

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Pinellas Planning Council,
3 Pinellas County; codifying, amending, reenacting, and
4 repealing special acts relating to the district;
5 reorganizing the council; setting forth the purpose of
6 the council; providing legislative intent that the
7 countywide plan be broadly defined and policy-based;
8 providing that the primary focus of the council will
9 be land use and transportation planning; providing
10 definitions; providing that the membership of the
11 council shall be the same as that of the Pinellas
12 County Metropolitan Planning Organization; providing
13 for the election of officers, meetings of the council,
14 requirements of a quorum, and member expenses;
15 providing for the powers and duties of the council,
16 including revising the required components of the
17 countywide plan, consistent with the stated
18 legislative intent; providing for countywide staff and
19 committees; providing for a budget and annual
20 independent audit; recognizing the countywide planning
21 authority of the Pinellas County Board of County
22 Commissioners as provided by the Pinellas County
23 Charter; providing for the repeal of the existing
24 countywide plan, adoption of a new countywide plan,
25 future amendment of the plan, and standards and
26 procedures for such actions; providing a timetable for
27 consistency review after adoption of a new countywide
28 plan; providing for public hearing and notice

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29 requirements; requiring the authority to adopt
30 specific notice standards in the countywide rules;
31 providing for compliance with part II of chapter 163,
32 Florida Statutes; repealing chapters 73-594, 74-584,
33 74-586, 76-473, 88-464, and 90-396, Laws of Florida;
34 providing an effective date.

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36 WHEREAS, Pinellas County is approaching a built-out
37 condition, and planned redevelopment of the built environment is
38 critical to maintaining and improving the countywide economy and
39 quality of life, and

40 WHEREAS, given the land constraints within the county, it
41 is recognized that countywide traffic issues cannot be solved by
42 road building alone but must be addressed through a multimodal
43 transportation system, and

44 WHEREAS, with the Legislature's creation of the Tampa Bay
45 Area Regional Transportation Authority ("TBARTA") in 2007, the
46 provision of enhanced public transit within the county has
47 become a high transportation planning priority, and

48 WHEREAS, land use patterns are a critical factor in
49 determining whether multimodal transportation, particularly
50 transit, is functional and effective, and

51 WHEREAS, transportation and land use planning do not exist
52 independently but have a relationship in which each influences
53 the other, and

54 WHEREAS, both the Updated Countywide Plan for Pinellas
55 County and Pinellas by Design: An Economic Development and
56 Redevelopment Plan for the Pinellas Community contain planning

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57 strategies that call for increased coordination of the land use
58 and transportation planning activities of the Pinellas Planning
59 Council ("PPC") and the Metropolitan Planning Organization
60 ("MPO"), and

61 WHEREAS, a Joint Land Use and Transportation Committee
62 ("committee"), consisting of three representatives from the PPC,
63 three representatives from the Board of County Commissioners
64 (BCC), and three representatives from the MPO, was convened in
65 April 2010 to study the potential of integrating transportation
66 and future land use planning at the countywide level, and

67 WHEREAS, the committee has recommended that the MPO and PPC
68 functions be more closely aligned on transportation and land use
69 issues to create a more streamlined and integrated process,
70 which should identify and eliminate any redundancies,
71 disconnects, or inefficiencies in the current system, and

72 WHEREAS, the committee recommended that this integrated
73 process include a new Countywide Future Land Use Plan, which
74 establishes a broad, forward-looking land use planning
75 framework, incorporates and guides multimodal transportation
76 planning, and allows sufficient flexibility to accommodate the
77 redevelopment needs of local communities, and

78 WHEREAS, the committee determined that the most effective
79 way to accomplish these goals would be to unify the membership
80 of the boards of the MPO and the PPC into a single board that
81 would be empowered to carry out the functions of both the MPO
82 and the PPC, and

83 WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the committee that the
84 new unified board should continue to consist of elected

