

ORDINANCE 3288-23

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA,
RELATING TO BUILDINGS; REPEALING AND SUBSTITUTING
ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE WINTER PARK CODE OF
ORDINANCES TO INCORPORATE THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE
WITH CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS; AND
PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS,
TRANSMITTAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Florida Building Code Act of 1998 directed the Florida Building Commission to establish a statewide uniform building code known as the Florida Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the Eighth Edition of the Florida Building Code shall be in effect throughout the State of Florida as of December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of the Florida Building Code is the responsibility of local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park actively participates in the enforcement of building construction regulation for the benefit of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park desires to facilitate the enforcement of the Florida Building Code by enacting administrative amendments that meet the needs of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that such local administrative amendment to the Florida Building Code adopted pursuant to this Ordinance meets the requirements for local administrative amendments pursuant to section 553.73(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that such local administrative amendments adopted pursuant to this Ordinance are no more stringent than necessary to address the local needs for same; and

WHEREAS, the City has and shall make readily available, in usable format, the administrative amendments adopted as referenced herein; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2023, the Construction Board of Adjustments & Appeals, after notice and public hearing, considered the proposed amendments to Building Code, more specifically described herein, and submitted its recommendation to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, after notice and public hearing, has considered the proposed amendments to Building Code, the recommendations of the Construction Board of Adjustments & Appeals, and all public comments; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission hereby makes findings that the administrative amendments are needed for the health, safety and public welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the people of the City of Winter Park, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the "WHEREAS" clauses mentioned above are legislative findings of the City Commission and are fully incorporated herein.

Section 2. Amendment. Article II of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winter Park is hereby repealed, and a new Article II is substituted to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. Building Code

Sec. 22-26. Short title.

This article shall be known and cited as the building code of the City of Winter Park.

Sec. 22-27. Codes adopted by reference.

The Eighth Edition Florida Building Code, including all volumes: Building, Existing Buildings, Fuel Gas, Plumbing, Mechanical, Accessibility, Energy Conservation and Residential, as published by the International Code Council, Inc, (Country Club Hills, Illinois) is hereby adopted by reference and is automatically in effect as required by Florida Statutes and shall include administrative amendments in this Chapter as deemed appropriate to meet local needs and to facilitate the administration of the Florida Building Code.

Sec. 22-28. - Amendments to the Florida Building Code.

All volumes of the Florida Building Code as adopted in section 22-27 are amended with administrative amendments contained in this section in the following respects:

Section 101.2 is amended as follows:

101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, *alteration*, relocation, enlargement, replacement, *repair*, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

Exceptions:

1. Detached one-and two-family *dwelling*s and *townhouses*-not more than three *stories above grade plane* in height with a separate *means of egress*, and their accessory structures not more than three *stories above grade plane* in height, shall comply with this Code or the *Florida Building Code, Residential*.
2. Code requirements that address snow loads and earthquake protection shall not be utilized or enforced.

Section 101.3.1 and 101.3.2 are amended as follows:

101.3.1 Quality control. Quality control of materials and workmanship is not within the purview of this code except as it relates to the purposes stated herein.

101.3.2 Warranty and Liability. The permitting, plan review or inspection of any building, system or plan by this jurisdiction, under the requirements of this code, shall not be construed in any court as a warranty of the physical condition of such building,

system or plan or their adequacy. This jurisdiction shall not be liable in tort for damages or hazardous or illegal condition or inadequacy in such building, system or plan, nor for any failure of any component of such, which may occur subsequent to such inspection or permitting.

Section 101.4.4 is amended as follows:

101.4.4 Property maintenance. The provisions of the latest edition of the *International Property Maintenance Code* shall apply to existing structures and premises; equipment and facilities; light, ventilation, space heating, sanitation, life and fire safety hazards; responsibilities of owners, operators and occupants; and occupancy of existing premises and structures.

Section 101.4.5 is amended as follows:

101.4.5 Fire prevention. For provisions related to fire prevention, refer to the *Florida Fire Prevention Code*. The *Florida Fire Prevention Code* shall apply to matters affecting or relating to structures, processes and premises from the hazard of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling or use of structures, materials or devices; from conditions hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the occupancy of structures or premises; and from the construction, extension, *repair, alteration* or removal of fire suppression, *automatic sprinkler systems* and alarm systems or fire hazards in the structure or on the premises from occupancy or operation.

