

Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce
Adopted by the Board of Directors
November 24, 2015

While the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce is extremely supportive of property rights and wary of intrusion upon those rights, we are also extremely supportive of Moody Air Force Base and its continued and varied missions in our community. Moody, for more than 70 years, has provided our community with wonderful citizens, employment for our region and significant economic benefit. Given these realities, the always precarious nature of possible mission changes for the Base and the importance of protecting the unparalleled zoning and noise protections our community has in place for Moody, the Chamber does not support passage of the complete ULDC Text Amendment as currently proposed. We have however, identified several portions of the proposed changes that we can support and which we feel are worthwhile clarifications to the current Ordinances and will strengthen the MAZ protections for Moody Air Force Base and its missions. We urge the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission and the Lowndes County Commission to vote as noted below on the fourteen proposed changes to the ULDC which are incorporated herein and attached hereto as an Exhibit:

No objection to the following Proposed Amendment Groups:

- #3 MAZ Dwelling Design Standards: Actually strengthens the MAZ – no objection
- #6 Family Ties Land Divisions: As written, it has no application to the MAZ – no objection
- #7 VLD Overlay: As written, it has no application to the MAZ – no objection
- #8 Hotels/Motels and B&B: No objection
- #9 Commercial Greenhouses and Nurseries: No objection
- #10 Telecommunications Towers: No objection
- #11 Signs: No objection
- #12 Land Disturbance: No objection
- #13 Administrative/Clerical: No objection
- #14 Adoption of Zoning Map: No objection

Oppose the following Proposed Amendment Groups:

- #1 MAZ Density: Oppose – leave as is
- #2 Noise: Oppose and make following amendments:
 - Include new “a” and “b”
 - Don’t change existing “a”, “b” and “c”
 - Enforce the standards that were adopted in 2005
 - Old “b” and old “c” should say: “...AICUZ Reports, including historical noise zones.”
- #4 Other:
 - The following we have no objection to: 1.09.01, 2.01.06, 2.03.03, 4.01.02F (needs “or” before parapet), 4.07.06 (should define “MAZ residential”), 5.02.08, 5.03.02, 5.04.07, 5.05.03, 5.04.04 (could not find, but assume it should read 5.05.04), 8.02.02, 9.01.05
 - We oppose: 4.02.04

Neutral on the following Proposed Amendment Group:

#5 Allowing Legal Nonconforming Dwellings in all Zoning Districts: We have some concern that the amendment weakens the County's ability to eliminate dwellings that could be harmful to Moody's mission(s) or which are harmful to planning objectives set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.