



# Memorandum

**Meeting Details:** Planning Commission, February 05, 2024

**Prepared For:** Planning Commission

**From:** Community Development Department

**Subject:** Ordinance 2024-02 Open Accessory Structures

**Background:** Madeira Beach Land Development Regulations (LDRs) does not define “shade structure” or “open accessory structure”, nor any structure that would be directly comparable. While the Madeira Beach Code of Ordinances has definitions for “Structure”, broken into subcategories of Major, Minor, Non-habitable Major and Coastal or Shore Protection, only the Minor definition makes mention of a gazebo. The Code of Ordinances references traditional Chickee huts stating they are not regulated by the Florida Building Code but must meet Planning and Zoning requirements.

The Board of Commissioners directed city staff to research and amend the Code to allow for shade structures (what is also referenced as “open accessory structures”) that would be different from enclosed accessory structures (what one would typically think of as a shed).

**Discussion:** The proposed ordinance (attached) was reviewed and workshopped at multiple Planning Commission meetings as a discussion item. The proposed ordinance incorporates all the discussions and amendments made at these meetings.

The ordinance creates multiple sections, which includes the applicability of division, definitions, building permits required, accessory structure maintenance, excluded from permitting, construction trailers, and outdoor kitchens. The final version allows for open accessory structures (e.g. tiki huts, gazebos) at a percentage of the total lot size (3.5 percent) in addition to the already allowed enclosed accessory structure. The amendments create setbacks for the open accessory structures considering the side yard setbacks for each Zoning District and structural elements of the seawall on lots on the water. In

the C-4 Zoning District staff were aware of issues arising from accessory structures that were required by federal and state regulations that conflicted with the current accessory structures section in the Code. Staff added language to address these concerns.

The Code does not address construction trailers, therefore, staff decided to create a new section to put in place regulations for construction trailers with specific time limitations, setbacks, and evacuation plans.

Staff discussed with the Planning Commission and FDEM (with FEMA considerations) the allowances of permanent outdoor kitchens and created a new section to allow and manage outdoor kitchens as staff realizes with the allowance of open accessory structures will most likely begin more outdoor kitchens.

**Recommendation(s):** Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2024-02

**Fiscal Impact or Other:**

There is no anticipated fiscal impact, except for increased permit fees associated with permitting and inspections.

**Attachments:**

- Ordinance 2024-02