

ORDINANCE 2020-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2020 ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEEDS MAP FOR RISK CATEGORY IV BUILDINGS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY; WIND LOADS WEST OF THAT LINE ARE 140 MPH AND WIND LOADS EAST OF THAT LINE ARE 130 MPH; DEFINING RISK CATEGORY IV BUILDINGS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, this ordinance is adopted pursuant to Franklin County's authority granted to it by Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, and its Home Rule authority; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County finds that the adoption of this ordinance is consistent with its Comprehensive Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained that:

1. The map showing the 140 mile per hour ("MPH") line across Franklin County, Florida, for Category IV buildings is hereby adopted, and incorporated into this Ordinance as Exhibit "A," for the purposes of administering, interpreting and enforcing the Florida Building Code in effect at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance and as amended in the future. Wind loads East of this line are 130 MPH and the wind loads West of that line are 140 MPH for Risk Category IV Buildings.
2. The exact location of this line dividing the between the 130 MPH wind load and the 140 MPH wind load for Risk Category IV buildings is described as follows:

Begin at point where the mean high tide of the Gulf of Mexico intersects with Dog Island, Franklin County, Florida, at the western boundary of Lot 1, Block 1, Unit 1 of the Corrective Replat of Unit One, Dog Island Gulf Beaches Subdivision, recorded in the public records of Franklin County, Florida, in Plat Book 3 at Pages 27 and 28, and continue North along said boundary line to a point where the shoreline of Dog Island, Florida, meets the mean high tide of the St. George Sound; from that point then proceed in a direct line to the centerline of the mouth of the Carrabelle River, then meander up the center of the Carrabelle River to its intersection with the New River, then meander up the center of the New River to the line separating Liberty County, Florida and Franklin County, Florida for the point of terminus.

See attached Exhibit “B.”

3. Risk Category IV Buildings are defined by the Florida Building Code as follows:

“IV Buildings and other structures designated as essential facilities, including, but not limited to:

- a. Group I-2 occupancies having surgery or emergency treatment facilities.
- b. Fire, rescue, ambulance and police stations and emergency vehicle garages.
- c. Designated earthquake, hurricane or other emergency shelter.
- d. Designated emergency preparedness, communications and operations centers and other facilities required for emergency response.
- e. Power-generating stations and other public utility facilities required as emergency back-up facilities for Risk Category IV structures.
- f. Structures containing highly toxic materials as defined by Section 307 where the quantity of the material exceeds the maximum allowed quantities of Table 307.1(2).
- g. Aviation control towers, air traffic control centers and emergency aircraft hangers.
- h. Buildings and other structures having critical national defense functions.
- i. Water storage facilities and pump structures required to maintain water pressure for fire suppression.”

4. All Ordinances and parts of other Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

Done and adopted on this the ____ day of October, 2020.

Franklin County, a political
Subdivision of the State of Florida

ATTEST:

By: _____
Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk

By: _____
Noah Lockley, Jr.
Its Chairman

Approved as to form and substance:

By: _____
Thomas M. Shuler, County Attorney

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