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Medical Use Community Residential Housing

Palm Beach County (PBC) Zoning Division hired Mr. Dan Lauber, AICP, Consultant to research and prepare findings to address "*Community Residential Housing for people with Disabilities and for Recovering Communities*" within the unincorporated PBC. Please see links below to the Final Report and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

As part of the August 27, 2020 BCC Zoning Agenda, Initiation Round 2020-02; County Staff and Mr. Lauber will be drafting the code amendments and presenting and discussing them with the Land Development Advisory Board (LDRAB) Community Residential Housing Subcommittee. The proposed changes are tentatively scheduled for final BCC adoption Hearing in June 2021.

For further information visit the PBC Zoning Web Code Page at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/pzb/zoning/Pages/LDRAB-Subcommittee-2020-01.asp> or contact Jon MacGillis, Zoning Director at 561-233-5234 or Wendy Hernandez, Deputy Zoning Director at 561-233-5218. To view the Consultant's Report and FAQ, click on the items below:

Consultant Report on Community Residential Housing

Zoning Analysis and Framework
for Community Residences for
People With Disabilities and for
Recovery Communities in
Palm Beach County, Florida



Prepared by Daniel Lauber, AICP
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Consultant Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Community Residential Housing (Revised July 1, 2021)



These FAQs seek to answer questions you might have regarding the forthcoming extensive and complex amendments proposed for Palm Beach County's Unified Land Development Code to regulate community residences for people with disabilities, which include sober homes, and for larger recovery communities.

The forthcoming amendments will comprehensively revise the county's regulatory treatment of these land uses in accord with sound planning and land use regulatory principles, the nation's Fair Housing Act, and applicable Florida State Statutes.

The forthcoming amendments to the Unified Land Development Code will apply to all community residences for people with disabilities including sober homes as well as to the larger recovery communities. The amendments seek to protect people with disabilities, including people in recovery, from exploitation, mistreatment, abuse, scam operators, recruitment operators, fraud, lack of care, financial theft, and the many other abuses documented as well in our local newspapers over the past few years. By protecting people with disabilities, these amendments also protect Palm Beach.