Broward County Land Use Plan Amendment Requirements
Amendments which are not within the rules of flexibility or more restrictive require amending the Broward County Land Use Plan. Amendments to the Broward County Land Use Plan must be approved by the Broward County Commission. Article 1 of the Administrative Rules Document: Broward County Land Use Plan details the procedures local governments must follow to amend the Broward County Land Use Plan. The following Exhibit identifies the materials which must be submitted to satisfy the Planning Council’s application requirements for amendments to the Broward County Land Use Plan.

Exhibit “Application Checklist for Amendments to the Broward County Land Use Plan”
EXHIBIT

APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE
BROWARD COUNTY LAND USE PLAN

This application identifies the information required by the Broward County Planning Council and/or Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, for processing amendments to the Broward County Land Use Plan.

At the request of municipalities, the Broward County Planning Council has adopted procedures which allow for concurrent transmittal of Broward County Land Use Plan amendments and local land use plan amendments to the DEO. Local governments choosing the concurrent transmittal option must specifically authorize the Broward County Planning Council to transmit the local amendment(s) corresponding to a Broward County Land Use Plan amendment. This authorization must be made at the local government’s Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, transmittal hearing and be included within the transmittal resolution or ordinance. Upon concurrent transmittal of the local amendment to the DEO, municipalities are responsible for responding to any requests made by DEO regarding the municipal amendment.

All amendment requests must be accompanied by the appropriate fee and the materials identified on the attached application. Local governments must submit 3 hard copies and 10 digital copies (13 copies total) of the amendment application for the Broward County Planning Council. Local governments opting for concurrent transmittal must submit 1 additional hard copy and 10 digital copies (11 copies total) of the corresponding local land use plan amendment application for the DEO. Those local governments choosing to transmit their local amendments to the DEO separately or those adopting small-scale plan amendments need only supply the number of copies for the Broward County Planning Council. Additional copies of the amendment application may be requested by the Planning Council staff if the amendment site requires review by additional agencies, such as independent drainage districts or adjacent municipalities. Complete applications must be submitted in accordance with the Planning Council’s established submittal deadlines, as well as the County Commission requirements. The applicant shall be responsible for providing accurate information and sufficient data and analysis to enable the Planning Council staff to process the application. However, the acceptance of the application for processing shall not constitute an affirmation of the accuracy or completeness of the application.
Following each item on the checklist, identify the page/exhibit number where the item can be found. Please package the Broward County Planning Council and Department of Economic Opportunity submissions separately.

1. **TRANSMITTAL INFORMATION**

   A. Letter of transmittal from municipal mayor or manager documenting that the local government took action by motion, resolution or ordinance to transmit a proposed amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan, including the date that the local governing body held the transmittal public hearing. Please attach a copy of the referenced motion, resolution or ordinance. The local government’s action to transmit must include a recommendation of approval, denial or modification regarding the proposed amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan.

   B. Name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the local government contact person.

   C. Summary minutes from both the local planning agency and the local government public hearings of the transmittal of the Broward County Land Use Plan amendment.

   D. Description of public notification procedures followed for the amendment by the local government, including notices to surrounding property owners, advertisements in local publications, signage at proposed site, etc.

   E. Whether the amendment is one of the following:
      * Development of Regional Impact
      * Small-scale development (Per Chapter 163.3187 Florida Statutes)
      * Emergency (Please describe on separate page)

2. **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

   A. Name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the applicant.

   B. Name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the agent.
C. Name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the property owner(s).

D. Applicant’s rationale for the amendment. The Planning Council requests a condensed version for inclusion in the staff report (about two paragraphs).

Planning Council staff may accept greater than two paragraphs, if submitted in an electronic format.

3. AMENDMENT SITE DESCRIPTION

A. Concise written description of the general boundaries and gross acreage (as defined by BCLUP) of the proposed amendment.

B. Sealed survey, including legal description of the area proposed to be amended.

C. Map at a scale clearly indicating the amendment’s location, boundaries and proposed land uses.

4. EXISTING AND PROPOSED USES

A. Current and proposed local and Broward County Land Use Plan designation(s) for the amendment site. If multiple land use designations, describe gross acreage within each designation. For Activity Center amendments, the proposed text indicating the maximum residential and non-residential uses must be included.

B. Indicate if the flexibility provisions of the Broward County Land Use Plan have been used for the amendment site or adjacent areas.

C. Existing use of amendment site and adjacent areas.

D. Proposed use of the amendment site including proposed square footage (for analytical purposes only) for each non-residential use and/or dwelling unit count. For Activity Center amendments, also provide the existing square footage for each non-residential use and existing dwelling unit count within the amendment area.

