

RESOLUTION 2006-15

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND JOINT LAND USE STUDY**

WHEREAS, growth management and land use encroachment issues are of mutual concern and interest to the military and to the City of DeFuniak Springs; and,

WHEREAS, Okaloosa County, in cooperation with the Office of Economic Adjustment within the US Department of Defense, has agreed to coordinate a Joint Land Use Study (Study) and Growth Management Plan (Plan) with affected communities, including DeFuniak Springs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of DeFuniak Springs is identified as an affected community (according to Florida Department of Community Affairs) and is therefore interested in proceeding with a Plan and Study for the environs surrounding Eglin Air Force in coordination and collaboration with Okaloosa County; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of Eglin Air Force Base to the community, state and nation; and,

WHEREAS, it is recognized as the local government's responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare which is a basis for participation in the combined Study and Plan and, implement appropriate measures to assure compatible development that adequately responds to the proposed growth anticipated to occur as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure recommended personnel and mission realignment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of DeFuniak Springs agrees in principle to the concept of Okaloosa County conducting a Study and producing a Plan and pledges its support and participation in the process; and,

WHEREAS, the City of DeFuniak Springs agrees to support Okaloosa County as the recipient of grant funds from the Office of Economic Adjustment for the purpose of producing the Study and Plan; and,


WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of DeFuniak Springs agrees to appoint an elected official to serve on the Policy Committee for the study, a representative to serve on the technical advisory group and representative to serve on one or more of the Eglin Installation Growth Management Plan subcommittees; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of DeFuniak Springs does hereby agree to make the City's full faith commitment of time and personnel resources necessary to support the development and implementation of the Study and Plan for those areas within the City that are impacted by anticipated growth of military and civilian personnel and their families, and the potential for subsequent encroachment that could impact the mission of Eglin Air Force Base.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution is duly enacted by the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida at a regular meeting on the 24TH day of July, 2006.


Harold Carpenter Mayor

Attest:


Deputy Clerk