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August 29, 2007

The Honorable Allen Green
Mayor, City of Port Orange
1000 City Center Circle
Port Orange, Florida 32129

Dear Mayor Green:

The Department of Community Affairs has reviewed your transmittal letter of July 2007, which outlines the Major Issues to be assessed in the preparation of the City's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The Department agrees with the summary of the City's Major Issues. The City should also assess the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) in regards to capital improvements that have been completed and how level of service standards in the CIE have been attained and maintained in a financially feasible capital improvement schedule during the planning horizon under review.

The EAR should address the evaluation requirements of section 163.3191(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.), as applicable. The City should be aware of newly-enacted legislation (Florida Senate Bill 360, now codified as Chapter 2005-290, Laws of Florida) amending Chapter 163, Part II, F.S., including the EAR requirements.

The EAR process is an essential component of comprehensive planning for local governments in Florida. The Department wishes to encourage your efforts in carrying out this important evaluation and review process. We look forward to continued success as the City prepares its EAR. If you or your staff have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact James Stansbury, Regional Planning Administrator, at (850) 922-1818, or Valerie James, Planner IV, at (850) 922-1803.

Sincerely,

Mike McDaniel,
Chief of Comprehensive Planning

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