

RESOLUTION NO. 2006- 174
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

A Resolution of The Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida which demonstrates a substantial commitment of the part of Sarasota County (herein referred to as the "County"), to Green Building, and Green Development; and

Whereas, the County has already demonstrated its commitment to sustainable principles, practices and technologies through the County's Sustainability Resolution No. 02-119; and

Whereas, the County has already demonstrated its commitment to green building principles, practices, and technologies through the County's Green Building Resolution No. 2005-048; and

Whereas, the County is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, The United States Department of Energy's Rebuild America Program, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR[®] program and the Florida Green Building Coalition, all of which advocate for higher performance buildings and developments; and

Whereas, The U.S. Green Buildings Council (USGBC) has developed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system that is a voluntary, consensus based certification program for design of sustainable buildings; and

Whereas, The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) has developed the Florida Green Building Residential Designation Standard, the Florida Green Commercial Designation Standard, and the Florida Green Development Designation which are voluntary, consensus based certification programs for the design of sustainable green buildings and developments; and

Whereas, high performance sustainable buildings and developments are a means of balancing economic development with the preservation of the quality of life;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA, in public meeting assembled:

That it shall be the policy of the County to expedite the processing of Developments of Critical Concern (DOCC), amendments to sector plans, rezone and special exception petitions, site and development plans, and building permit applications for those developments which meet the following standards for green buildings or green developments and where the owners, developers and/or builders agree to the following conditions in a written agreement:

1. Rezone or special exception petitions for a proposed "Green Development" shall include the application and documentation required by the Florida Green Building

Coalition's Green Development Designation. As phases of the development are completed, the Certificate from the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) shall be presented to the Land Development Administration or designee. Such petitions shall be processed within six (6) months from the date the petition is deemed complete.

2. Site and Development plans for a proposed "Green Development" shall be processed in ten (10) working days.
3. Building permit applications for residential green buildings shall be processed within three (3) working days. Building permit applications for commercial green buildings shall be processed in five (5) working days. All such applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate checklist from United States Green Building Coalition (USGBC) Standard Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design ("LEED") or the Florida Green Building Coalition Designation Standard.
4. The owner and/or development commits that the Engineer of Record (EOF) and lead Planner are senior staff members acceptable to the Executive Director of Planning and Development Services or designee who shall be the responsible persons in charge.
5. The Planning Commission plays an important advisory role in the review Rezone and Special Exception petitions. In order for the Board to hold its hearings in a timely manner, the Board requests that the Planning Commission refrain from continuing these petitions except in the most extraordinary circumstances.
6. The engineering and/or planning firm will respond to the County's staff comments within the same number of days within which the County responded to plans submitted when feasible and mutually agreed upon.
7. Persons or corporations who fail to keep their commitments may be deemed ineligible for any future expedited reviews as determined by the Land Development Administration, Building Official and the Zoning Administrator and with a concurrence of the Executive Director of Planning and Development Services.
8. Any existing violation of any Federal, State or County Code or Ordinance, shall be resolved prior to any expedited review.
9. New violations or consultations with Federal and/or State agencies which require additional time to resolve may extend the proposed timeframes.
10. The plat shall include language about recorded deed restrictions for green building and/or development.
11. A declaration by the Board of County Commissioners that an emergency exists due to a natural disaster or other circumstances automatically relieves the County from meeting the expedited review timeframes.

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA THIS 22nd DAY OF August, 2006.

ATTEST:

KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners of
Sarasota County, Florida Solar Energy Center

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk