

CHAPTER 5

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT

Goal.5.A - To work and communicate effectively and efficiently with other local governments, Okaloosa County, the Okaloosa County School Board, the State government, and the Federal government to implement this Plan and to benefit the citizens of Niceville.

Objective 5.A.1 - The City of Niceville shall cooperate with Okaloosa County to provide services to all residents within the City's utility service districts and shall advise concerning maximum development capacity.

Policy 5.A.1.1 - 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.

Policy 5.A.1.2 - The City shall continue to participate in interlocal agreements for utility services in annexation areas or potential annexation areas.

Policy 5.A.1.3. - The City shall share data and coordinate with Okaloosa County and other units of local government for purposes of maintaining a robust Geographic Information System (GIS).

Policy 5.A.1.4.- The City shall remain committed to intergovernmental efforts that strive to protect the water quality of the Choctawhatchee Bay, Boggy Bayou, Rocky Bayou or other water bodies within the City.

Polic 5.A.1.5 - The City shall consider the establishment of a joint planning area for any area which is receiving City services or is proposed to receive such services, especially for the purpose of annexation, municipal incorporation, and joint infrastructure service areas. If a joint planning area is established, a joint planning agreement must identify the geographic areas anticipated for annexation, proposed future land uses, necessary public facilities and services, including transportation and school facilities and how they will be provided, and natural resources, including surface water and groundwater resources, and how they will be protected.

Policy 5.A.16 – 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 5.A.1.7 – As necessary, the City shall utilize interlocal to establish coordination mechanisms and other joint considerations and requirements with other local governments including any that may be required pursuant to Section 333.03(1)(b), F.S.

Objective 5.A.2 With the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the City of Niceville shall ensure that the impacts of development proposed in the City’s Comprehensive Plan are coordinated with adjacent municipalities, Okaloosa County, the Emerald Coast Regional Planning Council (ECRC), the State of Florida, Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), and other appropriate agencies:

- **Meeting all requirements of Section 163, F.S. and its implementing rules;**
- **Continuing, active participation in ECRC, TPO, the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWMD) and other agencies with land use or environmental regulatory authority.**

Policy 5.A.2.1 – The City shall ensure coordination of the comprehensive plan with the most current NFWMD Regional Water Supply Plan when proposing and/or amending the ten-year (10) Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

Policy 5.A.2.2 – The City will review and coordinate with the most recently published District Water Supply Plan and NFWMD 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 5.A. 2.3- The City will exchange water supply information and services with the NFWMD, Emerald Coast Regional Planning Council, and local governments through water supply planning work groups and through meetings on an as-needed basis.

Policy 5.A.2.4- The City will examine, to the extent possible, the possible interconnectivity of water facilities with other local jurisdictions as recommended by the NFWMD Regional Water Supply Plan as well as the possibility of new well sites.

Policy 5.A.2.5 - Continue to participate in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO planning process in cooperation with adjacent local governments and other public agencies in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Policy 5.A.2.6 -The City shall coordinate the establishment of level of service standards for public facilities with any state, regional, or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

Policy 5.A.2.7 – The City shall coordinate the impacts of development proposed within this Plan upon development in adjacent municipalities, the county, the region, and the state through participation in regional planning at the ECRC, by sharing any proposed amendments to this Plan with the County, and by ensuring consistency with any state level permitting requirements.

Policy 5A.2. 8 - The City shall use the Emerald Coast Regional Planning Council's informal mediation process to resolve conflicts with other units of government that cannot be resolved pursuant to Section 186.509, Florida Statutes.

Objective 5.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 5.3.1 – 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.

Policy 5.A.3.2. -The City shall transmit to Eglin information relating to proposed changes to comprehensive plans, plan amendments, and proposed changes to land development regulations which, if approved, would affect the intensity, density, or use of the land adjacent to or in close proximity to the base and shall provide Eglin with an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.

Policy 5.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 2009 Okaloosa County Joint Land Use Study, while ensuring that property rights are preserved to the maximum extent possible.

