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August 10, 2010

The Honorable Don Slesnick, II  
Mayor, City of Coral Gables  
City Hall  
405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

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CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Dear Mayor Slesnick:

The Department of Community Affairs conducted a preliminary review of the City's proposed comprehensive plan amendment received on July 1, 2010, DCA Reference No. 10-1 and determined that the amendment should be reviewed.

Our review of the proposed amendment will be for consistency with the growth management criteria in Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, and Rule Chapter 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code. An Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report will be prepared for this amendment.

This letter should be made available for public inspection. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bill Pable, AICP, at (850) 922-1781.

Sincerely,

Mike McDaniel, Chief  
Office of Comprehensive Planning

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- cc: Eric Riel, Planning Director, City of Coral Gables
- Carolyn A. Dekle, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Planning Council
- Rod Braun, South Florida Water Management District
- Carlton Card, Florida Department of Transportation
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## **NOTICE OF REVISIONS TO PROCESSING PROCEDURES**

### **Effective Date of Revisions to Rule 9J-11 Florida Administrative Code**

The Department has revised the procedures for submitting comprehensive plan amendments. These new procedures became effective May 12, 2010.

### **Reason for Revisions**

The revisions implement statutory changes to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, related to allowable exemptions from the twice per calendar year limitations and prohibitions that may affect adoption of comprehensive plan amendments. In addition, changes were made to clarify plan amendment submittal requirements based on the Department's recent experience.

### **Highlight of Revisions**

The revised procedures relate to the submittal of proposed and adopted comprehensive plan amendments, including small scale amendments, and a revised RPM-BSP-EXEMPT REVIEW Form used when submitting exempt and small scale amendments. The major revisions to Rule 9J-11, include 1) the deletion of the requirements to submit replacement pages and a revised table of contents to the comprehensive plan; 2) an update to the allowable exemptions to the twice per calendar year limitation; 3) an update to the statutory prohibitions that may affect adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; 4) clarification on the submittal of the de minimis impact report associated with the capital improvement annual update amendment; 5) a requirement that all future land use map amendments be submitted in color format; and 6) the revised RPM-BSP-EXEMPT REVIEW Form to address affordable housing and Areas of Critical State Concern.

### **Effect of Revisions**

The revisions improve the overall comprehensive plan amendment process by helping local governments prepare and submit complete plan amendment packages. The rule provides the local government with a complete list of statutory exemptions and a complete list of possible prohibitions to the amendment process. In addition, the revised rule clarifies submittal requirements and this increases the likelihood that a submittal package will be initially determined complete.

### **Location of Revisions**

The revisions are located on the Division of Community Planning's website to assist local governments with the submittal of their comprehensive plan amendment packages and may be viewed at "**Submitting Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Developments of Regional Impact**" <http://www.dca.state.fl.us/fdcp/dcp/Procedures/index.cfm> .

### **Additional Information**

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