Section 102.2 is amended as follows:

102.2 Building. The provisions of the *Florida Building Code* shall apply to the construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every public and private building, structure or facility or floating residential structure, or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings, structures or facilities. Additions, alterations, repairs and changes of use or occupancy group in all buildings and structures shall comply with the provisions provided in the *Florida Building Code, Existing Building*. The following buildings, structures and facilities are exempt from the *Florida Building Code* as provided by law, and any further exemptions shall be as determined by the legislature and provided by law:

- (a) Building and structures specifically regulated and preempted by the federal government.
- (b) Railroads and ancillary facilities associated with the railroad.
- (c) Nonresidential farm buildings on farms.
- (d) Temporary buildings or sheds used exclusively for construction purposes.
- (e) Mobile or modular structures used as temporary offices, except that the provisions of Part II (Sections 553.501-553.513, *Florida Statutes*) relating to accessibility by persons with disabilities shall apply to such mobile or modular structures. *Permits* shall be required for structural support and tie-down, electric supply and all other such utility connections to such mobile or modular structures as required by this jurisdiction.

- (f) Those structures or facilities of electric utilities, as defined in Section 366.02, Florida Statutes, which are directly involved in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity.
- (g) Temporary sets, assemblies, or structures used in commercial motion picture or television production, or any sound-recording equipment used in such production, on or off the premises.
- (h) Chickees constructed by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida or the Seminole Tribe of Florida. As used in this paragraph, the term "chickee" means an open-sided wooden hut that has a thatched roof of palm or palmetto or other traditional materials, and that does not incorporate any electrical, plumbing, or other nonwood features.
- (i) Family mausoleums not exceeding 250 square feet (23 m²) in area which are prefabricated and assembled on site or preassembled and delivered on site and have walls, roofs, and a floor constructed of granite, marble, or reinforced concrete.
- (j) Temporary housing provided by the Department of Corrections to any prisoner in the state correctional system.
- (k) A building or structure having less than 1,000 square feet (93 m²) which is constructed and owned by a natural person for hunting and which is repaired or reconstructed to the same dimension and condition as existed on January 1, 2011, if the building or structure:
 - 1. Is not rented or leased or used as a principal residence;
 - 2. Is not located within the 100-year flood plain according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current Flood Insurance Rate Map; and
 - 3. Is not connected to an off-site electric power or water supply.
- (l) A drone port as defined in Section 330.41(2), Florida Statutes.

Section 102.2.2 is amended as follows:

102.2.2 Residential buildings or structures moved into or within a county or municipality shall comply with the provisions of Florida Building Code, Existing Building Chapter 13.

Section 102.2.5 is amended as follows:

102.2.5 Each enforcement district or local enforcement agency shall be governed by a board, the composition of which shall be determined by the affected localities.

- 1. At its own option, each enforcement district or local enforcement agency may adopt rules granting to the owner of a single-family residence one or more exemptions from the Florida Building Code relating to:
 - a. Addition, alteration, or repairs performed by the property owner upon his or her own property, provided any addition, alteration or repair shall not exceed 1,000 square feet (93 m²) or the square footage of the primary structure, whichever is less.
 - b. Addition, alteration, or repairs by a nonowner within a specific cost limitation

set by rule, provided the total cost shall not exceed \$5,000 within any 12-month period.

- c. Building plans review and inspection fees.
2. However, the exemptions under subparagraph 1 do not apply to single-family residences that are located in mapped *flood hazard areas*, as defined in the code, unless the enforcement district or local enforcement agency has determined that the work, which is otherwise exempt, does not constitute a substantial improvement, including the repair of substantial damage, of such single-family residences.
3. Each code exemption, as defined in sub-subparagraphs 1a, 1b, and 1c shall be certified to the local board 10 days prior to implementation and shall only be effective in the territorial jurisdiction of the enforcement district or local enforcement agency implementing it.

Section 102.5 is amended as follows:

102.5 Partial invalidity. In the event that any part or provision of this code is held to be illegal or void, this shall not have the effect of making void or illegal any of the other parts or provisions.

Section 102.6 is amended as follows:

102.6 Existing structures. The legal occupancy of any structure existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as otherwise specifically provided in this code, the *Florida Building Code, Existing Building, International Property Maintenance Code* or the *Florida Fire Prevention Code*.

Section 102.6.2 is amended as follows:

102.6.2 Buildings previously occupied. The legal occupancy of any building existing on the date of adoption of this code shall be permitted to continue without change, except as otherwise specifically provided in this code, the *Florida Fire Prevention Code, International Property Maintenance Code* or as is deemed necessary by the *building official* for the general safety and welfare of the occupants and the public.

