

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF BARTOW

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Bartow will hold a public hearing at a Regular City Commission meeting on March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at City Hall, 450 N. Wilson Ave., Bartow, Florida to consider the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 2025-17 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING UPON THE PETITION OF THE OWNERS THEREOF APPROXIMATELY 369.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 60 EAST; SOUTH SIDE OF GERBER DAIRY ROAD; AND 3,600' WEST OF RIFLE RANGE ROAD IN SECTIONS 29 THRU 32, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 26E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

Ordinance No. 2025-18 — AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS "AMENDMENT NO. CPA-25-01-LS – EMILIE EAST"; SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNING LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE TO RECENTLY ANNEXED PARCELS OWNED BY SMITH GERBER, LLC; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO FLORIDACOMMERCE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

Ordinance No. 2025-19 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, ZONING APPROXIMATELY 369.3 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY SMITH GERBER, LLC AND LOCATED IN SECTIONS 29 THRU 32, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 26E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA, AS PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

Ordinance No. 2025-21 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS "AMENDMENT NO. CPA-25-02-LS – EMILIE WEST"; SPECIFICALLY TO CHANGE THOSE PARCELS OF LAND OWNED BY CLEAR SPRINGS LAND COMPANY, LLC., FROM CLEAR SPRINGS PLANNED INDUSTRIAL TO CLEAR SPRINGS RESIDENTIAL; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDACOMMERCE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

Ordinance No. 2025-22 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA, ZONING APPROXIMATELY 556 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY CLEAR SPRINGS LAND COMPANY, LLC AND LOCATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 25E AND SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 29S, RANGE 26E, POLK COUNTY FLORIDA, AS PD, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

Ordinance No. 2025-23 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA; SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS "AMENDMENT #CPA-25-03-TEXT"; SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND POLICY 3.2.7 AND 3.3.38 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT TO: 1) EXTEND THE BUILDOUT YEAR OF THE CLEAR SPRINGS SECTOR PLAN DETAIL SPECIFIC AREA PLAN #1; 2) INCORPORATE THE CLEAR SPRINGS LAND USE EQUIVALENCY MATRIX; AND 3) ALLOW RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES (SOLAR POWER) IN ALL CLEAR SPRINGS LAND USE DESIGNATIONS; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DEO) FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON FINAL PASSAGE.

Copies of the proposed ordinances are available for review in the office of the City Clerk in the City Hall complex located at 450 N. Wilson Avenue, Bartow, Florida, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (EST), Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested parties may examine it there or appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the application. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time, and place of any continuation of these or continued public hearings may be announced during the hearing and that no further notices regarding this matter will be published.

Please be advised that if you desire to appeal any decisions made as a result of the above hearing or meeting, you will need a record of the proceedings and in some cases, a verbatim record is required. You must make your own arrangements to produce this record. (F.S. 286.0105) The Commission may continue the public hearing(s) to other dates and times as it deems necessary.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and F.S. 286.26, persons with disabilities or physical impairments who need special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office 48 hours in advance of the meeting at 863-534-0100. If hearing or voice impaired contact Florida Relay at 7-1-1 for assistance.