

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: December 15, 2020

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2020-19 - Second Reading - adopting the Florida Building Code 2020 7th Edition with recommended local amendments to Chapter One

SUMMARY:

The ordinance proposes the adoption of the 2020 7th edition of the Florida Building Code with local amendments to Chapter One

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Every three years the Florida Building Code is amended and it is based on the latest edition of the International Code. This year the Florida Building Commission has adopted, by rule, pursuant to section 120.536(1) and 120.54, Florida Statutes, the 2020 Florida Building Code (Code) with an effective implementation date of December 31, 2020. The Code is applicable throughout the entire State of Florida pursuant to section 553.73(6), Florida Statutes, without adoption on the City for implementation. However, section 553.73(4)(a), Florida Statutes, authorizes the City to adopt local amendments to the administrative provisions contained in Chapter 1 of the Code, so long as any such administrative amendments are more stringent than the minimum standards contained in the Code. The recommended administrative amendments for the City are included as part of the proposed ordinance as Exhibit "A".

Chapter one amendments are changes to address Florida specific laws. The Building Officials Association of Florida puts out a recommended Chapter One. The Palm Beach County Building Code Advisory Board reviewed that version and made several changes. That version was sent to the local municipalities. The Palm Beach County version was amended to reference Lake Worth Beach ordinances that apply as needed in the document.

At its meeting of October 20, 2020, the City Commission unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the ordinance on first reading.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance No. 2020-19 – - adopting the Florida Building Code 2020 7th Edition with recommended local amendments to Chapter One .

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Ordinance 2020-19