Section 102.7 is amended as follows:

102.7 Relocation of manufactured buildings.

- (1) Relocation of an existing manufactured building does not constitute an alteration.
- (2) A relocated building shall comply with wind speed requirements of the new location, using the appropriate wind speed map. If the existing building was manufactured in compliance with the Standard Building Code (prior to March 1, 2002), the wind speed map of the Standard Building Code shall be applicable. If the existing building was manufactured in compliance with the *Florida Building Code* (on or after March 1, 2002), the wind speed map of the *Florida Building Code* shall be applicable.
- (3) A relocated building shall comply with the *flood hazard area* requirements of the new location, if applicable.

PART 2—ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT
SECTION 103
BUILDING AND PERMITTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Sections 103.1 to 103.3 are added as follows:

103.1 Creation of enforcement agency. The Building and Permitting Services Department is hereby created and the director in charge thereof shall also be known as the *building official*.

103.2 Appointment. The *building official* shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction.

103.3 Deputies. In accordance with the prescribed procedures of this jurisdiction and with the concurrence of the appointing authority, the *building official* shall have the authority to appoint a deputy *building official*, the related technical officers, inspectors, plan examiners and other employees. Such employees shall have powers as delegated by the *building official*.

For the maintenance of existing properties, see the latest edition of the *International Property Maintenance Code*.

Section 103.4 is added as follows:

103.4 Restrictions on employees. An officer or employee connected with the department, except one whose only connection is as a member of the board established by this code, shall not be financially interested in the furnishing of labor, material, or appliances for the construction, alteration, or maintenance of a building, structure, service, system or in the making of plans or of specifications thereof, within the jurisdiction of the department, unless he is the owner of such. This officer or employee shall not engage in any other work which is inconsistent with his duties or conflict with the interest of the department.

SECTION 104
DUTIES AND POWERS OF BUILDING OFFICIAL

Section 104.1 is amended as follows:

104.1 General. The *building official* is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this code. The *building official* shall have the authority to render interpretations of this code and to adopt policies and procedures in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies and procedures shall be in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code. Such policies and procedures shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided for in this code.

Section 101.4.2 is amended as follows:

104.2 Applications and permits. The *building official* shall receive applications, review *construction documents* and issue *permits* for the erection, and *alteration*,

demolition and moving of buildings and structures, inspect the premises for which such *permits* have been issued and enforce compliance with the provisions of this code.

Section 104.2.1 is amended as follows:

104.2.1 Determination of substantially improved or substantially damaged existing buildings and structures in flood hazard areas. For applications for reconstruction, rehabilitation, *repair, alteration, addition* or other improvement of existing buildings or structures located in *flood hazard areas*, the *building official* shall determine if the proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or *repair of substantial damage*. Where the *building official* determines that the proposed work constitutes *substantial improvement* or *repair of substantial damage*, and where required by this code, the *building official* shall require the building to meet the requirements of Section 1612 or R322 of the Florida Building Code, Residential, as applicable.

Section 104.3 is amended as follows:

104.3 Notices and orders. The *building official* shall issue all necessary notices or orders to ensure compliance with this code.

Section 104.4 is amended as follows:

104.4 Inspections. The *building official* shall make all of the required inspections, or the *building official* shall have the authority to accept reports of inspection by *approved agencies* or individuals. Reports of such inspections shall be in writing and be certified by a responsible officer of such *approved agency* or by the responsible individual. The *building official* is authorized to engage such expert opinion as deemed necessary to report upon unusual technical issues that arise, subject to the approval of the appointing authority.

Section 104.5 is amended as follows:

104.5 Identification. The *building official* shall carry proper identification when inspecting structures or premises in the performance of duties under this code.

Section 104.6 is amended as follows:

104.6 Right of entry. Where it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the provisions of this code, or where the *building official* has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in a structure or upon a premises a condition which is contrary to or in violation of this code which makes the structure or premises unsafe, dangerous or hazardous, the *building official* is authorized to enter the structure or premises at reasonable times to inspect or to perform the duties imposed by this code, provided that if such structure or premises be occupied that credentials be presented to the occupant and entry requested. If such structure or premises is unoccupied, the *building official* shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person having charge or control of the structure or premises and request entry. If entry is refused, the *building official* shall have recourse to the remedies provided by law to secure entry.

Section 104.7 is amended as follows:

104.7 Department records. The *building official* shall keep official records of applications received, *permits* and certificates issued, fees collected, reports of

inspections, and notices and orders issued. Such records shall be retained in the official records for the period required for retention of public records per FS 119.

