

TITLE 10: LOCAL LAWS
DIVISION 1: FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT (ROTA)

§ 1709. Changes in Boundaries, Uses and Requirements.

Changes in land use district boundaries, uses, and requirements shall be consistent with the purposes of this article, the Coastal Resources Management Act (2 CMC § 1501 et seq.) and the provisions of this section.

(a) *Initiation.* Changes may be initiated by the Zoning Board, the zoning administrator, or by application of a person to the Zoning Board.

(b) *Administrative Findings.* The zoning administrator shall review proposed changes and shall issue a finding and recommendation to the Zoning Board within 30 days of the initiation.

(c) *Determination.* The Zoning Board shall make its determination on a land use issue within 60 days of the date of the public hearing on the same matter. The Zoning Board shall immediately forward notice of any land use change to the applicant, the mayor and the First Senatorial District legislative delegation and shall post notice of the change at the office of the mayor and the Rota courthouse of the Commonwealth Superior Court. The administrator shall record any boundary change on the official land use district maps.

(d) *Legislative Review.* Any change in district boundaries, uses, or requirements may be amended or changed by law enacted by the First Senatorial District legislative delegation.

(e) *Protection of Uniquely Valuable Lands.* Lands in intensive agricultural use or with a high capacity for soil-based agriculture or other methods of food production shall not be taken out of the district designated for such uses if to do so will significantly impair the agricultural or food productivity of Rota. Similar consideration shall be given to lands suitable for aquaculture and ocean thermal energy conversion.

Source: Rota LL 8-2, § 9.