



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

**TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves**

**FROM: Francine Ramaglia, Town Manager**

**DATE: December 5, 2023**

**SUBJECT: Consideration of *Ordinance No. 2023-08* regarding adoption of Florida Building Code and Fire Prevention Code on First Reading**

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**Background:**

Every three years in accordance with state statutes the Florida Building Commission reviews and adopts revisions to the Florida Building Code. The Florida Building Code 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) is effective December 31, 2023. The Town has an opportunity to adopt local amendments to the administrative chapter of the Building Code.

The proposed ordinance adopts the Florida Building Code 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, the 2020 National Electric Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code. In addition, it incorporates a local administrative code for the Building Code which incorporates references to Town's ULDC Article 65- Agricultural and Agritourism Uses, Article 87 – Native Tree Preservation and Invasive Exotic Removal and Article 175 – Floodplain Management. The ordinance also includes local amendments recommended by chief building officials throughout Palm Beach County including the Town's new building official.

As referenced in a whereas clause to the ordinance, it is important to remember, that the building code is designed for the entire State of Florida and has references to buildings and structures which may not necessarily be permitted or exist in a given municipality. The reference to such a building or structure does not mean such building or structure is permitted or contemplated within the Town, as all development must comply with the Town's land use and zoning regulations.

**Recommendation:**

Move that Town Council approve *Ordinance No. 2023-08* regarding the adoption of the Florida Building Code and Fire Prevention Code on first reading.