E. Maximum allowable development per adopted and certified municipal land use plans under existing designation for the site, including square footage/floor area ratio/lot coverage/height limitations for each non-residential use and/or dwelling unit count.
5. **ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

The items below must be addressed to determine the impact of an amendment on existing and planned public facilities and services. Provide calculations for each public facility and/or service. If more than one amendment is submitted, calculations must be prepared on an individual and cumulative basis.

A. **Potable Water Analysis**

1. Provide the potable water level of service per the adopted and certified local land use plan, including the adoption date of the 10 Year Water Supply Facilities Plan.

2. Identify the potable water facility serving the area in which the amendment is located including the current plant capacity, current and committed demand on the plant and planned plant capacity expansions, including year and funding sources. Identify the wellfield serving the area in which the amendment is located including the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) permitted withdrawal and expiration date of the SFWMD permit.

3. Identify the net impact on potable water demand, based on the adopted level of service, resulting from the proposed amendment. Provide calculations, including anticipated demand per square foot or dwelling unit.

4. Correspondence from potable water provider verifying the information submitted in items 1-3 above. Correspondence must contain name, position and contact information of party providing verification.

B. **Sanitary Sewer Analysis**

1. Provide the sanitary sewer level of service per the adopted and certified local land use plan.

2. Identify the sanitary sewer facility serving the area in which the amendment is located including the current plant capacity, current and committed demand on the plant and planned plant capacity expansions, including year and funding sources.
3. Identify the net impact on sanitary sewer demand, based on the adopted level of service, resulting from the proposed amendment. Provide calculations, including anticipated demand per square foot* or dwelling unit.

4. Correspondence from sanitary sewer provider verifying the information submitted in items 1-3 above. Correspondence must contain name, position and contact information of party providing verification.

C. Solid Waste Analysis

1. Provide the solid waste level of service per the adopted and certified local land use plan.

2. Identify the solid waste facility serving the service area in which the amendment is located including the landfill/plant capacity, current and committed demand on the landfill/plant capacity and planned landfill/plant capacity.

3. Identify the net impact on solid waste demand, based on the adopted level of service, resulting from the proposed amendment. Provide calculations, including anticipated demand per square foot* or dwelling unit.

4. Correspondence from the solid waste provider verifying the information submitted in items 1-3 above. Correspondence must contain name, position and contact information of party providing verification.

D. Drainage Analysis

1. Provide the drainage level of service per the adopted and certified local land use plan.

2. Identify the drainage district and drainage systems serving the amendment area.

3. Identify any planned drainage improvements, including year, funding sources and other relevant information.
4. Indicate if a Surface Water Management Plan has been approved by, or an application submitted to, the SFWMD and/or any independent drainage district, for the amendment site.

Identify the permit number(s), or application number(s) if the project is pending, for the amendment site. If an amendment site is not required to obtain a SFWMD permit, provide documentation of same.

5. If the area in which the amendment is located does not meet the adopted level of service and there are no improvements planned (by the unit of local government or drainage authority) to address the deficiencies, provide an engineering analysis which demonstrates how the site will be drained and the impact on the surrounding properties.

The information should include the wet season water level for the amendment site, design storm elevation, natural and proposed land elevation, one hundred year flood elevation, acreage of proposed water management retention area, elevations for buildings, roads and years, storage and runoff calculations for the design storm and estimated time for flood waters to recede to the natural land elevation.

6. Correspondence from local drainage district verifying the information submitted in items 1-5 above. Correspondence must contain name, position and contact information of party providing verification.

E. Recreation and Open Space Analysis

1. Provide the recreation and open space level of service per the adopted and certified local land use plan.

2. For amendments which will result in an increased demand for “community parks” acreage, as required by the Broward County Land Use Plan, an up-to-date inventory of the municipal community parks inventory must be submitted.

3. Identify the net impact on demand for “community parks” acreage, as defined by the Broward County Land Use Plan, resulting from this amendment.
4. Identify the projected “community parks” acreage needs based on the local government’s projected build-out population.

5. As applicable, describe how the local government and/or applicant are addressing Broward County Land Use Plan Policies 2.5.4 and 2.5.5 (a. through e.), regarding the provision of open space.

F. Traffic Circulation Analysis

Please be advised, if required, that the Planning Council staff will request from the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), as per Policy 2.14.6 of the BCLUP, an analysis of the impacts of the amendment to the regional transportation network. The MPO will charge a separate cost-recovery fee directly to applicants for technical assistance requested by the Planning Council for the preparation and review of the land use plan amendment transportation analysis. Please contact the MPO for additional information regarding this fee.

1. Identify the roadways impacted by the proposed amendment and indicate the number of lanes, current traffic volumes, adopted level of service and current level of service for each roadway.

2. Identify the projected level of service for the roadways impacted by the proposed amendment for the long-range planning horizon. Please utilize average daily and p.m. peak hour traffic volumes per Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) plans and projections.

