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Please accept this email as my opposition to a portion of the proposed text amendment language included in LDCT-2024-26 scheduled for BoCC Meeting on 1/21/2025.

The proposed language requires Engineers to sign and seal Record Drawings (Excerpt of proposed language below)

**SECTION 5:** Chapter 10, Definitions, of the Polk County Land Development Code, Polk County Ordinance No. 00-09, as amended, is hereby amended to add, delete, or modify the following definitions:

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**Record Drawings: drawings based on an as-built survey bearing the seal and signature of a professional engineer that reflect the modifications made to construction documents, documenting actual constructed conditions of the engineered plans (Level 2 Review).**

As an Engineer licensed in FL, we are regulated by Florida Administrative Code (61G15-30, Responsibility Rules Common to All Engineer). 61G15-30.002 specifically addresses Record Drawings as follows:

(9) Record Documents: Documents that are a compiled representation of the constructed project. If the engineer is relying on information provided by others not under the direct supervision and control of the engineer, then the engineer **shall not be required to sign, date and seal these Documents**. If relying on information by others, as a minimum, the following shall be included on the Documents:

- (a) Statement that the documents are a compiled representation of the constructed project.
- (b) Listing of the sources and basis of information used in the preparation of the Documents.
- (c) Statement that the Documents are believed to be correct to the best of the engineer's knowledge, and that the accuracy of the information cannot be guaranteed.

Since the information requested on the Record Drawing is provided by a Surveyor not under an Engineer's "direct supervision and control", the requirement for an Engineer to sign and seal the Record

Document conflicts with the state regulation. I have discussed this with County staff involved with this text amendment on multiple occasions, but the language continues to be carried through. In the Agenda packet, it is discussed that the County Utility Code already has this requirement. Any Polk County requirement for an Engineer to sign and seal a Record Drawing with information provided by others should be modified to meet the requirements of F.A.C.

As always, I am available for discussion.

Thank you,

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