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April 15, 2020

Ms. Mikki Rozdolski, Manger  
Lee County  
Community Development Operations  
Post Office Box 398  
Fort Myers, Florida 33902-0398

Dear Ms. Rozdolski:

This letter is in response to the letter dated April 4, 2020, notifying of an extension for the adoption of a proposed amendment DEO 20-01ESR to the Lee County Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes.

The Department acknowledges receipt of the extension notification. The new extended adoption date is November 25, 2020. The Department reminds the County that all affected persons who commented on the amendment need to be notified of the extension.

If the proposed amendment is adopted, please submit the amendments to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Community Planning, Plan Processing Team within 10 working days of adoption pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Barbara Powell at (850) 717-8503, or myself, at (850) 717-8483.

Sincerely,

D. Ray Eubanks  
Plan Processing Administrator

DRE/me

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Re: *Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 20-01ESR*  
*EEPCO Text Amendment, CPA2019-00008*  
*Extension of 180-Day Adoption Deadline*

April 14, 2020

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Div. of Community Development  
Dept. Economic Opportunity

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 163.3184(3)(c)1., Florida Statutes, this letter is to provide notice to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity ("DEO") and other state and regional review agencies of an agreement between the applicant, Verdana Land Investments, LLC, and the County to extend adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 20-01ESR (the "CPA").

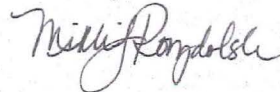
The Lee County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing to transmit the CPA on January 22, 2020. On April 13, 2020, the applicant's representative contacted the County via letter requesting a time extension for the second public hearing on the CPA **until November 25, 2020**. A copy of this letter is attached hereto.

The County agrees to this time extension and respectfully requests that DEO issue a letter recognizing the extension from August 25, 2020 to **November 25, 2020** for the County to forward an adopted amendment to DEO and other state and regional agencies for final review. Upon receipt of such acknowledgment, the County will notify all citizens who commented on the amendment of the extension.

Mr. Ray Eubanks  
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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mikki Rozdolski, Planning Manager  
Department of Community Development  
Planning Section

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April 13, 2020

Ms. Mikki Rozdolski  
Planning Manager  
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**RE: Verdana Village Comprehensive Plan Amendment Adoption Hearing (CPA2019-00008)**

Dear Ms. Rozdolski:

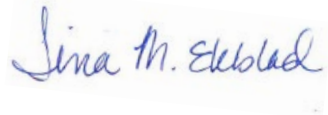
Please allow this letter to serve as notice on behalf of the applicant, Verdana Land Investments, LLC, to allow an additional time extension for the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 20-01ESR ("CPA") until November 25, 2020 (an additional 3 months) pursuant to Section 163.3184(3)(c)1., Florida Statutes.

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") voted to approve transmittal of the CPA on January 22, 2020, and subsequently transmitted the CPA to the reviewing agencies on January 24, 2020. The County received no comments from the reviewing agencies on the transmitted CPA application. Pursuant to Section 163.3184(3)(c)1., Florida Statutes, the Board is required to conduct its second public (adoption) hearing to take final action on the CPA by August 25, 2020 (180 days after receiving no comments) or else the CPA would have been deemed withdrawn, absent an agreement to extend the deadline with notice to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity ("DEO") and any affected person that provided comments on the CPA.

Per the recommendation, the second public hearing on the CPA must be held by August 25, 2020 (180 days after receiving no comments). This deadline is rapidly approaching. The County has appropriately canceled all public hearings due to the COVID-19 Emergency and has implemented a Safe at Home Ordinance until April 30<sup>th</sup> consistent with Governor Desantis' Executive Order. This will result in a delay of all previously scheduled public hearings and likely heavy agendas for the Board to consider once public hearings resume. Verdana Land Investments, LLC agrees to an additional time extension for the second public hearing on the CPA until November 25, 2020, pursuant to Section 163.3184(3)(c) 1., Florida Statutes. This is in order for Verdana Land Investments, LLC and the County to finalize the joint CPA and related PD so that both applications may be heard concurrently by the Board of County Commissioners when public hearings resume. Verdana Land Investments, LLC is requesting that the County provide notice of this agreed time extension to DEO and any affected person that provided comments on the CPA. We would appreciate receiving copies of the required notice provided to DEO and any affected person.

Thank you for your continued assistance with the CPA and the related PD application. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Morris-Depew Associates, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina M. Ekblad". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tina M. Ekblad, MPA, AICP, LEED AP  
Partner – Planning Director