

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on an Amendment to Chapter 13 of the Sumter County Code of Ordinances to Provide for Sport Shooting Ranges as a Special Use in Identified Land Use Zones (Staff recommends approval)

REQUESTED ACTION: Conduct Public Hearing.

Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** 2/12/2012
 Regular Meeting Special Meeting

CONTRACT: N/A Vendor/Entity: _____
Effective Date: _____ Termination Date: _____
Managing Division / Dept: _____

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A
 Annual **FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A
 Capital **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** N/A
 N/A

Sport shooting ranges are not currently identified in the Sumter County Land Development Code as a specified land use. Presently, only law enforcement related shooting ranges are established as a special permitted use in specified land use zones. However, in the past all County shooting facilities, including sport shooting ranges, have gone through the Special Land Use Permit process prior to development.

In order to ensure that citizens have reasonable access to such facilities, property owners have clear and specific rights of use under the Land Development Code and such facilities are regulated consistent with the public health and safety, the attached amendment is proposed for consideration of the Board of County Commissioners. Florida Statutes Section 125.66 requires two public hearings prior to adoption of amendments to the LDR related to changes to permitted, conditional or prohibited uses. The proposed public hearing is the first of the two required.

This item originally came before the Sumter County Zoning and Adjustment Board (ZAB) at their regular meeting of October 1, 2012. At that time it was tabled for further review by the ZAB by a 4-1 vote. Subsequent to the ZAB meeting, the Commission directed that consideration of the item be delayed until all pending reviews of proposed Sport Shooting Ranges were completed with direction to re-initiate the ordinance amendment process at that time.

The Sumter County Zoning and Adjustment Board (ZAB) reheard this item at their regular meeting of February 4, 2013 and recommended it for approval to the Commission by a unanimous vote.