85 officials and ensure adequate representation for all local
 86 governments within Pinellas County, recognizing that the
 87 Pinellas Suncoast Transportation Authority ("PSTA") will also
 88 have a seat on the new board, and

89 WHEREAS, it was the consensus of the committee that the new
 90 unified board be supported by an independent executive director
 91 who serves in that capacity exclusively, with staff chosen by
 92 that independent director, but with priority given to current
 93 employees of the PPC and MPO, and

94 WHEREAS, the establishment of the new unified board will
 95 require reapportionment of the MPO membership, which must be
 96 done in conformance with section 339.175, Florida Statutes, and

97 WHEREAS, the establishment of the new unified board will
 98 require an amendment to and reenactment of the PPC's charter,
 99 NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) The reenactment of existing law in this act shall not be construed as a grant of additional authority to or supersede the authority of any entity pursuant to law. Exceptions to law contained in any special act that are reenacted pursuant to this act shall continue to apply.

(2) The reenactment of existing law in this act shall not be construed to modify, amend, or alter any covenants, contracts, or other obligations of the district with respect to bonded indebtedness. Nothing pertaining to the reenactment of existing law in this act shall be construed to affect the

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113 ability of the district to levy and collect taxes, assessments,
114 fees, or charges for the purpose of redeeming or servicing
115 bonded indebtedness of the district.

116 Section 2. Chapters 73-594, 74-584, 74-586, 76-473, 88-
117 464, and 90-396, Laws of Florida, are amended, codified,
118 reenacted, and repealed as provided in this act.

119 Section 3. The charter for the Pinellas Planning Council,
120 Pinellas County, a dependent special district, is re-created and
121 reenacted to read:

122 Section 1. County planning council created.—There
123 is created a countywide planning and coordinating
124 council to be known as the "Pinellas Planning Council,"
125 hereinafter referred to as the "council." The council
126 shall have common membership and function as a single,
127 unified board with the Pinellas County Metropolitan
128 Planning Organization ("MPO").

129 Section 2. Purpose of council; legislative intent.—

130 (1) The Legislature recognizes the social and economic
131 interdependence of the people residing within Pinellas County
132 and the common interest they share in its future development.
133 The Legislature recognizes the value of considering land use and
134 transportation planning issues concurrently and of coordinating
135 and implementing land use and transportation planning functions
136 in an integrated manner. The Legislature also recognizes that
137 individual plans and decisions heretofore made by local
138 governments within the county have affected the welfare of the
139 entire county as well as neighboring jurisdictions, and,
140 therefore, the Legislature intends that the purpose of this act

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141 is to provide for:

142 (a) The formulation and execution by the council of the
143 strategies necessary for the orderly growth, development, and
144 environmental protection of Pinellas County as a whole, with the
145 focus on those issues deemed to have an impact countywide.

146 (b) The coordination by the council of planning and
147 development in Pinellas County with regional planning objectives
148 in the Tampa Bay area as developed by such entities as the MPO,
149 the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the Tampa Bay Area
150 Regional Transportation Authority ("TBARTA"), the Pinellas
151 Suncoast Transit Authority ("PSTA"), the Department of
152 Transportation ("DOT"), and the Department of Community Affairs
153 ("DCA").

154 (2) The Legislature further recognizes that the future of
155 Pinellas County, its permanent residents, and the millions of
156 tourists who annually visit the county is dependent upon the way
157 the natural resources of land, air, and water are protected and
158 impacted by the built environment and through the use and reuse
159 of land to accommodate the urban development and redevelopment
160 pattern, the transportation system that serves it, and other
161 development activities that are guided by the countywide
162 planning function.

163 (3) The Legislature intends for the development of a
164 broadly defined, policy-based countywide plan that will focus on
165 countywide issues related to future land use, transportation,
166 and intergovernmental coordination.

167 (4) The Legislature further intends that this act provide
168 for the coordination by the council of the transportation

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169 planning functions undertaken by the MPO with the council's land
170 use planning functions, as expressed in this act, in a manner
171 that more fully integrates these two functions in a
172 complementary manner, as well as a means for the integration of
173 the membership of the boards of the council and MPO, such that a
174 single, unified board shall perform the functions of both the
175 council and the MPO.