Policy 5.A.3.4 - At the request of the commanding officer, the City will also transmit to the commanding officer copies of applications for development orders requesting a variance or waiver from height or lighting restrictions or noise attenuation reduction requirements within areas defined in the local government’s comprehensive plan as being in a zone of influence of the base and shall provide Eglin with an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.

Policy 5.A.3.5 - A representative of Eglin shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting member of the Niceville Planning Commission.

Objective 5.A.4- 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.

Policy 5.A.4.1 - Consistent with the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning, the City shall implement and maintain mechanisms designed to closely coordinate with the School Board in order to provide consistency between the City’s comprehensive plan and public school facilities programs, such as:

1. Greater efficiency for the School Board and the City by the placement of schools to take advantage of existing and planned roads, water, sewer, parks, and drainage systems;
2. Improved student access and safety by coordinating the construction of new and expanded schools with road and sidewalk construction programs;
3. The location and design of schools with parks, ball fields, libraries, and other community facilities to take advantage of shared use opportunities; and,
4. The expansion and rehabilitation of existing schools so as to support neighborhoods

Policy 5.A.4.2 - In cooperation with the School Board, Okaloosa County and the municipalities of Cinco Bayou, Crestview, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Laurel Hill, Mary Esther, Shalimar and Valparaiso, the City of Niceville will implement the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning for Okaloosa County, Florida between the County, School Board, and all legislative bodies of the municipalities, as required by Section 163.31777, Florida Statutes. The Interlocal Agreement shall include procedures for at a minimum:

1. Joint meetings;
2. Student enrollment and population projections;
3. Coordinating and sharing of information;
4. Supporting infrastructure or off-site improvements;
5. A process to coordinate and share information relating to existing and planned public school facilities, including school renovations and closures, and local government plans for development and redevelopment.
6. Participation by affected local governments with the district school board in the process of evaluating potential school closures, significant renovations to existing schools, and new school site selection before land acquisition.
7. A process for determining the need for and timing of onsite and offsite improvements to support new, proposed expansion, or redevelopment of existing schools.
8. Comprehensive plan amendments, rezoning, and development approvals;
9. School capacities;
10. Education Plant Survey and Five-Year District Facilities Work program;
11. Co-location and shared use;
12. Oversight process; and,
13. Resolution of disputes.

Policy 5.A.4.3 - The City shall include a representative of the School District, appointed by the School Board, as a nonvoting member of the local planning agency, as required by Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes.

Policy 5.A.4.4 - The City shall coordinate with the School Board and all applicable municipalities regarding annual review of school enrollment projections and procedures for annual update and review of school board and local government plans.

Policy 5.A.4.5 - The City's strategy, in coordination with the School Board, for correcting existing deficiencies and addressing future needs includes the identification of adequate sites for funded and planned schools.

Objective 5.A.4.6 - Enhance community/neighborhood design through effective school facility design and siting standards. Encourage the siting of school facilities so they serve as community focal points and so that they are compatible with surrounding land uses by siting schools near urban residential areas and in accordance with local land development regulations to assure compatibility.

Policy 5.A.4.7 - The City will continue to coordinate with the School Board to assure that proposed public school facility sites are consistent with the land use categories and policies of the City Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning.

Policy 5.A.4.8 - of the City of Niceville Future Land Use Element, "The City shall seek to collocate public facilities such as parks, libraries and community centers with schools to the extent possible."

Policy 5.A.4.9 - It is the policy of the School Board, the County and all municipalities to reduce hazardous walking and biking conditions. The City, in coordination with the School Board, shall coordinate with the Okaloosa-Walton TPO's Long Range Transportation Plan to ensure funding for safe access to schools. This includes development of sidewalk inventories and a list of priority projects coordinated with the School Board recommendations and ensuring these recommendations are addressed over the planning period.

Policy 5.A.4.10 - The City and School Board will jointly determine the need for and timing of on-site and off-site improvements (including water, sewer, roads and drainage) necessary to support each new school or the proposed renovation, expansion or closure of an existing school, and will enter into a written agreement as to the timing, location, and the party or parties responsible for constructing, operating and maintaining the required improvements.

Policy 5.A.4.11 - The City and the School Board will work to find opportunities to collaborate on transit and bus routes to better serve citizens and students including the location of bus stops within new developments.