

(7) to plan, replan, install, construct, reconstruct, repair, close or vacate streets, roads, sidewalks, public utilities, parks, playgrounds, and other public improvements in connection with an urban renewal project; and to make exceptions from building regulations;

(8) to generally organize, coordinate and direct the administration of the provisions of this subheading in order that the objective of remedying slum and blighted areas and preventing the causes thereof within the county may be most effectively promoted and achieved;

(9) to exercise all or any part or combination of powers herein granted.

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4. The Board of County Commissioners may itself exercise all the powers granted by this subheading or may, by ordinance, elect to have such powers exercised by a separate public body or agency as hereinafter provided. In the event the Board makes such determination, it shall proceed by ordinance to establish a public body or agency to undertake in the County the activities authorized by this subheading. Such ordinance shall include provisions establishing the number of members of such public body or agency, the manner of their appointment and removal, the terms of said members and their compensation. The ordinance may include such additional provisions relating to the organization of said public body or agency as may be necessary. In the event the Board enacts such an ordinance, all of the powers by this subheading granted to the County shall, from the effective date of said ordinance, be vested in the public body or agency thereby established, except:

(1) The power to pass a resolution to initiate an urban renewal project pursuant to Section 21A-3 of this Chapter.

(2) The power to issue general obligation bonds pursuant to Section 21A-10 of this Chapter.

(3) The power to appropriate funds, and to levy taxes and assessments pursuant to Section 21A-3 (3) of this Chapter.

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5. In order to initiate an urban renewal project, the Board of County Commissioners shall adopt a resolution which

(1) finds that one or more slum or blighted areas exist in the County;

(2) locates and defines the said slum or blighted areas;

(3) finds that the rehabilitation, redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such area or areas, is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of the County.

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(a) The Board of County Commissioners, in order to carry out the purposes of this subheading, shall prepare or cause to be prepared an urban renewal plan for slum or blighted areas in the County, and shall formally approve such plan. Prior to its approval of an urban