



Interoffice Memorandum

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and Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJ: **Proposed Amendments to Orange County Code relative to Pedestrian Safety/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and Amendments to Public Works Department Administrative Code Work Session**

To help implement Orange County's Sustainability Plan, the Pedestrian Safety Program, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan, Orange County staff has developed proposed amendments to Chapters 9, 21, 34, and 38 of the Orange County Code. These Code amendments are designed to enhance pedestrian safety and ADA accessibility in site development and within the County's transportation network. They also reflect related updates to the Florida Department of Transportation's standards ("Florida Greenbook") used by local governments.

During the course of the update effort, staff identified additional Orange County Code updates needed to address the Public Works Department's administrative changes, including current application processes, regulatory needs, and direction from the Board of County Commissioners. These proposed amendments are to Chapters 16, 21, 30, and 34 of the Orange County Code and are included in a separate draft ordinance.

The Planning and Zoning Commission/Local Planning Agency found proposed Code amendments to be consistent with the Orange County Comprehensive Plan at their February 20, 2020 meeting.

Staff developed the proposed Code amendments with extensive input from the County's Disability Advisory Board, Sustainability Advisory Board, Professional Resources Group, and the Development Advisory Board (DAB). The DAB received drafts of the proposed Code amendments and reviewed them over the course of three meetings. Staff also held a Developer's Forum meeting on July 8, 2019, and distributed drafts of proposed amendments to 15 community and professional associations for their review and feedback.

Staff will present an overview of all proposed amendments to various chapters of Orange County Code and discuss the public outreach process and corresponding revisions.

This is an informational item only, and no action will be requested.

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