



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

File #: 6826, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Legislative Intent and Permission to Advertise RE: Code Revisions to Chapter 62, Article XI, Flood Damage Protection, Division 1

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

Public Works / Engineering

Requested Action:

Staff requests that the Board Grant legislative intent and permission to advertise an amendment to the following codes:

- Chapter 62, Article XI, Division 1, Section 62-4001, "Definitions and rules of construction,"
- Chapter 62, Article XI, Division 1, Section 62-4005, "Basis for establishing areas of special flood hazard and adoption of flood insurance rate map,"
- Chapter 62, Article XI, Division 1, Section 62-4061, "General standards,"
- Chapter 62, Article XI, Division 1, Section 62-4062, "Specific standards,"

Summary Explanation and Background:

The County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (the "NFIP") and participates in the NFIP's Community Rating System ("CRS"), a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum program requirements, and the County has achieved a CRS rating of Class 7, making citizens who purchase NFIP flood insurance policies eligible for premium discounts. Communities which do not exceed the minimum requirements have a CRS rating of Class 10, consequently their citizens are not eligible to benefit from flood insurance premium discounts.

In 2020, the NFIP Community Rating System established certain minimum prerequisites for communities to qualify for or maintain class ratings of Class 8 or better (in our case a rating of Class 7); and

To satisfy the CRS prerequisite and for the County to at least maintain the current CRS rating, all manufactured homes newly installed or replaced in special flood hazard areas must be elevated so that the bottom of the frame of the manufactured home is at least one (1) foot above the base flood elevation, which necessitates modification of the existing code requirements referenced in the requested action. The added benefit of this action is that the properties complying with the code are less likely to flood or if they do flood the duration and the severity of the flooding and the associated damage will be reduced.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please forward the Board action to the Public Works Department.