3. Planning Council staff will analyze traffic impacts resulting from the amendment. The applicant may provide a traffic impact analysis for the amendment – calculate anticipated average daily and p.m. peak hour traffic generation for the existing and proposed land use designations. If the amendment reflects a net increase in traffic generation, identify access points to/from the amendment site and provide a distribution of the additional traffic on the impacted roadway network for the long-range planning horizon.

4. Provide any relevant transportation studies relating to this amendment, as applicable.
G. Mass Transit Analysis

1. Identify the mass transit modes, existing and planned mass transit routes and scheduled service (headway) serving the amendment area within one-quarter of a mile.

2. Describe how the proposed amendment furthers or supports mass transit use.

3. Correspondence from transit provider verifying the information submitted in items 1-2 above. Correspondence must contain name, position and contact information of party providing verification.

H. Public Education Analysis

Please be advised that the Planning Council staff will request from The School Board of Broward County (SBBC), as per Policy 2.15.2 of the BCLUP, an analysis of the impacts of the amendment on public education facilities. Per SBBC Policy 1161, the applicant will be subject to a fee for the analysis and review of the land use plan application. The applicant should contact the Growth Management Section of the SBBC to facilitate this review and determine the associated fees.


2. The associated fee in the form of a check made payable to the SBBC.

6. ANALYSIS OF NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

Indicate if the site contains, is located adjacent to or has the potential to impact any of the natural and historic resource(s) listed below, and if so, how they will be protected or mitigated. Planning Council staff will request additional information from Broward County regarding the amendment’s impact on natural and historic resources.

A. Historic sites or districts on the National Register of Historic Places or locally designated historic sites.

B. Archaeological sites listed on the Florida Master Site File.

C. Wetlands.
D. Local Areas of Particular Concern as identified within the Broward County Land Use Plan.

E. Priority Planning Area map and Broward County Land Use Plan Policy 2.21.1 regarding sea level rise.

F. “Endangered” or “threatened species” or “species of special concern” or “commercially exploited” as per the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (fauna), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (flora and fauna), or the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (fauna). If yes, identify the species and show the habitat location on a map.

G. Plants listed in the Regulated Plant Index for protection by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

H. Wellfields – indicate whether the amendment is located within a wellfield protection zone of influence as defined by Broward County Code, Chapter 27, Article 13 “Wellfield Protection.” If so, specify the affected zone and any provisions which will be made to protect the wellfield.

I. Soils – describe whether the amendment will require the alteration of soil conditions or topography. If so, describe what management practices will be used to protect or mitigate the area’s natural features.

J. Beach Access – Indicate if the amendment site fronts the ocean or would impact access to public beaches. If so, describe how public beach access will be addressed.

7. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Describe how the local government is addressing Broward County Land Use Plan Policy 2.16.2, consistent with Article 5 of this Document.

8. **LAND USE COMPATIBILITY**

Describe how the amendment is consistent with existing and planned future land uses in the area (including adjacent municipalities and/or county jurisdictions). Identify specific land development code provisions or other measures that have or will be utilized to ensure land use compatibility.
9. **HURRICANE EVACUATION ANALYSIS**

(Required for those land use plan amendments located in a hurricane evacuation zone as identified by the Broward County Emergency Management Division).

Provide a hurricane evacuation analysis based on the proposed amendment, considering the number of permanent and seasonal residential dwelling units (including special residential facilities) requiring evacuation, availability of hurricane shelter spaces, and evacuation routes and clearance times. The hurricane evacuation analysis shall be based on the best available data/modeling techniques as identified by the Broward County Emergency Management Division.

10. **REDEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS**

Indicate if the amendment is located in an identified redevelopment area (i.e., Community Redevelopment Agency, Community Development Block Grant). If so, describe how the amendment will facilitate redevelopment and promote approved redevelopment plans.

11. **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

Indicate whether the proposed amendment site is adjacent to other local governments. If so, please provide additional copies for the notification and/or review by adjacent local governments.

12. **DESCRIBE CONSISTENCY WITH HIGHLIGHTED REGIONAL ISSUES AND POLICIES OF THE BROWARD COUNTY LAND USE PLAN**

13. **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTS**

A. Other support documents or summary of support documents on which the proposed amendment is based.

B. Any proposed voluntary mitigation or draft agreements.

14. **PLAN AMENDMENT COPIES**

A. 3 hard copies and 10 digital copies (13 copies total) for the BCPC (Please include additional copies, if amendment site is adjacent to other municipalities and/or county jurisdictions). Additional copies may be requested by the Planning Council Executive Director after the initial application submittal.
B. If requesting concurrent transmittal to DEO, 1 hard copy and 10 digital copies (11 copies total), as required by DEO, of the corresponding local land use plan amendment application, including transmittal letter from municipality to DEO.