



Development Services Department

Code Amendment

**Public or Private Elementary, Middle,
or High Schools**

October 16, 2024, City Commission Meeting

Code Amendment: Public or Private Elementary, Middle, or High Schools

Florida law (HB 1285) preempts local land use and zoning

➤ Allows private, charter and microschools to rent or buy:

A library, community service organization facility, museum, performing arts venue, theater, cinema or church (defined as a Place of Assembly by the Margate Unified Land Development Code (ULDC)) to house a school



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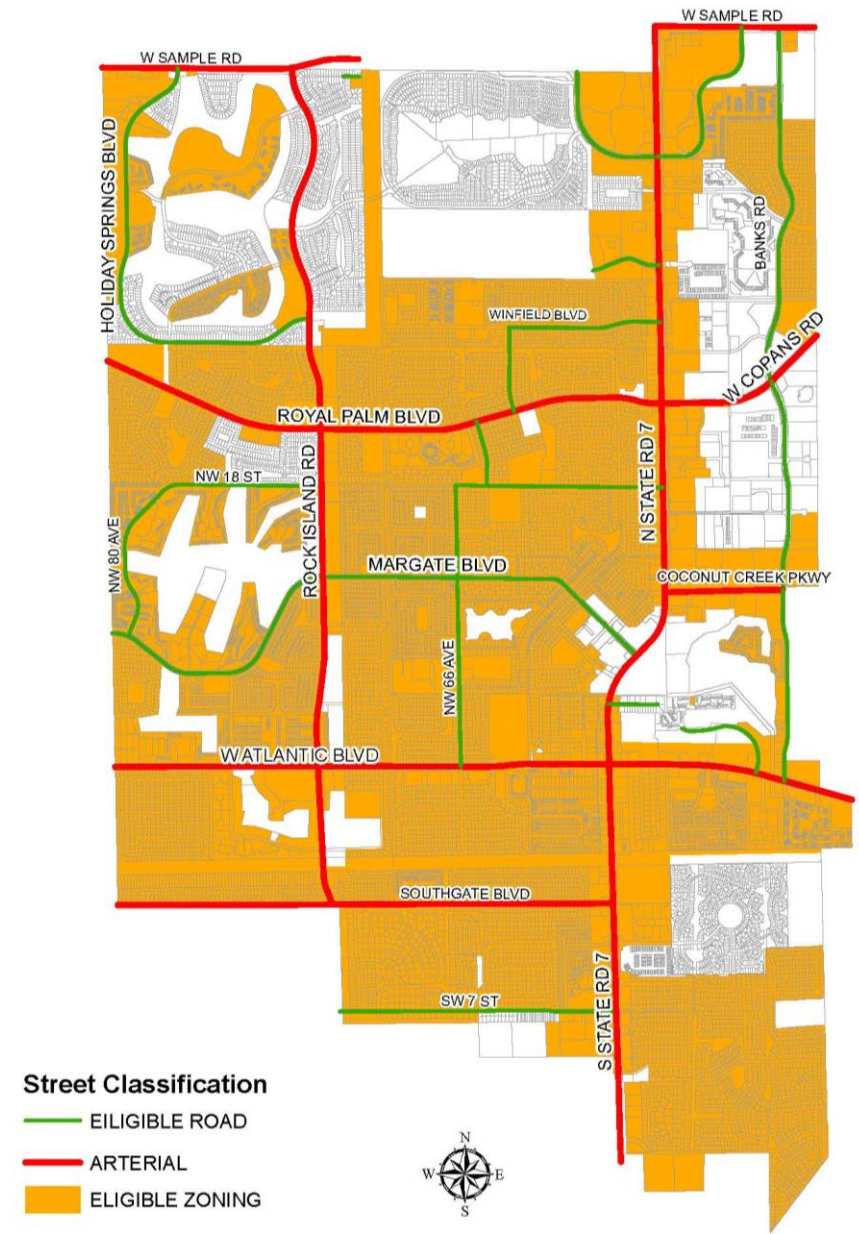
Amendment revises the ULDC to:

- Comply with new law
- Refines existing requirements for access, location, and parcel size



