



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Date: 11/12/2024

Agenda Item Name:

Request to Advertise Ordinance to amend Code Enforcement Chapter 24

Presenter:

Scott Krajewski, Code Administration Director

Description:

Request to Advertise a Public Hearing to update Chapter 24 Code Enforcement

Recommended Action:

Authorize staff to advertise a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance regarding code enforcement, as presented, for the next available Board of County Commission meeting.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

In accordance with the Local Government Code Enforcement Boards Act, Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, Alachua County generally utilizes two processes to enforce the Alachua County Code and Ordinances: (1) citations and (2) special magistrate. The purpose of this proposed ordinance is to amend Chapter 24 of the Alachua County Code to provide clarity, which will assist with the enforcement of the Alachua County Code including its land development regulations, and to update to be consistent with Florida law. Additionally, the County recently entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Hawthorne and an ordinance is needed to provide for enforcement within this certain incorporated area. A summary of proposed amendments are as follows:

- Expand jurisdiction of the special magistrate to include City of Hawthorne and other municipalities that may enter into an interlocal agreement with the County for code enforcement services.
- Modify notice provisions in Code Section 24.24 to be consistent with Florida law and to provide a cost-savings to the County.
- Allow for hand delivery of citations to a violator to be consistent with current practice and to add additional language to clarify regarding delivery of citations.

If this item is approved, a public hearing to amend the Alachua County Code, as presented in the draft ordinance will be scheduled for the next available Commission meeting.

