

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-615

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** September 12, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R, TEU, LUZ, Waterways Commission

**Date of Analysis:** September 14, 2023

**Type of Action:** Ordinance Code amendments

**Bill Summary:** The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 652 – Floodplain Management – to incorporate recommendations from the Florida State Floodplain Management Office regarding agricultural and accessory structures, needed for the City to maintain its current ratings with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and to update the effective dates of the flood insurance rate maps. It directs that the local technical amendments to the Florida Building Code previously adopted in Ordinance Code Chapter 321 – Adoption of Building Code – as currently shown in ~~strikeout~~ and underline format be relocated from the Ordinance Code and placed in the Land Development Procedures Manual. The language of the local technical amendment to the Florida Building Code, as changed, will be shown in the Ordinance Code as approved (without the ~~strikeout~~ and underline). The bill removes provisions of Chapter 652 relating to manufactured and mobile homes as those terms are no longer used in state floodplain management guidance. The bill amends provisions of Chapter 654 – Code of Subdivision Regulations – relating to septic tank permitting to clarify state and local regulatory responsibilities. It repeals and reenacts Part 10 of Chapter 652 to clarify and simplify formatting from a previous revision of the Part.

**Background Information:** The City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System in part to help property owners achieve lower flood insurance premiums through the enactment of various required preventive measures and has a good rating of 6. The Federal Emergency Management Agency recently released several revised policies regarding agricultural and accessory structures, so this bill makes corresponding amendments in the Floodplain Management chapter of the Code to match the revised regulations. The bill repeals and reenacts Part 10 of Chapter 652 in order to clarify formatting from a previous revision. Certain language regarding elevation requirements is being reformatted in the Code to remove the ~~underline~~ and ~~strikeout~~ formatting and the ~~underline~~ and ~~strikeout~~ text is being placed in the Land Development Procedures Manual so that it is more accessible to the general public to whom they might apply and to eliminate confusion. State law mandates that locally adopted technical amendments to the Florida Building Code must be shown in ~~strikeout~~ and underline format, which is not standard for our Ordinance Code.

Changes to any Land Development Regulations (Chapters 650, 651, 652, 654, 655 and 656) are required to be reviewed and recommendations made by the Planning Commission, so this ordinance will follow a procedure similar to a change to the Zoning Code text.

**Policy Impact Area:** Floodplain management and flood insurance

**Fiscal Impact:** None to City; keeping a good Community Rating System grade provides property owners the opportunity to receive discounts on flood insurance premiums.

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