

PUBLIC SAFETY ELEMENT

Goals, Objectives and Policies

Goal 10.1.: CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO ENSURE THE PROVISION OF AN EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM.

Objective 10.1.1.: The City shall continue to promote alternative funding methods to ensure that new development and redevelopment pay its proportionate share of the cost of providing public safety facilities, equipment and land necessitated by the development.

Policy 10.1.1.1.: The City prefers the use of police and fire impact fees as the method to more equitably distribute the costs for public safety services.

Objective 10.1.2.: The City shall continue providing public safety facilities in a timely manner so as to comply with the Level of Service standards set forth by this element and to maintain such compliance in subsequent years.

Policy 10.1.2.1.: The City shall provide the following response times that have been established by Palm Beach Gardens' Fire Rescue according to a fractile standard established during its accreditation process:

1. The suburban service area shall have eight (8) minutes forty-five seconds or less response time.
2. The rural service area shall have twelve (12) minutes thirty seconds or less response time.

Policy 10.1.2.2.: The City shall maintain an acceptable police service standard index not to exceed 1,000 calls per patrol officer per year to serve the urban area. A Community Oriented Policing philosophy shall be utilized in the urban area. The City shall support a balance between response to incidents and proactive patrols.

Policy 10.1.2.3.: The City shall continue to assess the impact of the western development area, redevelopment in the eastern area, and future annexation enclaves in terms of strategies, response time, and facilities for the Fire and Police Department.

Policy 10.1.2.4.: The Police and Fire Departments shall report the status of Levels of Service standards to the City Manager on a quarterly basis.

Policy 10.1.2.5: Per Chapter 163.3180, Florida Statutes, it is not necessary that the Levels of Service standards established in Policies 10.1.2.1 through 10.1.2.3 be met for determination of concurrency, but the City shall maintain and ensure that Future Land Use amendments, new developments, and redevelopment meet established LOS standards or mitigate the identified impacts [See Policy 9.1.4.2.(b)]