176 Section 3. Definitions.—As used in this act, the term:

177 (1) "Countywide plan" means materials in such descriptive
178 form, written or graphic, as may be appropriate to the
179 prescription of strategies for the orderly and balanced future
180 development of Pinellas County. The countywide plan is comprised
181 of the countywide plan strategies, the countywide plan map, and
182 the countywide rules in section 6(7).

183 (2) "Countywide plan map" means the future land use map
184 that designates general categories of land use by type and
185 location to guide the future development pattern and use of land
186 throughout the county.

187 (3) "Countywide plan strategies" means an overarching set
188 of policies that identify and set forth a plan of action to
189 address those components set forth in section 6(7) and that are
190 collectively used to administer and guide interpretation of the
191 countywide plan map and countywide rules.

192 (4) "Countywide planning authority" means the board of
193 county commissioners, acting in its capacity as the countywide
194 planning authority, through the exercise of its power under
195 section 2.04(s) of the Pinellas County Charter.

196 (5) "Countywide rules" and the "rules" mean those rules,

197 standards, and procedures that will implement the countywide
 198 plan as provided in section 6(7).

199 (6) "Existing countywide plan" means that countywide plan,
 200 inclusive of the countywide plan strategies, countywide plan
 201 map, and countywide rules as adopted by Pinellas County
 202 Ordinance 89-4, as amended.

203 (7) "Land development regulation" means an ordinance
 204 enacted by a local government for the regulation of any aspect
 205 of development and includes any local government zoning,
 206 rezoning, subdivision, or building construction regulation or
 207 any other regulation controlling the development of land.

208 (8) "Local government" means Pinellas County or any
 209 municipality within the county.

210 Section 4. Membership of council.—The council shall be
 211 composed of the voting membership of the Pinellas County
 212 Metropolitan Planning Organization. The terms of office and
 213 appointments to fill vacancies shall be consistent with Florida
 214 law governing the MPO.

215 Section 5. Officers; meetings; records; quorum; expenses.—

216 (1) The council shall elect one of its members as
 217 chairperson, one of its members as vice chairperson, one of its
 218 members as treasurer, and one of its members as secretary, each
 219 of whom shall serve for the year or until a successor is
 220 elected. No person elected chairperson shall serve more than 2
 221 consecutive years in that capacity. Election of officers shall
 222 be conducted in concert with the MPO, as provided by Florida law
 223 governing the MPO.

224 (2) The council may meet at least once each month, at such

225 place and at such other times in special session as the council,
 226 by a majority vote, shall determine, and at any other time at
 227 the call of the chairperson. The council shall adopt, by an
 228 affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the
 229 council, operating procedures for the transaction of business
 230 and keep a record of its transactions, resolutions, findings,
 231 determinations, recommendations, and orders, which record shall
 232 be a public record. Subsequent amendment of the operating
 233 procedures shall be by an affirmative vote of a majority of the
 234 members present and constituting a quorum.

235 (3) At all meetings of the council, a quorum shall consist
 236 of a simple majority of the full voting membership. No official
 237 business of the council may be transacted unless a quorum is
 238 present. No vacancy in the council shall impair the right of a
 239 quorum of the council to exercise all the rights and perform all
 240 the duties of the council. Except as otherwise provided in this
 241 act, all actions of the council shall be by a majority vote of
 242 those members present.

243 (4) Members of the council shall be entitled to receive
 244 from the council their traveling and other necessary expenses
 245 incurred in connection with the business of the council, as
 246 provided by law, but they shall draw no salaries or other
 247 compensation.

248 Section 6. Powers and duties.—In the performance of its
 249 duties and in the execution of its functions under this act, the
 250 council has and shall exercise the following powers and duties:

251 (1) To maintain a permanent office at the place or places
 252 within Pinellas County as it may designate. Additional

253 suboffices may be maintained at such place or places within
 254 Pinellas County as it may designate.

