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# CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

## CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

**ACTION REQUESTED ON:** December 11, 1996

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** City Commission Policy #400CP / DRI Notification Policy

**TARGET ISSUE:** Development Permit Process

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### STATEMENT OF ISSUE

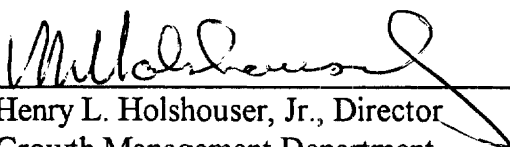
Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) are large development projects, impacting more than one county, that require special, comprehensive, multi-agency review and approval. Prior to February 1985, it was City policy to verbally notify property owners inside the City that their projects may be a DRI. This policy was modified on February 13, 1985, to make this notification in writing and to include potential projects outside the City but within the Urban Service Area, and again on April 27, 1987, to include the Florida Department of Community Affairs in the notification. It was formally adopted by the City Commission on November 13, 1991, with sunset review set for November 13, 1996.

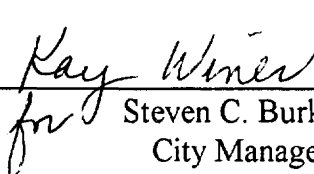
### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option #1: Readopt the DRI Notification Policy and schedule another sunset review in five years.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None

  
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**ITEM TITLE:**

City Commission Policy #400CP/DRI Notification Policy

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL/ISSUE ANALYSIS**

**HISTORY/FACTS & ISSUES**

Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) are large development projects, impacting more than one county, that require special, comprehensive, multi-agency review and approval. Prior to February 1985, it was City policy to verbally notify property owners inside the City that their projects may be a DRI. On February 13, 1985, the City Commission directed that this notification should be made in writing and should apply not only to projects inside the City but also to potential DRI size projects in the unincorporated areas of the County. On April 27, 1987, the City Commission further modified this policy to include the Florida Department of Community Affairs in the notification. On November 13, 1991, this policy was approved in the standard policy format (copy attached) and a sunset review was scheduled for November 13, 1996.

This policy has worked reasonably well to alert both property owners and all interested City Departments of potential DRI's early in the development process. By alerting property owners early, they are able to work with the Florida Department of Community Affairs to have their project determined not to be a DRI, or to initiate the DRI approval process prior to wasting time with sub-DRI approvals.

**OPTIONS**

- #1 Readopt the DRI Notification Policy and schedule another sunset review in five years.
- #2 Revise the DRI Notification Policy.
- #3 Allow the DRI Notification Policy to sunset, effective November 13, 1996.

**ATTACHMENTS/REFERENCES**

Attachment #1: City Commission Policy #400CP - DRI Notification Policy