

# EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** January 16, 2024

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Sustainability

**TITLE:**

Ordinance No. 2024-04 - First Reading - adopting the Florida Building Code 2023 8th Edition with recommended local amendments to Chapter One

**SUMMARY:**

The ordinance proposes the adoption of the 2023 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2023 Florida Building Code (Code) with an effective implementation date of December 31, 2023. 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.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance No. 2024-04 – on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for February 6, 2024.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A  
Ordinance 2024-04  
Administrative Code Chapter 1