255 (2) To employ and to compensate such personnel,
 256 consultants, and technical and professional assistance as it may
 257 deem necessary.

258 (3) To make and enter into contracts and agreements.

259 (4) To hold public hearings and sponsor public forums.

260 (5) To sue and to be sued in its own name.

261 (6) To contract with, accept and expend funds and grants
 262 from, and accept and use services from:

263 (a) The Federal Government or any agency thereof.

264 (b) The state government or any agency thereof.

265 (c) The county government or any agency thereof, including
 266 the district school board.

267 (d) The several municipalities in Pinellas County or any
 268 agencies thereof.

269 (e) The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and other
 270 governmental agencies.

271 (f) Civic groups and nonprofit agencies.

272 (7) To develop for countywide planning authority approval
 273 a countywide plan that shall be broadly defined, policy-based,
 274 and focused on countywide issues and that shall include:

275 (a) The countywide plan map.

276 (b) The countywide rules, which shall establish parameters
 277 that will be used to determine whether local governments' future
 278 land use plans and land development regulations are consistent
 279 with the countywide plan map and rules. Each land use category
 280 shall, at a minimum, be defined in terms of the types of uses

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281 included and specific standards for the density or intensity of
282 use.

283 (c) The countywide plan strategies, which shall provide
284 policy guidance for the countywide plan map and rules and which
285 shall include:

286 1. A countywide future land use component that supports a
287 countywide managed growth perspective.

288 2. A countywide transportation component that supports
289 mass transit and other transportation facilities and that
290 recognizes the responsibilities of the MPO as defined by law and
291 joint agreement.

292 3. A countywide intergovernmental coordination component
293 that supports enhanced integration of local government land use
294 and transportation planning.

295 4. Any other component determined by the council and the
296 countywide planning authority to be necessary to establish
297 effective countywide planning in furtherance of the intent of
298 this act.

299 (8) To coordinate countywide growth management issues and
300 procedures consistent with this act.

301 (9) To review the countywide plan with the local
302 governments in order to ensure coordination with local goals and
303 policies, identify specific countywide growth management problem
304 areas, and work collaboratively with local governments towards
305 solutions to those identified problems.

306 (10) When processing amendments to the countywide plan
307 map, to consider the countywide plan strategies and the
308 countywide rules.

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309 (11) To conduct a strategic planning session with the
310 countywide planning authority on an annual basis or at such
311 other intervals as the council and countywide planning authority
312 shall agree upon.

313 Section 7. Countywide staff and committees.-

314 (1) Pursuant to section 6(2), the council shall appoint an
315 independent executive director, who shall serve at the pleasure
316 of the council. The employment qualifications and standards for
317 the position of executive director shall be established by the
318 council. The executive director may employ such other staff as
319 may be needed and shall have the sole authority to manage the
320 activities of the staff. Nothing in this act shall prevent the
321 executive director and the staff from being classified or exempt
322 employees of the Pinellas County Unified Personnel System.

323 (2) Directors of individual local government land use and
324 planning departments, or their designees, are the members of the
325 planners advisory committee. The planners advisory committee
326 may, at the direction of the council, perform a professional
327 planning review of the council staff recommendations that are to
328 be acted upon by the council. The planners advisory committee
329 may also include a representative from the planning departments
330 maintained by the Pinellas County School Board, the PSTA, the
331 DOT, and other agencies as the council may determine
332 appropriate. In addition to the planners advisory committee, the
333 council may appoint such other committees as it deems necessary,
334 which may be comprised of either elected or nonelected
335 officials. The committees provided for in this section may
336 perform such other duties as assigned by the council but may not

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337 be involved in the administration or executive functions of the
338 council.

339 (3) The staff, as recognized in this act, shall prepare
340 all plans or other documents that the council may direct under
341 this act and shall assist any committee and the executive
342 director in day-to-day activities. The staff shall be governed
343 by such operating procedures as may be set forth by the council.

