



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-01068

Agenda Date: 1/14/2025

Agenda Item Name:

Public Hearing to adopt an Ordinance to amend Code Enforcement Chapter 24

Presenter:

Scott Krajewski, Code Administration Director

Description:

Public Hearing to adopt an Ordinance to update Chapter 24 titled 'Code Enforcement'

Recommended Action:

Adopt and approve the proposed ordinance and authorize the Chair to sign.

Prior Board Motions:

11/12/24: Authorized request to advertise a public hearing on the proposed ordinance

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.