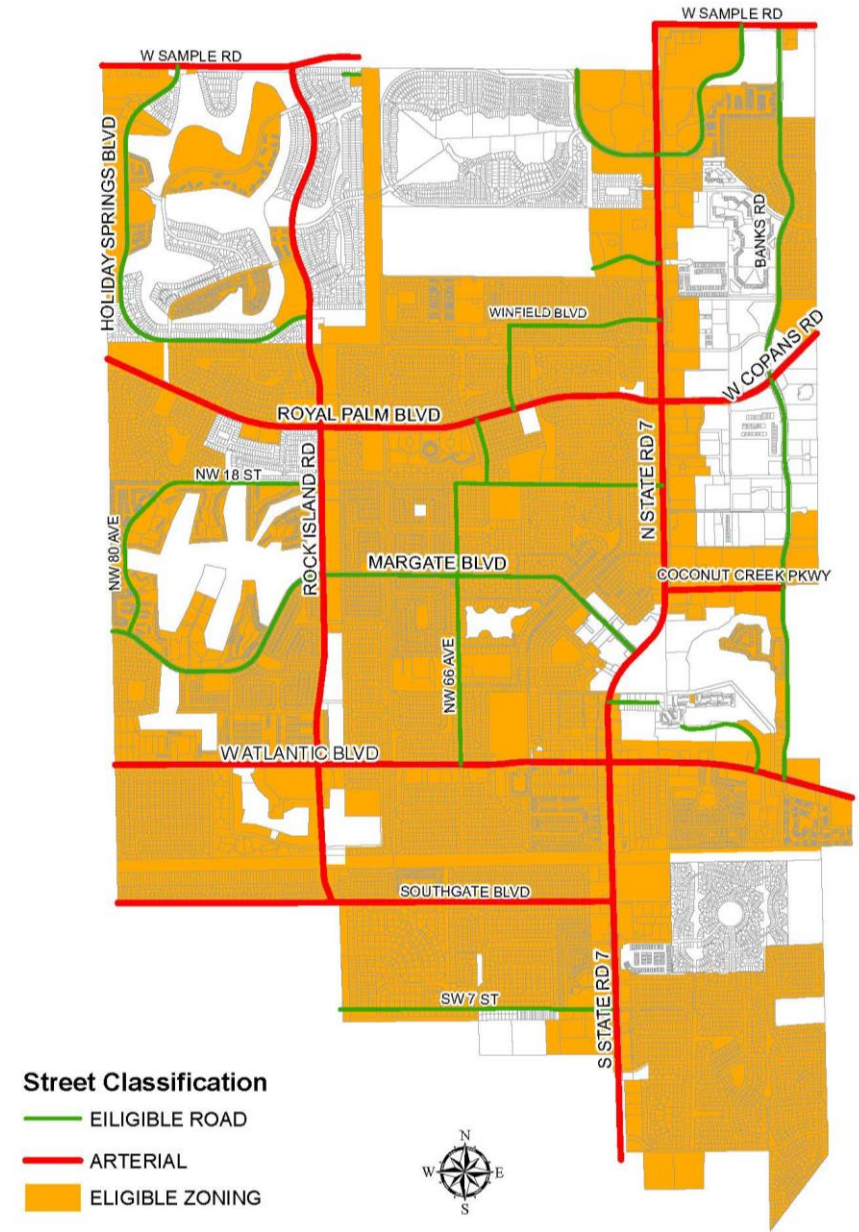
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- Prohibits cross access from adjacent properties on arterial & collector roads
- Access must be from a local road; driveways must be 500 feet from arterial & collector roads
- 1000 feet from existing schools & childcare facilities measured from property lines
- Lists parcel size requirements rather than only referencing school board standards



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- Added requirement for a traffic engineer to design drop off / pick-up areas; not to rely on a roadway for the queue
- Exceptions for emergency access, existing Broward County schools
- Parcel size may be reduced to 3.5 acres with a development agreement per F.S. § 163.3227



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Staff Recommendation: Approval

Planning & Zoning Board: At the October 1st, 2024, meeting, approval was recommended, motion carried 5-0.

