing should contact the Board's Communications Division, located in the Neil Combee Administration Building, 1st Floor at (863) 534-6090, not later than four days prior to the public hearing. If hearing impaired call: (TDD) (863) 534-7777 or 1-800-955-8771, or Voice impaired call: 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. The public hearing may be continued to a time and date certain by announcement at this scheduled public hearing without any further published notice. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Development Division in person at 330 W. Church Street, Bartow, Florida 33830, or by mail to Drawer GM03, P.O. Box 9005, Bartow, Florida 33831-9005 prior to such hearing for consideration by the Board in making a decision on the case. All files are available for public inspection, during office hours, at the Land Development Division, County Administration Building, 330 West Church Street, Bartow, Florida, 863-534- 6084 or email planneroncall@polk-county.net. If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

