

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE AND INTENT

Section 2.1. Purpose *[no changes to this section]*

Section 2.2. Intent

This Ordinance is necessary and adopted to promote the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, amenities, prosperity and general welfare of persons within the planning jurisdiction of the City of Punta Gorda. More specifically, the regulations are intended to:

- (a) Implement the City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan and relevant portions of Plan Punta Gorda, the 2019 citywide master plan;
- (b) Preserve and protect land, air, water, environmental resources, and property values;
- (c) Promote land use patterns that provide efficiency in service provision as well as wise use of fiscal resources and government expenditures;
- (d) Regulate the type and intensity of development; and
- (e) Provide protection from fire, flood, and other dangers.

Section 2.3. Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan

The Land Development Regulations have been prepared in accordance with the City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan, including revisions to the Comprehensive Plan that were made in 2022 to implement portions of Plan Punta Gorda, the 2019 citywide master plan. It is intended that decisions made pursuant to this Ordinance will implement and be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. An amendment to the text of this Ordinance shall be considered consistent with the Comprehensive Plan if it carries out ~~complies with~~ the Plan's goals and policies with regard to the development, redevelopment, and preservation of land and does not allow development that exceeds regulatory maximums set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. A zoning map amendment shall be considered consistent with the Comprehensive Plan if the zoning map amendment is consistent with the "Future Land Use Map" and the remainder of the Comprehensive Plan.