

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PUNTA GORDA
11/18/2015**

Public Hearings*

Title:	GA-09-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, amending the Punta Gorda Code, Chapter 7, “Building Regulations”, Article II, “Building Contractors”, Section 7-12, “Application and Fees for a Certificate of Competency”, Section 7-18, “Certificate of Competency Requirements”, and Section 7-19, “Issuance of Certificate of Competency”, to update Certificate of Competency Requirements, Application Process and Fee; deleting in their entirety Sections 7-21 and 7-22 as obsolete; amending Article III, “Building Codes and Regulations”, Section 7-31, “Additions, Amendments and Modifications to Building Code”, Section 7-32, “Violations of Building Code; Penalties”, and Section 7-33, “Building Permit Fees”, to update penalties for violations and building permit fees; providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date. <u>FIRST READING</u>	
Funds:	n/a	
Recommended Action:	City Council approval of the proposed ordinance at this first reading and schedule for the required second reading.	
Summary:	<p>The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 7 “Building Regulations”, as recommended by the Building Board. Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• updates to the Certificate of Competency registration requirements and application process to eliminate duplication of efforts between various regulating agencies;• increasing the application fee to recoup administrative costs;• deletion of obsolete requirements; and• authorization for the Building Official to waive certain fees for just cause.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Department/Division:	Building	