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Mr. Ray Eubanks, Administrator
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RE: Plan Amendments #Gretna 07PS1

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

Gadsden County received a request for comments for the proposed City of Gretna Comprehensive Plan text amendments (Gretna 07PS1) on October 10, 2007. After reviewing the proposed amendments, the County believes that it would be appropriate to suggest amendments to the proposed amendments. These include proposed amendments to Policy 1.16.3 and Policy 11.2.3.

Suggested changes to policies would read as follows*

Policy 1.6.3: *The City shall allow high intensity public schools, such as high schools in the Commercial, Public, Residential Medium Density, Residential High Density, and Industrial Land Use categories.*

Such high intensity schools should be allowed in these additional land use categories if low intensity public schools are allowed in these land use categories.

Policy 11.2.3: *By 2008, develop a specific development coordination procedures through interlocal agreement with the Gadsden County School Board on the siting of public educational facilities which outlines the process as assessing impacts during site acquisition, addresses measures to maintain the City's adopted levels of service at the*

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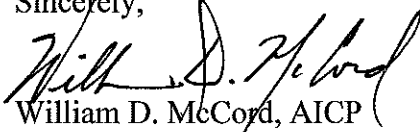
time of development, and formalizes a citizen participation /notification process.
Gadsden County shall also be notified early in the plan review stage of proposals to develop or expand schools in the City.

Gretna is a small community and decisions on the location or expansion of a school could have substantial impacts on County citizens and facilities. The County should be involved in the location or expansion of schools in Gretna and the County as a whole.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposed plan amendments.

Should you need additional information or clarification on the comments made herein, please call.

Sincerely,


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Growth Management Director

*additions are underlined; deletions are struck through

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