344 Section 8. Budget, fiscal year, appropriations,
345 contributions; annual audits and reports.-

346 (1) The executive director of the council shall annually
347 prepare the budget of the council. The budget shall be kept
348 within the limit of funds annually available to the council, and
349 each item in the budget shall be fully explained. The council
350 shall approve and adopt the annual millage rate and budget, and
351 all deliberations on the millage rate and budget by the council
352 shall be done at meetings open to the public. The fiscal year of
353 the council shall be the same as the fiscal year of the Board of
354 County Commissioners of Pinellas County. Notwithstanding the
355 above, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County
356 shall have the right to review the millage rate and budget,
357 raising or reducing either as it deems necessary. In its review
358 of the millage rate and budget, the board of county
359 commissioners shall ensure that the council is funded, at a
360 minimum, at a level that supports the council's powers and
361 duties set forth in section 6.

362 (2) The Tax Collector of Pinellas County shall remit
363 directly to the council, from the total taxes collected from the
364 millage certified by the Board of County Commissioners of

365 Pinellas County for county purposes, an amount equal to the
 366 annual budget but not to exceed one-sixth of a mill on each
 367 dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property made
 368 annually by the Property Appraiser of Pinellas County. The funds
 369 collected pursuant to this subsection shall only be expended for
 370 council purposes.

371 (3) The council shall cause an annual independent audit to
 372 be performed, to be paid for by the council. The council shall
 373 also prepare an annual report on its activities as a whole.

374 Section 9. Countywide planning authority of the board of
 375 county commissioners.—The Board of County Commissioners of
 376 Pinellas County is vested with countywide planning authority by
 377 section 2.04(s) of the Pinellas County Charter. Such authority
 378 is limited to the authority provided for in the county charter
 379 and as provided in this act.

380 Section 10. Countywide plan repeal, readoption, and
 381 amendment.—

382 (1) COUNTYWIDE PLAN AND RULES.—

383 (a) The existing countywide plan is to be repealed and
 384 replaced by the adoption of a new, broadly defined, and policy-
 385 based countywide plan that conforms to the intent of this act.
 386 It is specifically intended that a new countywide plan provide
 387 for fewer land use categories than the existing countywide plan.
 388 The new countywide plan shall be prepared in collaboration with
 389 the member local governments pursuant to a process and timetable
 390 established by the council and countywide planning authority.
 391 Council staff shall use best efforts to develop a new countywide
 392 plan as expeditiously as possible. Before the adoption of a new

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393 countywide plan, the existing countywide plan shall remain in
394 full force and effect.

395 (b) An amendment to the countywide plan map may be
396 initiated by the council only in order to implement the new
397 countywide plan that conforms to the intent of this act.
398 Pursuant to this one-time grant of authority which is intended
399 to repeal and replace the existing countywide plan map, the
400 council may initiate an amendment to the countywide plan map to
401 place any new plan map categories designated under a new
402 countywide plan on particular parcels of property, as
403 applicable. Such amendment to the countywide plan map initiated
404 by the council shall be sent to the local government with
405 jurisdiction over the subject parcel for comment and review a
406 minimum of 60 days before council action. The manner in which
407 comment, review, and adoption by the local government, if
408 applicable, shall take place shall be set forth in the
409 countywide rules.

410 (c) The recommendation to repeal and replace the existing
411 countywide plan shall be by an affirmative vote of a majority of
412 the voting members of the council. Any recommendation to
413 subsequently amend the countywide plan shall be by an
414 affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present and
415 constituting a quorum.

416 (d) The countywide planning authority action to repeal and
417 replace the existing countywide plan as recommended by the
418 council shall be by a majority vote of the entire countywide
419 planning authority. A majority vote of the members present and
420 constituting a quorum of the countywide planning authority is

421 required to make any subsequent amendment to the countywide plan
 422 as recommended for adoption by the council.

