The Volusia Growth Management Commission received a small scale comprehensive plan amendment application (VGMC Case No. 20-057) on August 25, 2020, from the City of Lake Helen, Florida. The proposed amendment affects the comprehensive plan as follows:

Change the future land use designation of approximately 1.9 acres located on West Ohio Avenue from Public Lands and Institutions to Single Family Low Density.

Any substantially affected or aggrieved unit of local government as defined in Article II., Section 90-31 of the Volusia County Code shall have a right pursuant to the Volusia Growth Management Commission Comprehensive Plan Consistency Certification Rules to petition for a public hearing on the application. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be received by the commission on or before September 15, 2020, which is 21 days from receipt of the complete application. At the time of filing with the commission, a copy of the petition must also be sent electronically, via U.S. Mail or hand delivered to Becky Witte, City Administrator, P.O. Box 39, Lake Helen, FL 32744.

The petition shall contain the following information:
1. Name, address, telephone number and contact person of the petitioning unit of local government; the commission’s case number and the location of the proposed activity;
2. A statement of how and when the unit of local government received notice of the application;
3. A statement of how the petitioning unit of local government’s substantial interests are affected by the proposed application;
4. A statement of the material facts disputed by the petitioning unit of local government, if any;
5. A detailed statement outlining the reasons why the proposed amendment violates the criteria for evaluating compatibility in Sec. 90-37; and
6. A statement of relief sought by the petitioning unit of local government, stating precisely the action the petitioning unit of local government wants the Commission to take with respect to the pending application.

Failure to file a petition on or before September 15, 2020, which is 21 days from receipt of the complete application, constitutes a waiver of any right any unit of local government may have to a public hearing pursuant to the Volusia Growth Management Commission Comprehensive Plan Consistency Certification Rules and to participate as a substantially affected or aggrieved unit of local government. Any person who believes the unit of local government in which they reside could be substantially affected or aggrieved by the application is directed to address that concern with the elected governing body of the unit of local government in which they reside. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit or prevent members of the public from being heard at the public hearing required by section 90-35 pursuant to § 286.011 of the Florida Statutes.

A copy of the complete application and accompanying material are available for public inspection at the Volusia Growth Management Commission office, 140 S. Beach Street, Suite 305, Daytona Beach, Florida during normal business hours. All interested parties are herein given notice.

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