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Land Development Code

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I wish I could be in person today to address Council, however I cannot due to the need to be quarantined for 5 more days.

With respect to the LDC Draft recently made available, there has not been much time for anyone to really assess the document as a whole. I am a bit dismayed that there hasn't been a prior workshop on the matter to give the relevant industries a chance to weigh in either. Therefore, I have concentrated on the Architecture and Landscape standards drafted in Section 5.

I am pleased to see the progression of Architectural standards that are consistent with the historic application of the standards sought and applied over the past 20 years. The Architectural standards do a good job in describing what features constitute each style without prescribing those standards into a checklist. That would be wrong and should be avoided. There needs to be a clear purpose defined in what elements constitute the language of each architectural style without limiting them to their individual parts. Supporting the styles with graphics is good, using a checklist is not the way to go. Glad to see this isn't in the works.. The Design

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Review Board populated with licensed professionals will be able to use these referential guidelines to determine whether an application meets the intent of a given style. The only problem with style definitions in this draft is that they are not complete nor consistent between style. I'd recommend that you employ a professional that knows the differences to the degree that these can all be wrote completely and holistically. This is a great start, but is not complete.

With respect to the landscape section I wish I could provide the same positive feedback. In summary, the landscape section in this draft is merely a regurgitation of the Lee County LDC with pieces of the Estero Community plan -Chapter 33 sprinkled in that in places actually regress to the County's code. It's that bad! There is nothing in this draft that takes the 20 years of progress Estero has made in bringing forth sensible landscape design in the development arena. Again, this draft actually sets it backward by not progressing either the appropriate intent or defining the correct standards. There is no definition of purpose that translates the need to integrate landscape design in conjunction with the architectural or site design standards. This code treats landscaping as a mask instead of a working integral part of development. It also does not apply any direction in which the Design Review Board can refer to with respect to place defining, architectural integration, the buffering between incompatible uses. It reads like someone who has never applied a landscape code before, certainly not one with a professional review board as a supplement. The are conflicts in the standards that actually thwart design opportunities. These are written in ways that truly do not understand their application. You can't apply setback standards upon elements that vary as widely as plant material. You cannot treat plant materials like concrete block. They vary and can be used in a variety of application that render some of the standard noted in the landscape code as both unnecessary and harmful top their purpose. Please hire someone that actually knows how to apply the standards that are being written. This landscape code sets Estero back to pre-2001 where it should be advancing the Village into the future.

With respect to the pedestrian and vehicular connectivity standards, there is much failure here as well. The standards and requirements are not defined in a manner that forwards the needs to integrate pedestrian activity into every project in the Village. The vehicular standards conflict in their application. Graphics in this section are scant and poorly conceived.

Being that the appendices just came out yesterday, I'm not sure how anyone would have a had a chance to digest these against the code in which they're referenced. I hope Village Council will have the wisdom to look at this code in greater detail and not to rush it through due to poor planning against time constraints!

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Land use

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We need more natural land for preserves for the animals, clean water and air, etc.

We fear that Estero has already become OVER-BUILT and OVER-COMMERCIALIZED.

Please stop all the multi-family building and unneeded commercial buildings.

Let's utilize the vacant properties even if they require remodeling. Would like our comments

shared with all (4) meetings, village council, design review, planning & zoning and the land

development meetings. Realize that stopping restricts the flow of MONEY which is

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fundamental to all those involved. Please, please calm things down for the sake of future generations. There are other communities wherein to build. Thank you Village of Estero.

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