

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ITS CITIZENS**  
**PARTICIPATION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**  
**MAY 24, 2020**

The City of Pembroke Pines is an entitlement recipient of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City has received an additional allocation of funds (CARES Act) to combat COVID-19. In order to receive these funds, the City must amend its Citizens Participation Plan. The following amends the previously approved Citizen Participation Plan. The amendment is summarized below.

**Citizen Participation Public Comment Period for Consolidated Plan Amendment and Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment**

1. Given the need to expedite actions to respond to COVID-19, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105 (c)(2) and (k), 91.115(c) (2) and (i) as specified below in order to balance the need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19 with the statutory requirement to provide reasonable notice and opportunity for citizens to comment on substantial amendments concerning the proposed uses of CDBG, HOME, HTF, HOPWA, or ESG funds.
  - a. *The City of Pembroke Pines therefore amends its Citizen Participation Plan providing no less than a 5-day public comment period for substantial amendments related to its COVID-19 response.*
  - b. During the period of time in which in-person public hearings are not required, virtual public hearings will be held in compliance with national/local health authorities recommendations for social distancing and limiting public gatherings due to public health reasons.
  - c. The City of Pembroke Pines has determined that virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with its plan certifications, provide for timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues and public access to all questions and responses. All virtual public hearings will be noticed in the same manner as in-person hearings.
  - d. A Public Notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with the notification procedures previously outlined in this plan.

## Public Comment

Citizens are encouraged to review the proposed amendment and provide comment. Copies of the amendments are available for review and comment during the 5-day comment period commencing **May 26, 2020** and ending **June 1, 2020**. The documents are available at the Office of the City Clerk located at Pembroke Pines City Hall, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida and the Planning and Economic Development Department located at 601 City Center Way Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Monday – Thursday.

Prior to adoption, the City of Pembroke Pines Commission will hold a Virtual Public Hearing on the proposed amendments on **June 3rd, 2020 7:00 P.M.** in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, located at 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida. Interested parties are provided reasonable notification and access for citizens to participate.

For additional information regarding the proposed activities, please contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at (954) 392-2100.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes 286.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this hearing should contact the Office of the City Clerk at least 48-hours prior to the hearing at (954) 450-1050 for assistance.



City of Pembroke Pines  
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