



Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

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Development Order Amendment Report

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DRI #226 - BUSCH GARDENS S/D CITY OF TAMPA

On October 9, 2003, the Tampa City Council rendered to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Ordinance No. 2003-253. The Ordinance reflects an amendment adopted by the City on October 2, 2003.

BACKGROUND

On September 22, 1981, the Tampa City Council granted a Development Order (Ordinance No. 7771-A) to Busch Entertainment Corporation for an expansion to the existing entertainment park consisting of a 400-room hotel, an administrative center and additional attractions (DRI #72).

The Development Order has been amended numerous times, the latest occurring on December 20, 1994 (Ordinance No. 94-278). The amendments authorized: cumulative extensions of six years, 11 months and 15 days for the project buildout date and Development Order expiration date; and construction of additional ride facilities. The Development Order expired on September 8, 1998.

On April 16, 1998, the City of Tampa adopted Ordinance No. 98-0081, a Substantial Deviation Development Order (SDDO) approving modifications for the existing Busch Gardens/Adventure Island project (DRI #226). This Ordinance was subsequently rescinded and replaced with Ordinance No. 98-147 which was approved by Tampa City Council on June 25, 1998. The Ordinance authorized: extensions of the buildout date (to December 3, 2010) and the Development Order expiration date (to December 31, 2011); incorporation of 36.6 additional acres including the former Anheuser Busch Brewery; construction of a total of 2,100 hotel rooms with ancillary development, including a 100-room hotel (or 25,500 sq. ft. of retail space) on a 2.3-acre parcel located south of Busch Boulevard; increased visitor parking spaces to a total of 9,200; altered parking entrances and allowed construction of up to two tunnels under 40th Street; development of 5,500 square feet of general commercial on the 0.4 acre parcel south of Busch Boulevard; and continuous replacement or renovation of development within the existing project. The anniversary date for the Annual Report is April 1st of each year.

The SDDO has been amended only a single time (Ordinance No. 99-66) on March 25, 1999. The Amendment authorized the addition of a 0.5-acre parcel to the site for visitors parking area modifications.

DEVELOPMENT ORDER AMENDMENT

This Amendment authorized deletion of a 1.0-acre parcel located along southern side of Busch Boulevard, across from Busch Gardens.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with Section 380.07, Florida Statutes (F.S.), this Development Order has been reviewed and determined to be consistent with the Council's *NOPC Report* adopted on July 14, 2003.

It is recommended that the Department of Community Affairs concur with the Development Order amendment issued by the City of Tampa for DRI #226 - Busch Gardens S/D.