



STAFF REPORT

City Commission Regular Meeting

April 10, 2025



To: Elected Officials

From: Dale L. Martin, City Manager

Date: April 30, 2025

Item Name: Ordinance 2025-07. An Ordinance by the City Commission of the City of the City of Flagler Beach, Florida, amending provisions of Appendix "A," Land Development Regulations, relating to Irrigation System Requirements; amending Section 5.04.00, Landscaping/Trees; providing for inclusion in the Code of Ordinances; providing for conflict and providing an effective date hereof - first reading.

Background: The Planning and Architectural Review Board reviewed Ordinance 2025-07 (Item 7c) at their April 8, 2025, meeting and provided the following recommendation.

City Planner Lupita McClenning presented item. Ms. McClenning stated, after discussions with Elected Officials and City Management, they were opposed to requiring irrigation. The reasons for opposition included utilizing potable water to irrigate, simply the requirement itself and the City would not be irrigating the public parking lots. Ms. McClenning explained the public parking lots currently being updated will utilize a xeriscape, which needs to be established with water for at least a year. Ms. McClenning further explained, the way the Code is being interpreted by City Staff is you are not required to have an irrigation system, but you are required to submit a proposed irrigation plan which satisfies the regulations set by St. Johns River Water Management. The proposed amendment to the code would delete section 5.04.01 (n). Ms. McClenning stated Senate Bill 64, an unfunded mandate, will require the City to dispose of one million gallons of affluent a day by the year 2035. The City has already put in their first phase of purple pipe to assist with requirements. Further supporting documents were provided to the Board at the meeting (attached to minutes). City Attorney Smith directed the Board to the change in the language on page 17 of the agenda packet, the word proposed, which led to striking 5.04.01 (n) all together which would be the proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued and included further clarification on the purpose of this proposed ordinance, required screening, definition of xeriscape, types of screening, types of landscaping, reuse water, previous requirements by the City for reuse water, irrigation in public parking lots and enforcement of maintaining landscaping. The City Attorney clarified the proposed ordinance would clarify if you do not have a need for irrigation, you do not have to put in irrigation. The City Attorney advised the Board, they can make a recommendation of this item and Staff will draft a proposed ordinance for Commission consideration.

Lisa Smith made a motion to recommend approval as amended striking through Section 5.04.01(n) located on page 17 of the original agenda packet.; Joann Soman seconded. Motion passed unanimously after roll call vote.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Attachment: Ordinance 2025-07