### STATE OF FLORIDA ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

DON and PAMELA ASHLEY, SIERRA CLUB, INC., and PANHANDLE CITIZENS COALITION, INC.

Petitioners,

VS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS and FRANKLIN COUNTY,

Respondents,

AC Case No. ACC-06-022
DOAH Case Nos. 05-2361GM
05-2730GM
DCA Docket No. 05-1ER-NOI-1901-(A)-(I)

and

ST. JOE COMPANY and EASTPOINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT,

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#### FINAL ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This cause came for consideration before the Secretary of the Administration Commission ("Commission") through the Suggestion of Mootness, attached and incorporated as Exhibit A, filed by Respondent, Franklin County, on June 24, 2009. Franklin County suggests that the adoption of County Ordinances 09-07 and 09-08 on May 5, 2009, rescinding the Rural Village and Conservation Residential land use categories, along with the attendance Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendments for each category, renders further action in the subject proceeding moot. The Ordinances adopted on May 5, 2009, address the two remaining outstanding issues of dispute in the subject proceeding. On August 19, 2009, the Secretary of the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause why this

proceeding should not be dismissed as moot as suggested by Franklin County. In response to the Commission's Order to Show Cause, Respondent, Department of Community Affairs, concurred with Franklin County that this matter is moot and should be dismissed. Petitioners, Don and Pamela Ashley, through their counsel, also agree with the positions of Franklin County and the Department of Community Affairs.

The Secretary of the Commission agrees that the instant appeal was rendered MOOT by the adoption of Franklin County Ordinances 09-07 and 09-08.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the instant cause is DISMISSED.

#### NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Any party to this Order has the right to seek Judicial review of the Final Order pursuant to section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by the filing of a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Commission, Office of Policy and Budget, Executive Office of the Governor, The Capitol, Room 1801, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001; and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal, accompanied by the applicable filing fees, with the appropriate District Court of Appeal. Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the day this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2009, in Tallahassee, Florida.

JERRY L. MCDANJEL, Secretary

FILED with the Clerk of the Administration Commission this

day of October, 2009.

Clerk, Administration Commission

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the forgoing was delivered to the following persons by United States Mail, facsimile, electronic mail, or hand delivery this day of October, 2009.

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### **SUGGESTION OF MOOTNESS**

Comes Now, Franklin County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and says:

- 1. On December 31, 2007, in Ashley v. State of Florida, et al., 976 So.2d 1130 (Fla. 1st DCA 2007) reh. den. March 14, 2008, the Administration Commission's Final Order AC-06-008 was vacated in part because the Rural Village and Conservation Residential categories did not comply with standards for mixed-use land categories, as set forth in Rule 9J-5.006(4)(c). The balance of the Final Order was upheld.
- On October 20, 2008, the Administration Commission entered an Order Vacating Final Order in Part and Remanding in Part. This Order remanded to the Division of Administrative Hearings for further action consistent with the appellate opinion.



- 3. Respondents and Intervenor conceded that the Rural Village and Conservation Residential categories do not meet all the mixed-use category requirements of Rule 9J-5.006(4)(c), Florida Administrative Code.
- 4. On December 4, 2008, the Division of Administrative Hearings rendered a Recommended Order After Second Remand, which in part found that it was proven beyond fair debate that both the Rural Village and the Conservation Residential Categories failed to provide a percentage distribution, or other objective measures, of the mix of land uses; and that Conservation Residential does not have FAR or other adequate intensity standard for its non-residential uses, as required by Rule 9J-5.006(4)(c), Florida Administrative Code.
- The Ashelys filed objections to the Recommended Order After Second Remand.
- 6. To date, the Administration Commission has not held a hearing on either the Recommended Order After Second Remand or the Ashley's objections thereto.
- 7. On May 5, 2009, Franklin County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, properly adopted two ordinances rescinding the Rural Village and Conservation Residential land use categories, along with the attendant FLUMs for each such category.

WHEREFORE, Franklin County suggests that the enactment of such ordinances moots the remaining issues before the Administration Commission and that no further proceedings before the Commission are appropriate.

## Certificate of Service

I certify that a true copy hereof was served upon the following on this the 24 day of June, 2009:

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