

1 **RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 3 OF THE PROCEDURAL**
2 **RULES FOR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
3 **RELATING TO RECONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ACTIONS**

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5 **WHEREAS**, Rule Three, Paragraph no. 5 (Procedure for Reconsidering Board's
6 Previous Actions) of the Procedural Rules for Meetings of the Board of Commissioners
7 generally provides that (with the exception of zoning actions) the Board of
8 Commissioners may reconsider its prior actions no later than the next scheduled Board of
9 Commissioners' meeting; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the above Rule from the Board of Commissioners' Procedural Rules
11 is at variance from the reconsideration rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, which
12 rules generally provide that motions for reconsideration apply only to actions taken in the
13 same session; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that following the
15 reconsideration rules from Robert's Rules of Order will lead to increased efficiency in the
16 business of the Board of Commissioners;

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Rule Three, No. 5 (Procedure
18 for Reconsidering Board's Previous Actions) of the Procedural Rules for Meetings of the
19 Board of Commissioners is amended by striking that paragraph of said Rule in its entirety
20 and substituting a new paragraph to read as follows:

21 **"Procedure for Reconsidering Board's Previous Actions**

22 **5.** Any action by the Board, including final action on applications for
23 changes in land use status, shall be subject to a motion to reconsider as
24 provided in this paragraph and Robert's Rules of Order. After a motion to
25 reconsider is made and adopted, a motion to rescind must also be made.
26 Motions to reconsider and to rescind may be made only by a member of
27 the prevailing side on the original action. After the motion to rescind is
28 made and adopted, the underlying matter shall be considered anew and is

1 subject to any new motion by any member. A motion to reconsider may be
2 made only in the same meeting in which the original action was adopted.
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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution and amendment to Rule

5 Three of the Procedural Rules for Meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall become
6 effective when adopted and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with
7 this Resolution and Rule amendment are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

8 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 16th day of August, 2006.

9 Sponsored by:

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11 Tom Lowe

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13 Tom Lowe, Commissioner
14 District 4

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16 ATTEST:

17 Mark Massey
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19 Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission
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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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