

From the Planners' Bookshelf...

Land Use Law in Florida, 1st Edition.

[W. Thomas Hawkins](#), Published June 29, 2021, Routledge.

Book Description from Routledge...

"*Land Use Law in Florida* presents an in-depth analysis of land use law common to many states across the United States, using Florida cases and statutes as examples.

"Florida case law is an important course of study for planners, as the state has its own legal framework that governs how people may use land, with regulation that has evolved to include state-directed urban and regional planning. The book addresses issues in a case format, including planning, land development regulation, property rights, real estate development and land use, transportation, and environmental regulation. Each chapter summarizes the rules that a reader should draw from the cases, making it useful as a reference for practicing professionals and as a teaching tool for planning students who do not have experience in reading law.

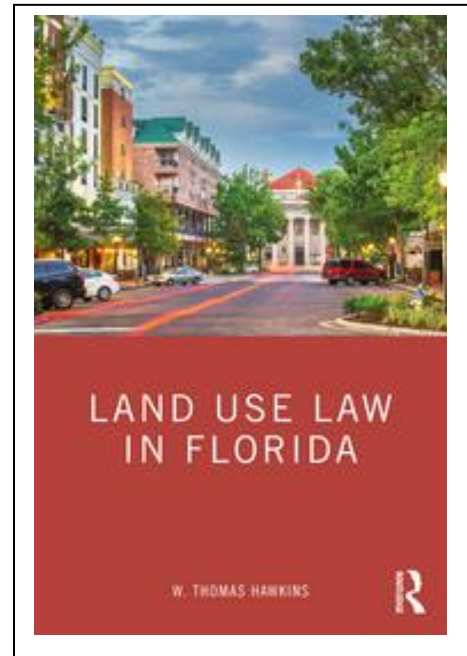
"This text is invaluable for attorneys; professional planners; environmental, property rights, and neighborhood activists; and local government employees who need to understand the rules that govern how property owners may use land in Florida and around the country."

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Land Use Law in Florida provides a great foundation for understanding land use law not only in Florida but throughout the United States. The federal case law discussions are very useful. A must read for every city planner.

Of special interest is **Part IV, Infrastructure**. The author provides a great discussion of exactions, taxes, assessments, fees and a variety of financing programs including special districts and tax increment financing. Knowing the sources of funding for infrastructure is an important base of knowledge.



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