

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-08, WHICH IMPOSED A MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, INCLUDING FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENTS AND TEXT AMENDMENTS, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAND USES ON PROPERTIES FRONTING ON OKEECHOBEE BOULEVARD WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN, TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2015 TO ENABLE THE ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 3, 2015, the Town Council adopted Ordinance 2014-08, which imposed a moratorium until May 31, 2015, on the receipt and processing of applications for Land Use Applications and Text Amendments to the Town's Comprehensive Plan relating to commercial land uses on property fronting Okeechobee Boulevard to provide the Town with time to review the Comprehensive Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of Ordinance 2014-08, Town Administration, the Town Planner, and the Town Planning and Zoning Board (Land Planning Agency (LPA)), have worked diligently on reviewing the Town's Comprehensive Plan relating to Okeechobee; and,

**WHEREAS**, consideration and review of potential amendments to the Town Comprehensive Plan has not been completed and more time is required to develop and adopt such amendments; and,

**WHEREAS**, at its May 19, 2015, meeting, the Town Council received proposed amendments to the Town Comprehensive Plan relating to Okeechobee Boulevard, but requires

more time to evaluate amendment options and to complete the adoption process; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council believes that it is in the best interest of the Town, and its residents, to extend the moratorium to provide additional time to review the Town's Comprehensive Plan and for the adoption of amendments to the Plan, in order to enhance the Plan's consistency with the Town's historical conditions and vision of remaining a rural area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses, as well as those in Ordinance 2014-08, are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**Section 2.** Moratorium Extended. Section 4 of Ordinance 2014-08, is amended to extend the moratorium until December 31, 2015, as follows:

Period of Moratorium. The Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves hereby declares that the moratorium shall be effective for the period through ~~May~~ December 31, 2015, unless otherwise modified by the Town Council by ordinance.

**Section 3.** Except as amended herein, the provisions of Ordinance 2014-08 remain in full force and affect.

**Section 4.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5.** If any Section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and

adoption.

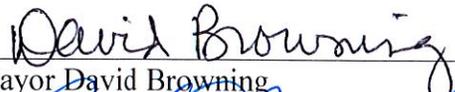
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ON FIRST READING, THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING, THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2015.

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,  
FLORIDA

ATTEST:

  
Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk

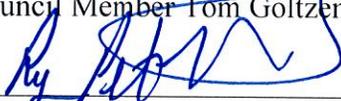
  
Mayor David Browning

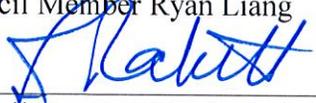
  
Vice-Mayor Ron Jarriel

  
Council Member Tom Goltzené

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Office of the Town Attorney

  
Council Member Ryan Liang

  
Council Member Jim Rockett