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AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH AMENDING THE FLAGLER BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX “A,” LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, TO SPECIFY ELEVATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; TO ADOPT AND REFORMAT LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida has, in Chapter 166 – Municipalities, Florida Statutes, conferred upon local governments the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Flagler Beach** participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and participates in the NFIP's Community Rating System, a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum program requirements and achieved a CRS rating of Class **#6**), making citizens who purchase NFIP flood insurance policies eligible for premium discounts; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the NFIP Community Rating System established certain minimum prerequisites for communities to qualify for or maintain class ratings of Class 8 or better; and

WHEREAS, to satisfy the prerequisite and for the **City of Flagler Beach** to maintain the current CRS rating, all manufactured homes installed or replaced in special flood hazard areas must be elevated to or above at least the base flood elevation plus three (3) feet which necessitates modification of the existing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the **City Commission** has determined that it is in the public interest to amend the floodplain management regulations to better protect manufactured homes and to continue participating in the Community Rating System at the current class rating; and

WHEREAS, the **City Commission** approved Ordinance 2025-01, which provided for elevation to at least base flood elevation plus two feet; and

WHEREAS, the **City Commission** desires to increase that to base flood elevation plus three feet; and

WHEREAS, the **City Commission** is adopting a requirement to increase the minimum elevation requirement for dwellings in all flood hazard areas for the purpose of participating in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System and, pursuant to section 553.73(5), F.S., is formatting that requirement to coordinate with the *Florida Building Code*; and

WHEREAS, the **City Commission** has determined that it is in the public interest to adopt the proposed local technical amendments to the *Florida Building Code*, and the proposed amendments are not more stringent than necessary to address the need identified, do not discriminate against materials, products or construction techniques of demonstrated capabilities, are in compliance with section 553.73(4), Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Flagler Beach that the Code of Ordinances, Appendix" A," Land Development Regulations, is amended as set forth in the following amendments.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS

Appendix "A," LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES is hereby amended as follows (Note: additions are shown as underline text, deletions are shown as ~~strike through~~, and portions of the Code that remain unchanged and which are not reprinted here are show as ellipses (***)).

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Sec. 4.07.13. Manufactured homes.

(A) *General.* All manufactured homes installed in flood hazard areas shall be installed by an installer that is licensed pursuant to F.S. § 320.8249, and shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 15C-1, F.A.C. and the requirements of this section. New manufactured homes and replacement manufactured homes shall not be installed in coastal high hazard areas except in an existing manufactured home parks or subdivisions. If located seaward of the coastal construction control line, all manufactured homes shall comply with the more restrictive of the applicable requirements.

(B) *Foundations.* All new manufactured homes and replacement manufactured homes installed in flood hazard areas shall be installed on permanent, reinforced foundations that:

(1) In flood hazard areas (zone A) other than coastal high hazard areas and coastal A zones, are designed in accordance with the foundation requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322.2 and this ~~article~~ section.

(2) In coastal high hazard areas (zone V) and coastal A zones, are designed in accordance with the foundation requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322.3 and this ~~article~~ section.

(C) *Anchoring.* All new manufactured homes and replacement manufactured homes shall be installed using methods and practices which minimize flood damage and shall be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This anchoring requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for wind resistance.

(D) *Elevation.* All manufactured homes that are placed, replaced, or substantially improved in flood hazard areas shall be elevated such that the bottom of the frame is at or above the base flood elevation ~~plus two (2) feet~~ three (3) feet.

~~(E) (G)~~ *Enclosures.* Enclosed areas below elevated manufactured homes shall comply with the requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322 for such enclosed areas, as applicable to the flood hazard area.

~~(F) (H)~~ *Utility equipment.* Utility equipment that serves manufactured homes, including electric, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities, shall comply with the requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322, as applicable to the flood hazard area.

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ARTICLE V. DEVELOPMENT DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS

Sec. 5.00.00. General.

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Sec. 5.00.09. Reserved.

Sec. 5.00.10 Technical amendments to the Florida Building Code, Building.

(1) Minimum building elevations in flood hazard areas:

(a) The minimum elevation for buildings in flood hazard areas that are within the scope of the Florida Building Code, Building, shall be, as specified in ASCE 24, the base flood elevation plus ~~two (2) feet~~ three (3) feet, or the design flood elevation, whichever is higher.

(b) The minimum elevation for one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses in flood hazard areas that are within the scope of the Florida Building Code, Residential, shall be the base flood elevation plus ~~two (2) feet~~ three (3) feet or the design flood elevation, whichever is higher.

(2) Enclosures below elevated buildings in coastal high hazard areas and Coastal A Zones. In coastal high hazard areas and Coastal A Zones, enclosed areas below the elevation required in the building code shall not be partitioned or finished into separate rooms except for stairwells, ramps, and elevators and the access to enclosed areas shall be the minimum necessary to allow for the parking of vehicles (garage door) or limited storage of maintenance equipment used in connection with the premises (standard exterior door) or entry to the building (stairway or elevator).

(3) Construction documents for dwellings in flood hazard areas. Construction documents for dwellings in flood hazard areas shall include documentation that is prepared and sealed by a registered design professional that the foundation design accounts for flood loads.

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SECTION 2. FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT. In terms of design, plan application review, construction, and inspection of buildings and structures, the cost impact as an overall average is negligible in regard to the local technical amendments because all development has been subject to the requirements of the local floodplain management ordinance adopted for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Therefore, in terms of lower potential for flood damage, there will be continued savings and benefits to consumers.

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY.

For the purposes of jurisdictional applicability, this ordinance shall apply in the **City of Flagler Beach**. This ordinance shall apply to all applications for development in flood hazard areas submitted on or after the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. INCLUSION INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

It is the intent of the **City Commission** that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the **City of Flagler Beach Code of Ordinances**, and that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered. The word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," "regulation," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption in accordance with the City of Flagler Beach Charter.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION

Patti King, Mayor

ATTEST:

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151 Penny Overstreet, City Clerk
