

CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Rick J. Rudometkin, City Manager
Subject: Ordinance - Chapter 2025-182, Laws of Florida

Background:

One of the laws adopted in this past legislative session is Chapter 2025-182, Laws of Florida (SB 954), which requires that cities adopt a process for approving reasonable accommodations for certified recovery residences. All cities and counties must adopt compliant ordinances no later than January 1, 2026.

A copy of Chapter 2025-182 is attached (.pdf) hereto for reference. Below is the statutory definition of a certified recovery residence.

“Certified recovery residence” means a recovery residence that holds a valid certificate of compliance and is actively managed by a certified recovery residence administrator.

- (a)** A Level I certified recovery residence houses individuals in recovery who have completed treatment, with a minimum of 9 months of sobriety. A Level I certified recovery residence is democratically run by the members who reside in the home.
- (b)** A Level II certified recovery residence encompasses the traditional perspectives of sober living homes. There is oversight from a house manager who has experience with living in recovery. Residents are expected to follow rules outlined in a resident handbook provided by the certified recovery residence administrator. Residents must pay dues, if applicable, and work toward achieving realistic and defined milestones within a chosen recovery path.
- (c)** A Level III certified recovery residence offers higher supervision by staff with formal training to ensure resident accountability. Such residences are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and offer residents peer-support services, which may include, but are not limited to, life skill mentoring, recovery planning, and meal preparation. Clinical services may not be performed at the residence. Such residences are most appropriate for persons who require a more structured environment during early recovery from addiction.
- (d)** A Level IV certified recovery residence is a residence offered, referred to, or provided by a licensed service provider to its patients who are required to reside at the residence while receiving intensive outpatient and higher levels of outpatient care. Such residences are staffed 24 hours a day and combine outpatient licensable services with recovery residential living. Residents are required to follow a treatment plan and attend group and individual sessions, in addition to developing a recovery plan within the social model of living in a sober lifestyle. No clinical services are provided at the residence and all licensable services are provided offsite.

Staff Recommendation: Advance to second reading on January 20, 2026
Suggested Motion: I, _____, move to advance Ordinance 2026-01 to second reading and adoption on January 20, 2026.

Alternatives: N/A
Fiscal Impact: N/A
Attachments: Proposed Ordinance 2026-01
Chapter 2025-182, Laws of Florida