



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 11-21

City Council

4/8/2021

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 11-21 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14-2-132 AND 14-2-133 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 11-21 on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14-2-132 AND 14-2-133 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PENSACOLA REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT CHAPTER 1 OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; ADOPTING APPENDICES J AND Q OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this ordinance is to adopt a modification of the Administrative Chapter of the Florida Building Code (2020) and adopt two of the appendices from the Florida Building Code, Residential.

The base code for the Florida Building Code is the International Building Code. The administrative provisions for both Codes are contained in Chapter 1 and provide for the administration of permits, inspections, duties of Inspections personnel, plan review, certificates of occupancy, and other various aspects of building code enforcement. The Florida Building Commission, which is charged with modifying the International Code to fit the specific needs of Florida, strips all but the basic administrative provisions out of Chapter 1. This is done to avoid potential conflicts with local ordinances and State statutes for building code administration. Florida Statute 553.73 allows local governments to modify Chapter 1 to restore the International Code's administrative provisions and modify as needed to fit the local jurisdiction. Sections governing property maintenance, building department, duties of the building official, permit exemptions and expirations, appeals, and unsafe structures have been incorporated into the proposed versions of the Chapter 1, Florida Building Code, as shown by the gray highlighted portions of the attachment.

Within the Florida Building Codes are a number of Appendices. These appendices are not a part of

the code unless specifically adopted by the local governing body. Two such appendices are proposed for adoption. Appendix Q of the Florida Building Code is being proposed for adoption and relaxes some code provisions relating to ceiling heights, room sizes, lofts, and ladders for lofts for tiny houses less than 400 square feet. Appendix J, Existing Buildings and Structures, provides for more detailed code provisions governing existing one-and-two family dwellings to allow for more flexibility with existing buildings and structures.

PRIOR ACTION:

March 25, 2021 - City Council voted to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 11-21 on first reading.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

3/10/2021

STAFF CONTACT:

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Kerrith Fiddler, Deputy City Administrator - Community Development
Jonathan Bilby, Inspection Services Director

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Proposed Ordinance No. 11-21
- 2) Proposed Chapter 1 Florida Building Code, as Adopted by the City of Pensacola

PRESENTATION: No