



ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: December 4, 2023

FROM: Michael Jerrahian, Building Official

SUBJECT: Adopting 2023 Florida Building Code, 8th Edition with Administrative Amendments to Chapter One of the Florida Building Code

BACKGROUND

The Florida Building Code was adopted in accordance with Florida Statute 553.73, as the single unified state building code, and is updated and adopted every three (3) years by the Florida Building Commission. Chapter 1 of the Florida Building Code includes the administrative portion of the Florida Building Code. Local governments may adopt amendments to the administrative provisions of the Florida Building Code, subject to the limitations in Florida Statute 553.72(4). An amendment to the Florida Building Code adopted by a local government under this subsection is effective only until the adoption of the new edition of the Florida Building Code by the commission every third year.

ANALYSIS

The 2023 Florida Building Code, 8th Edition is set to take effect as of December 31, 2023.

In preparation for the new 2023 Florida Building Code change, a review was performed to evaluate the base changes to the administrative portion of the code and an analysis of any necessary changes relevant to the City of Greenacres to ensure the safe construction, alteration, demolition, and repair of structures and equipment throughout the City of Greenacres.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-16 formally adopts the 2023 Florida Building Code and the administrative amendments to Chapter 1, which are attached to the ordinance at Exhibit "A." It has an effective date of December 31, 2023, to coincide with the effective date of the new edition.

The proposed changes to Chapter 1 of the Florida Building Code and to the City of Greenacres Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Buildings and Building Regulations, Sections 4-2 and 4-5 are in ~~Strike through for deletion~~ and Underline for addition.

The City Council voted five (5) to zero (0) to adopt updated Florida Building Code 8th edition and Administrative Amendments to Chapter One of the Florida Building Code at first reading on November 6th, 2023

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

LEGAL

Changes resulting from new state legislation have been highlighted in Exhibit “A”. These changes impact, among other things, the processing time and allowable actions on permit applications; they also include the criteria and process for performing and reporting milestone inspections required. The proposed ordinance and attachment have been reviewed by the City’s legal counsel.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments.