

CHAPTER 13

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

Section 13.01 Purpose: The purpose of this Chapter (element) is to identify and resolve incompatible goals, objectives, policies and development proposed in this Ordinance (the City's Comprehensive Plan) and to determine and respond to the needs for coordination processes and procedures with adjacent local governments, regional and state agencies.

Section 13.02 Data and Analysis: This element is based upon the data and analysis requirements pursuant to Subsection 9J-5.005(2), F.A.C. and 9J-5.015(1) (2), F.A.C. (reference Sections 5.03, 5.06 and 5.07 of this Ordinance and Chapter 10 of the Foundation Documents).

Section 13.03 Area of Concern: The area of concern for the City includes:

- a. The City of Valparaiso;
- b. Okaloosa County; and
- c. Eglin Military Complex.

Section 13.04 Goals, Objectives and Policies: The Goals, Objectives and Policies of this Chapter (element) are as follows:

Goal 13.A - Provide coordination of this plan (ordinance) with the governments indicated in Section 13.03, other local governments (as appropriate) and other governmental agencies providing services within the City.

Objective 13.A.1 - To review, on an annual basis, actions that have taken place to coordinate the Comprehensive Plan of Niceville with the Plans of other units of government and the Okaloosa County School Board (reference Section 13.03).

Policy 13.A.1.1 - The committee appointed pursuant to Policy 14.A.3.6 shall include within its review efforts (pursuant to Section 14.06) an analysis of the coordination between plans of affected governments.

Policy 13.A.1.2 - The City shall continue to use the Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan Committee (consisting of officials from Okaloosa County and all cities therein, Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, and the Okaloosa County School Board) to coordinate Comprehensive Plans for the local governments, the School Board and the Air Force; to provide information regarding proposed development; to identify and implement necessary joint planning areas for the purposes of annexation, municipal incorporation and joint infrastructure service areas; and to discuss the siting of facilities with county-wide significance, including locally unwanted land uses, as needed.

Policy 13.A.1.3 - If the City receives a request(s) for annexation, the City shall follow the annexation procedures in Florida Statutes and will coordinate such annexation with Okaloosa County through the Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Policy 13.A.1.4 - The City shall consider participation with Okaloosa County and other units of local government in the acquisition and use of a computerized Geographic Information System (GIS).

Policy 13.A.1.5 - Continue to cooperate with other units of government and governmental agencies so as to provide for coordination and evaluation of development proposals which may impact Choctawhatchee Bay, Boggy Bayou, Rocky Bayou or other water bodies within the City. The Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan Committee described in Policy 13.A.1.2 shall be the vehicle used to facilitate the cooperation herein described.

Policy 13.A.1.6 – The City shall continue to partner with Okaloosa County in the provision of reclaimed water so that reclaimed water can be used for irrigation instead of potable water.

Policy 13.A.1.7 – The City shall implement the Northwest Florida Water Management District’s Regional Water Supply Plan.

Policy 13.A.1.8 – The City shall ensure coordination of the comprehensive plan with the most current NFWFMD Regional Water Supply Plan when proposing and/or amending the ten-year (10) Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

Policy 13.A.1.9 – The City will review and coordinate with the most recently published District Water Supply Plan and NFWFMD staff in projecting future supply and demand on potable water and alternative sources when preparing amendments to the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan and Consumptive Use Permit Applications.

Policy 13.A.1.10- The City will exchange water supply information and services with the NFWFMD, West Florida Regional Planning Council, and local governments through water supply planning work groups and through meetings on an as-needed basis.

Policy 13.A.1.11- The City will examine, to the extent possible, the use to interconnectivity of water facilities with other local jurisdictions as recommended by the NFWFMD Regional Water Supply Plan.

Policy 13.A.1.12 - Continue to participate in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO planning process in cooperation with adjacent local governments and other public agencies and private organizations whose purpose is to implement the transportation, land use, parking and other provisions of the transportation element.

Objective 13.A.2 - Continually coordinate with appropriate state, regional and local agencies, which have operational and maintenance responsibility for public facilities in Niceville, the impacts of development proposed in this plan upon development or plans of the affected state,

county or local agency and to achieve, when necessary, mutually agreed upon level of service standards.

Policy 13.A.2.1 - The Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan Committee shall function as the initial agency to mediate comprehensive planning conflicts.

Policy 13.A.2.2 - The City shall use the West Florida Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process to resolve conflicts with other units of government that cannot be resolved pursuant to Policy 13.A.2.1.

Policy 13.A.2.3 - The Committee appointed pursuant to Policy 14.A.3.6 shall include within its review efforts (pursuant to Section 14.06):

- a. An analysis of the effectiveness of the conflict resolution process described in Policies 13.A.2.1 and 13.A.2.2;
- b. The adequacy of LOS standards which have been established by this Ordinance on an annual basis (reference Policy 14.A.3.6);
- c. An analysis of the adequacy of procedures established to review proposed development within the area to the existing Comprehensive Plans of Niceville or adjacent local governments; and
- d. An analysis and/or review of development proposed in this ordinance or amendments to this Ordinance indicating the relationship of any proposed development contained within this Ordinance (or amendments) to the Comprehensive Plan of Niceville or adjacent local governments. This review shall be based upon the consistency of the proposed development with the Comprehensive Plan (all development shall be consistent with this Ordinance).

