



MEETING: September 24, 2020

Agenda Item Type: Public Hearings
Ordinance 2020-26

First Public Hearing: September 10, 2020

Second Public Hearing: September 24, 2020

BUILDING AGENDA ITEM:

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Florida amending Article III, Division 20, Section 3.20.2 “Fences, Walls and Hedges”, and Article III, Division 20, Section 3.20.21 “Flood Damage Prevention”, of the Land Development Code, providing for higher standards to the City’s National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System, and to adopt technical amendments to the Florida Building Code; providing for severability, conflicts, codification, an effective date, and an effective date (above is full title) **ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26**

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Public Service: To ensure cost effective service while providing a high level of service to our internal and external customers.

Infrastructure: To provide safe and adequate infrastructure to meet current and future needs.

Growth Management: To create a vibrant, progressive and diverse community through collaborative planning.

Economic Development: To promote economic development in the City of St. Cloud.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Ordinance No. 2020-26 is proposing changes to Article III, Division 20, Section 3.20.2 - “Fences, Walls and Hedges”, and Section 3.20.21 - “Flood Damage Prevention” of the Land Development Code, and adopt technical amendment to the Florida Building Code.

This amendment to the Land Development Code is to provide for higher standards to the City’s National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System.

Article III, Division 20 of the Land Development Code is amended to include the following:

Sec. 3.20.21 - Fences, walls and hedges

- To establish general regulations for fences, wall and hedges;
- To prohibit the installation of fences, walls and hedges within the floodway; and
- To implement installation requirements of fences within drainage areas.

Sec 3.20.21 - Flood Damage Prevention

- To increase the minimum elevation of new or substantially improved buildings or structures (including manufactured homes) within the Special Flood Hazard Area; and

- To increase the minimum elevation of utility equipment for new or substantially improved buildings or structures (including manufactured homes) within the Special Flood Hazard Area.

Florida Building Code is amended to include the following:

Section 1612.4 - Design and Construction

- To increase the minimum elevation for new construction of buildings and structures, including substantial improvements.
- To limit the size of enclosures below elevated buildings and structures.

Sec. 322 - Flood Resistant Construction

- To increase the minimum elevation of new or substantially improved buildings or structures within the Special Flood Hazard Area; and
- To increase the minimum elevation of basement floors that are below grade on all sides; and
- To increase the minimum elevation of utility equipment for new or substantially improved buildings or structures (including manufactured homes) within the Special Flood Hazard Area; and
- To limit the size of enclosures below elevated buildings and structures.

REQUEST:

This amendment requests changes to Article III, Division 20, Section 3.20.2 - “Fences, Walls and Hedges”, and Section 3.20.21 - “Flood Damage Prevention” of the Land Development Code, and technical amendments to the Florida Building Code.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

The City Council Requested Action is legally authorized per Section 3.4.5 of the Land Development Code to review the proposed amendments based on the information presented.

BUDGET AND RECOMMENDATION:

There is no cost associated with this item.

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of Ordinance No. 2020-26 for an amendment to Article III, Division 20, Section 3.20.2 - “Fences, Walls and Hedges”, and Section 3.20.21 - “Flood Damage Prevention” of the Land Development Code, and adopt technical amendment to the Florida Building Code.

On August, 24, 2020, the Chamber of Commerce reviewed this request and offered one comment. Existing drainage requirements address this comment.

On August 16, 2020, the City submitted the proposed amendments to the Florida Department of Emergency Management for review. All comments have been considered and included in this Ordinance.

On September 15, 2020, the Planning Commission will review this request and make a recommendation, which will be presented to the City Council at its September 24, 2020 meeting.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

N/A

PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

N/A

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Recommend approval

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

09/24/2020 - Final Action

09/10/2020 - Passed, motion to approve by Council Member Cooper, seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheny. Vote was 5-0, all members voting "aye".



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PLANNING AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution No. 2020-239R, a resolution of the City of St. Cloud, Florida, to modify two grant assistance programs titled COVID-19 Non-Profit Grant Assistance Program and COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program, considered Phase I of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Stimulus Plan to remove certain eligibility criteria in program guidelines that prevent applicants that previously received CARES Act funding; making certain findings; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

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Economic Development: To promote economic development in the City of St. Cloud.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 14, 2020, the City Council adopted the St. Cloud, FL COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Stimulus Plan ("Plan"), via Resolution No. 2020-082R, as part of the city's strategic plan to create economic development within the City of St. Cloud, Florida, to assist businesses with recovery, continuity and longevity during COVID-19. Under the Plan via Resolution No. 2020-083R, the COVID-19 Small Business Grant and COVID-19 Non-Profit Grant Assistance Programs were adopted. These grant programs were designed to assist business owners with offsetting the operational costs resulting from the negative financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since its inception, 59 companies have submitted applications totaling \$262,500. However, the programs have resulted in only 17 businesses receiving assistance for a total award amount of \$49,000 and 30 jobs retained to date. Most companies were deemed ineligible to apply as they were recipients of previously awarded funding from various federal and state programs under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

It is staff's recommendation to remove the ineligibility requirement that denies applicants funding if they are recipients of the Payment Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan or benefactors from the SBA Debt Relief Program provided under the CARES Act. This modification in the program guidelines allow the City to offer additional aid to local businesses who are in need of supplemental funding.

REQUEST: