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CHAIRMAN

April 2, 2008

The Honorable James S. Bennett
Chair, City Council
City of St. Petersburg
P.O. Box 2842
St. Petersburg, FL 33731-2842

Dear Councilmember Bennett:

Jamie

Pinellas County has received your notice to terminate the interlocal planning agreement between Pinellas County and the City of St. Petersburg. This agreement does provide for such determination by either party upon 30 days notice.

As you are aware, Pinellas County has such an agreement with several municipalities pursuant to the local planning provisions of Chapter 163, FS. The agreement provides for the recognition of the City's plan designation and land development regulations on properties that are annexed. Without this agreement in place, the County's plan designations and land development regulations stay in place on those properties until a Plan amendment is processed through the state planning act procedures. This means that permits that are pulled or other development activities must be in conformance with County regulations. This will require some coordination with Pinellas County staff during the period while County regulations are in place. You have our commitment that we will work cooperatively with the City and any affected property owners during this time.

Pinellas County will recognize your termination of the agreement on the anticipated date of April 16, 2008, although I regret we are doing this especially since we don't have any reasons or explanations as to why.

The Board of County Commissioners does want to express its strong interest in working with the City of St. Petersburg on a cooperative orientation toward activities sanctioned in this agreement as well as subjects outside the agreement which are of mutual interest. An open dialogue between your Council and our Board is important and I look forward to working with you in that regard.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Stewart".

Robert B. Stewart
Chairman
Pinellas County Commission

cc: Members, Board of County Commissioners
Fred E. Marquis, Interim County Administrator
Pete Yauch, Assistant County Administrator
Brian Smith, Planning Director