

1. **Amendment of Adopted Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element**

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining sound, stable, and desirable development within Orange County, the Comprehensive Plan or portion thereof shall not be amended except as follows:

- a. Because of changed or changing conditions in a particular area or areas of the County;
- b. To correct an error or omission; or
- c. In response to a change in the policies, objectives, principles or standards governing the physical development of the County.

2. **Initiation of Amendments**

An amendment to the Comprehensive Plan or portion thereof may be initiated by:

- a. The Board of Commissioners on its own motion;
- b. The Planning Board; or
- c. [Application](#), by any person or agency, which accurately and completely sets forth the reason(s) for the proposed amendment as prescribed in #1 above.

3. **Classification of Amendments**

Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan or portion thereof are classified as “principal” or “secondary” amendments.

Principal amendments include:

- a. Additions to or modifications of policies, objectives, principles or standards;
- b. The creation of new activity nodes or additions to existing activity nodes which exceed ten (10) acres in land area; or
- c. Proposals for new freestanding plan areas or additions to existing areas that exceed one hundred (100) acres in land area.

Secondary amendments include:

- a. The expansion of an activity node where the additional area is contiguous to an existing node and does not increase its land area by more than ten (10) acres;
- b. The expansion of a designated plan area where the additional area is contiguous to the existing plan designation and does not increase its land area by more than one hundred (100) acres;
- c. A correction of an error or omission; or
- d. Revisions to any factual or descriptive material.

4. **Consideration of Amendments**

Except as noted herein, the submission and consideration of applications for proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan or portion thereof shall be governed by the procedures contained in Article 20 of the County's Zoning Ordinance.

Principal amendments shall generally only be considered once each year at the quarterly public hearing in February; provided, however, if a principal amendment is scheduled by the Board of Commissioners for other than the February public hearing, it shall be scheduled during one of the quarterly public hearings held in May, August, and November. Secondary amendments may be considered four (4) times each year at the quarterly joint public hearings in February, May, August, and November.

No proposed amendment is to be considered in conjunction with a rezoning, planned development or special use permit request for the same property. Requests for a rezoning, planned development and/or special use permit may only be considered at subsequent hearings or meetings following approval of the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

5. **Application Form and Filing Fees**

- a. [Amendment Application](#)
- b. [Application Filing Fees](#)