

HB2581

Require a vote of approval by persons living in an area to be regulated by city extraterritorial zoning or subdivision regulations. Senate Committee on Assessment & Taxation

Representative Kent Thompson, Chairman and Members of the Committee.
House Local Government Committee

I am submitting testimony as a proponent of HB2581
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This bill will benefit affected property owners as follows:

- Repeated rezoning requests costs affected property owner’s time and money by having to take off work. We were notified of rezoning hearings for the property located at 22525 155th St.

May 9, 2018	Planning and Zoning	6:00 pm	Voted Down Referred - BOCC
May 29, 2018	Commissioners	9:00 am	Tabled - We were not allowed to speak
February 20, 2019	Commissioners	9:00 am	Voted Down
November 13, 2019	Planning and Zoning	6:00 pm	Voted Down 8-1 Sent to BOCC
December 4, 2019	Commissioners	9:00 am	Granted Rezoning – Many could not attend

On the May 29, 2018 hearing, we sat through 3 hours of the issues before the board. When our issue was finally brought up, we were told that mayor Breuer had requested a meeting with the developers and that our hearing would be tabled. We were told we would not be allowed to speak because it was being tabled. We wasted 4 hours of our time listening to other issues that did not pertain to us. (Time: Driving to & from courthouse for hearings factored in.) Many of us had taken off work, experienced loss of income and productivity. This should not be allowed.

- Property owners must set through all issues which do not pertain to their case thus causing loss of unnecessary time spent listening to other issues.

Through all the numerous Planning & Zoning and County Commissioner hearings, we had to set through all the other issues which were on the agenda for each of the hearings. Of course, our issue was always the last on the agenda for each of the hearings, causing us wasted time. The hearings should be structured so that the property owners will be told what time their issue will be heard, allowing people to remain at work longer and not experience a greater loss of income.

- Will save the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners time.

By limiting the number of times a rezoning request can be brought forth, this will save the Planning & Zoning commission and also the Board of County Commissioners time, by not having to hear the same

issues within a few months, allowing them to concentrate on other hearings. The Board of County Commissioner hearings should be held in the evenings, when the majority of affected property owners are off work and can attend the hearings.

- Affected property owners should have the right to vote and if the majority of the property owners are against rezoning the BOCC should abide by majority rule. We had 100% opposition to the rezoning issue. After all, it is the affected property owners who live in the area and not the BOCC. One single entity should not be granted a rezoning request. The notification letters should also state that property owners have the right to send in opposition petitions within 14 days after the hearings.