423 (e) Upon adoption by the countywide planning authority,
 424 the countywide plan shall have the full force and effect of law
 425 countywide. All local governments' future land use plans and
 426 land development regulations shall be consistent with the
 427 countywide plan map and rules. The countywide planning authority
 428 shall have the authority to enforce the countywide plan map and
 429 rules.

430 (2) CONSISTENCY REVIEW.—

431 (a) As of the effective date of this act, it is
 432 acknowledged that the council has recently reviewed each local
 433 government's future land use plan and land development
 434 regulations for consistency with the existing countywide plan
 435 map and rules and has determined each such future land use plan
 436 and land development regulation to be consistent with the
 437 existing countywide plan map and rules or has outlined the
 438 actions necessary to establish such consistency. After a new
 439 countywide plan map and rules that conform to the intent of this
 440 act are adopted, it is specifically intended that the local
 441 governments' individual plans be made consistent with the new
 442 countywide plan map and rules, if necessary, either:

443 1. Simultaneously with the next scheduled amendment, after
 444 the effective date of this act, of the local future land use
 445 plan and land development regulations pursuant to the Evaluation
 446 and Appraisal Report ("EAR"), as required for local plans under
 447 part II of chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9J-42,
 448 Florida Administrative Code; or

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449 2. If the date provided in subparagraph 1. is less than 2
450 years after the adoption of the revised countywide plan map and
451 rules or is no longer applicable to the local government, within
452 2 years after the adoption of the revised countywide plan map
453 and rules.

454 (b) Local governments' land use categories and
455 corresponding regulations shall be considered to be consistent
456 with the countywide plan map and rules if the local governments'
457 land use categories provide for:

458 1. Maximum densities and intensities that are equal to or
459 less than the maximum densities and intensities provided by the
460 corresponding countywide plan map categories as set forth in the
461 rules.

462 2. Some or all of the same permitted uses as enumerated in
463 the corresponding countywide plan map categories.

464 3. Such other standards, rules, or procedures contained in
465 the countywide rules as are applicable.

466 (c) If a local government's future land use plan and land
467 development regulations have been determined to be consistent
468 with the countywide plan map and rules, the local future land
469 use plan and land development regulations shall regulate
470 development for the subject property.

471 (d) It is the intent of this act that land uses, lots, and
472 structures existing on the effective date of this act that may
473 be rendered nonconforming by the adoption of a new countywide
474 plan shall be permitted to continue until such nonconformities
475 are removed or ceased. Such nonconformities shall be
476 administered by the local government with jurisdiction.

477 (3) COUNTYWIDE PLAN MAP AMENDMENTS.—

478 (a) Amendments to the adopted countywide plan map relating
 479 to a land use designation for a particular parcel of property
 480 may be initiated by the local government that has jurisdiction
 481 over the subject property. Amendments to any standard, policy,
 482 or objective of the countywide plan strategies or the rules may
 483 be initiated by the council or any local government.

484 (b) The council shall have 60 days after the day an
 485 application is filed with the council to act on that amendment
 486 and forward the recommendation to the countywide planning
 487 authority. Action by the council may include recommendation for
 488 approval, denial, continuation, or an alternative compromise
 489 amendment, any of which shall constitute action by the council
 490 within the stipulated 60-day period. Provision for the council
 491 to make a recommendation for an alternative compromise amendment
 492 shall be as approved and set forth in the rules.

493 (c) All amendments shall be transmitted to the countywide
 494 planning authority with a recommendation by the council. A vote
 495 of a majority plus one of the entire countywide planning
 496 authority is required to take any action on the proposed
 497 amendment that is contrary to the council's recommendation. A
 498 recommendation shall be received by the countywide planning
 499 authority before it takes action on an amendment.

500 (d) After action by the countywide planning authority, any
 501 substantially affected person, the council, or the local
 502 government that initiated the plan amendment may seek a hearing
 503 pursuant to chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Any substantially
 504 affected person may participate in the hearing. At the

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505 conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer's recommended
506 order shall be forwarded to and considered by the countywide
507 planning authority in a final hearing. The basis for the
508 countywide planning authority's final decision approving or
509 denying the proposed amendment is limited to the findings of
510 fact of the hearing officer. This paragraph shall only apply to
511 amendments to the countywide plan map.

