



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Town Commission Meeting

MEETING DATE *August 1, 2023*

SUBMITTED BY: Matt Welhaf, Assistant Fire Chief

SUBJECT: An ordinance of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, adopting the current edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code and providing for local amendments; providing for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability and codification; and providing for an effective date.

SUMMARY:

On July 18th, 2023, the Town Commission considered an introduction to a proposed amendment to the Town Code of Ordinances that would update the local fire prevention ordinance. It was explained that pursuant to Chapter 633, Florida Statutes, every three years the State Fire Marshal adopts an updated Florida Fire Prevention Code, which establishes the statewide minimum fire safety code and incorporates Florida editions of the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Code (NFPA 1 Fire Code) and Life Safety Code (NFPA 101 Life Safety Code).

Further, it was explained that the Florida Fire Prevention Code adopted by the State Fire Marshal shall be deemed adopted by, and shall be enforced by, local governments with fire safety responsibilities as the minimum fire safety code. Local governments are authorized to adopt more stringent local amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code, which strengthen the requirements of the minimum fire safety code.

Following the introduction by the Fire Marshal, Town Commission members asked several questions relating to fees, third party inspection reporting, and discussed comparisons to adjacent jurisdictions local ordinance amendments.

The ordinance is before the Commission for the first reading. Based upon approval of the first reading, the ordinance will then be advertised in accordance with Florida statutes and presented to the Commission for second read/final adoption on August 15th, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Ordinance

July 18th Agenda Memorandum and Introduction of the Proposed Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval of the proposed ordinance.