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## Lauderhill adopts color palette for houses, spurred on by purple abode

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LAUDERHILL · Purple, the color of royalty, is apparently not welcome in Lauderhill -- on houses anyway.

The city's paint palette, adopted by commissioners Monday, has been in the works ever since a resident sparked a furor last summer after painting his home purple and gold in honor of his college fraternity.

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Neighbors, worried the colors would cause plummeting property values, pleaded with city officials to do something about the purple house.

In response, commissioners last year passed an ordinance that gave the city the tools to regulate the colors residents can paint their homes. Other cities throughout South

Florida regulate the colors a homeowner can paint a house, they noted, including Coral Springs, Boca Raton and Coral Gables.

In Lauderhill, the move spawned a controversy of its own, with critics questioning whether it was appropriate for the city to take on the role of color police in a community known for its diversity.

On Monday night, commissioners gave their answer, passing the selected color palette in a 5-0 vote after a yearlong search.

Resident Lora Thomson applauded the move, saying it would help preserve property values and keep the city looking its best.

Another resident complained, calling the paint ordinance un-American.

"It's not consistent with the diversity of our city," said Carol Cone. "I agree [that] no one wants to live next to a purple house ... Anything beyond that is un-American."

Residents whose homes don't conform to the city's color palette will be required to repaint within three years, or five years if they prove financial hardship. Homeowners must obtain a no-fee

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permit before repainting their homes, said Earl Hahn, the city's planning and zoning director.

Homeowners who want to use a shade not on the city's color palette must gain the approval of neighbors within 300 feet of their home, then gain approval from the city.

Mayor Richard J. Kaplan, curious as to whether purple might make a reappearance, asked what would happen if neighbors approved of the color purple.

"We'd deny it," Hahn said.

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