512 (e) The council may contract with the Division of
513 Administrative Hearings to provide the hearing officers required
514 by this act. The council shall be responsible for compensating
515 the division for costs incurred by the division in the hearing
516 process. Except as provided in paragraph (d), the council and
517 the countywide planning authority are not subject to chapter
518 120, Florida Statutes.

519 (f) An administrative hearing under paragraph (d) is
520 limited to a review of the facts pertaining to the subject
521 property, the countywide plan map, and the rules applicable
522 thereto. An administrative hearing is not the appropriate forum
523 for a constitutional challenge.

524 (g) Decisions by the countywide planning authority, acting
525 in its capacity under this act, are legislative in nature.
526 Decisions made by the countywide planning authority may be
527 challenged in a court of competent jurisdiction.

528 Section 11. Public hearing and notice requirements.—

529 (1) PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL.—The council shall
530 hold at least one public hearing to consider recommending the
531 adoption of or an amendment to the countywide plan. More than
532 one public hearing may be held at the discretion of the council.

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533 The location of public hearings shall be determined by the
534 council.

535 (2) PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COUNTYWIDE PLANNING
536 AUTHORITY.—An ordinance adopted by the countywide planning
537 authority that adopts or amends the provisions of the countywide
538 plan shall be enacted or amended pursuant to the following
539 procedure:

540 (a) For an amendment to the adopted countywide plan map
541 relating to property involving less than 5 percent of the area
542 of the county, the countywide planning authority shall hold a
543 public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

544 (b) For an adoption of or amendment to the countywide plan
545 strategies or the countywide rules, for an amendment to the
546 adopted countywide plan map relating to the change in a land use
547 designation for property involving 5 percent or more of the area
548 of the county, or for an adoption of the countywide plan map
549 initiated by the council pursuant to section 10(1)(b), the
550 countywide planning authority shall hold two advertised public
551 hearings on the proposed ordinance. At least one of the hearings
552 shall be held after 5 p.m. on a weekday, and the second hearing
553 shall be held at least 2 weeks after the first hearing.

554 (3) FORM OF NOTICE.—Notice shall be provided for in
555 accordance with applicable Florida law and as provided for in
556 the rules.

557 Section 12. Severability.—It is declared to be the intent
558 of the Legislature that if any section, subsection, sentence,
559 clause, or provision of this act is held invalid by any court of
560 competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the act shall not be

561 affected.

562 Section 13. Part II of chapter 163, Florida Statutes.—
 563 Nothing in this act shall be construed to allow the county or
 564 any municipality in the county to adopt a local government
 565 comprehensive plan required by part II of chapter 163, Florida
 566 Statutes, or any amendment to such plan, that does not comply
 567 with part II of chapter 163, Florida Statutes, or any applicable
 568 rule or regulation adopted by the Department of Community
 569 Affairs to implement part II of chapter 163, Florida Statutes.
 570 In addition, nothing in this act shall be construed to allow any
 571 development order, as defined in section 163.3164, Florida
 572 Statutes, to be issued by the county or any municipality in the
 573 county that is not consistent with the plans adopted pursuant to
 574 part II of chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and any applicable
 575 rule or regulation adopted by the Department of Community
 576 Affairs to implement part II of chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

577 Section 4. Chapters 73-594, 74-584, 74-586, 76-473, 88-
 578 464, and 90-396, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

579 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
 580 or upon the final approval of the Pinellas County Metropolitan
 581 Planning Organization's reapportionment plan increasing its
 582 membership from 11 to 13 members ("the MPO reapportionment
 583 plan"), whichever occurs later. The terms of the existing
 584 members of the Pinellas Planning Council shall continue until
 585 the MPO reapportionment plan becomes effective and the new
 586 members are appointed to the council.