

**ALACHUA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2019-2040**  
**POLICIES ON EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER LINES OUTSIDE OF URBAN CLUSTER**

**Potable Water and Sanitary Sewer Element**

**Policy 3.1.5** Proposed extensions of potable water and sanitary sewer lines outside of the Urban Cluster designated by the [Future Land Use Element](#) shall be subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Approval of such extensions shall be based on one or more of the following:

- (a) the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners finds that the absence of such facilities would result in a threat to the public health or safety; or
- (b) the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners finds that the extension of such facilities is necessary to enhance the safe, effective, and efficient delivery of central potable water or sanitary sewer service within an existing urban service area; or
- (c) the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners finds that the extension of such facilities would serve a purpose consistent with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, such as the retention and expansion of existing business and industry or the attraction of new business and industry in accordance with the [Economic Element](#) of this Plan, or the service of institutional or tourist/entertainment uses consistent with the [Future Land Use Element](#); or
- (d) the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners finds that the extensions of such facilities is needed as part of a comprehensive expansion of public services to encourage urban development in a new area as part of a comprehensive plan amendment. In this case, such a finding must be consistent with Policy 3.1.6 below.

**Policy 3.1.6** Central potable water and sanitary sewer systems may be extended into new areas as part of a planned extension of urban services to that area based upon the following factors:

- (a) population growth rate;
- (b) maintenance of level of service standards for the potable water or sanitary sewer system;
- (c) adequacy of existing and planned supporting infrastructure;

Approval of such extensions would require the following:

- (a) Identification, scheduling, and designated funding for capital improvements to other public facilities needed to extend urban services. Such projects shall be incorporated into the five-year capital improvement program of the Alachua County [Capital Improvement Element](#).
- (b) Adoption of necessary amendments to the [Future Land Use map](#) extending the urban cluster boundary.