Policy 13.A.2.4 - The City will continue to execute agreements which establish standards for setting or changing LOS with other entities providing such service and may include:

- a. FDOT for State Roads; and
- b. Okaloosa County for solid waste disposal.

Objective 13.A.3 – Coordinate with adjacent military installations to ensure land use compatibility and support military missions while maintaining property rights and quality of life within the City of Niceville.

Policy 13.A.3.1 – The City will continue to evaluate all development and land use change proposals for compatibility with Eglin Air Force Base, including the consideration of the Air Installation Compatibility Use Zone (AICUZ) noise contours and Air Force Land Use Compatibility Guidelines. All proposed land use changes and decisions will continue to be transmitted to Eglin

Air Force Base for review.

Policy 13.A.3.2 – Through the regular meetings of the City of Niceville Planning Commission/Local Planning Agency and the Okaloosa County Comprehensive Plan Committee, Eglin Air Force Base will remain aware of any planning actions within the City that have the potential to affect base operations within the City. The Okaloosa Comprehensive Plan Committee will also serve as a forum for discussing recommendations of the AICUZ Study and Okaloosa County Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).

Policy 13.A.3.3 – The City will work together with Okaloosa County and Eglin Air Force Base in evaluating and implementing recommendations set forth in the 2006 AICUZ Study, and in the Okaloosa County Joint Land Use Study, while ensuring that property rights are preserved to the maximum extent possible.

Goal 13.B - Collaborate and coordinate with the Okaloosa County School Board to ensure high quality public school facilities which meet the needs of Niceville’s existing and future population.

Objective 13.B.1 - The City will implement the interlocal agreement pursuant to 163.3177, F.S. with the School Board, County, and adjacent municipalities providing for close coordination and evaluation of development proposals pursuant to the interlocal agreement.

Policy 13.B.1.1 - General types of provisions that will be included in the interlocal agreement in order to advise the School Board, adjacent counties, special taxing districts and municipalities of proposed developments which would impact their jurisdiction include:

1. Transmission of information from the City of Niceville to the above entities and others on the Comprehensive Plan mailing list describing proposed developments and school planning activities.
2. Provision for a feedback process/information exchange so the above entities can inform the Local Planning Agency of any potential adverse impact(s) from proposed developments and/or conflicting planning activities.
3. Provision for the district wide application of LOS standards.

Objective 13.B.2 - The City of Niceville shall strive to maintain and enhance joint planning processes and procedures for coordination of public school facilities for planning and decision-making.

Policy 13.B.2.1 - On an ongoing basis, the City shall establish new and review existing coordination mechanisms that will evaluate and address its Comprehensive Plan and programs and their effects on the comprehensive plans developed for the adjacent local governments, school board, and other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over use of land, and the State, by an annual county-wide forum, joint meetings or other types of forums with other agencies. Assistance for this effort shall be requested from regional and state agencies, as needed.

Policy 13.B.2.2 - On an annual basis, the School Board shall provide information from their five-year Capital Facilities Plan to determine the need for additional school facilities. The School Board shall provide to the City, each year, a general education facilities report. The educational facilities report shall contain information detailing existing facilities and their locations and projected needs. The report shall also contain the School Board's capital improvement plan, including planned facilities with funding representing the district's unmet needs.

Policy 13.B.2.3 - In order to coordinate the effective and efficient provision and siting of public educational facilities with associated infrastructure and services within the City of Niceville, the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, School Board, and the municipalities of Cinco Bayou, Crestview, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Laurel Hill, Mary Esther, Niceville, Shalimar and Valparaiso shall meet jointly to develop mechanisms for coordination. Such efforts may include:

1. Coordinated submittal and review of the annual capital improvement programs, the annual educational facilities report, and the Five-Year School Plant Survey of the Okaloosa County School Board.
2. Coordinated review and assessment of the associated costs and expenditures of siting and developing schools with needed public infrastructure.
3. Coordinated review of residential planned developments or mixed use planned developments involving residential development.
4. Use of a unified database including population (forecasts of student population), land use and facilities.
5. Use of a Parks/Schools Planning Group (with representative from each of the entities) to review coordinated siting of schools with parks for multi-functional use. Directives resulting from the joint meeting shall be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code, and other appropriate mechanisms as deemed necessary.
6. Use of a Staff Working Group (with representative from each of the entities) that will meet at least annually to review and coordinate School Level of Service standards and issues of mutual concern regarding coordination of land use and school facilities planning, including population and student growth, development trends, school needs, off-site improvements, and joint use opportunities. In addition, the group will review population and enrollment projections and updates of comprehensive and work plans as part of annual review process to assure the maintenance of the adopted LOS and financial feasibility of the CIP and work plan.