Section 104.8 is amended as follows:

104.8 Liability. The *building official*, member of the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals or employee charged with the enforcement of this code, while acting for the jurisdiction in good faith and without malice in the discharge of the duties required by this code or other pertinent law or ordinance, shall not thereby be civilly or criminally rendered liable personally and is hereby relieved from personal liability for any damage accruing to persons or property as a result of any act or by reason of an act or omission in the discharge of official duties. Any suit instituted against an officer or employee because of an act performed by that officer or employee in the lawful discharge of duties and under the provisions of this code shall be defended by legal representative of the jurisdiction until the final termination of the proceedings. The *building official* or any subordinate shall not be liable for cost in any action, suit or proceeding that is instituted in pursuance of the provisions of this code.

Section 104.8.1 is amended as follows:

104.8.1 Legal defense. Any suit or criminal complaint instituted against an officer or employee because of an act performed by that officer or employee in the lawful discharge of duties and under the provisions of this code shall be defended by legal representatives of the jurisdiction until the final termination of the proceedings. The *building official* or any subordinate shall not be liable for cost in any action, suit or proceeding that is instituted in pursuance of the provisions of this code.

Section 104.10 is amended as follows:

104.10 Modifications. Wherever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the *building official* shall have the authority to grant modifications for individual cases, upon application of the owner or owner's representative, provided the *building official* shall first find that special individual reason makes the strict letter of this code impractical and the modification is in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code and that such modification does not lessen health, accessibility, life and fire safety, or structural requirements. The details of action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the files of the Building and Permitting Services Department.

Section 104.10.1 is added as follows:

104.10.1 Flood hazard areas. The *building official* shall coordinate with the designated floodplain administrator to review requests submitted to the *building official* that seek approval to modify the strict application of the flood resistant construction requirements of the *Florida Building Code* to determine whether such requests require the granting of a variance pursuant to Section 117.

Section 104.12 is added as follows:

104.12 Requirements not covered by code. Any requirements necessary for strength, stability or proper operation of an existing or proposed building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, or for the public safety, health and

general welfare, not specifically covered by this or other technical codes, shall be determined by the *building official*.

Section 105.1.2 is amended as follows:

105.1.2 Annual facility *permit* records. The person to whom an annual *permit* is issued shall keep a detailed record of *alterations* made under such annual *permit*. The *building official* shall have access to such records at all times or such records shall be filed with the *building official* as designated.

Section 105.1.5 is added as follows:

105.1.5 Misrepresentation of application. The building official may revoke a permit or approval, issued under the provisions of this code, in case there has been any false statement or misrepresentation as to the material fact in the permit application or plans on which the permit or approval was based including unlicensed contracting.

Section 105.2 is amended as follows:

105.2 Work exempt from *permit*. Exemptions from *permit* requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction, to include work in any special *flood hazard area*. Exemptions granted under this section do not relieve the owner or contractor from their duty to comply with applicable provisions of the Florida Building Code, and requirements of the *local floodplain management ordinance*. *Permits* shall not be required for the following:

Building:

1. Oil derricks.
2. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
3. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
4. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and are installed entirely above ground.
5. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.
6. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family *dwelling* except for the electrical service.
7. Window *awnings* supported by an *exterior wall* that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the *exterior wall* and do not require additional support, of Groups R-3 and U occupancies.
8. Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height.

Electrical:

Repairs and maintenance: Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of *approved* portable electrical equipment to *approved* permanently installed receptacles.

Radio and television transmitting stations: The provisions of this code shall not apply to electrical equipment used for radio and television transmissions, but do apply to equipment and wiring for a power supply and the installations of towers and antennas.

Temporary testing systems: A *permit* shall not be required for the installation of any temporary system required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.

Gas:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

Mechanical:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Portable ventilation equipment.
3. Portable cooling unit.
4. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
5. Replacement of any part that does not alter its approval or make it unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative cooler.
7. Self-contained refrigeration system containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (0.75 kW) or less.
8. The installation, replacement, removal or metering of any load management control device.

Plumbing:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drain pipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a *permit* shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.
2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

Section 105.2.3 is amended as follows:

105.2.3 Public service agencies. A *permit* shall not be required for the installation, *alteration* or repair of generation, transmission, distribution or metering or other related equipment that is under the ownership and control of public service agencies by established right.

Section 105.3.1.2 is amended as follows:

105.3.1.2 No permit may be issued for any building construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, or addition unless the applicant for such permit provides to the enforcing agency which issues the permit any of the following documents which apply to the construction for which the permit is to be issued and which shall be prepared by or under the direction of an engineer registered under Chapter 471, Florida Statutes:

1. Plumbing documents for any new building or addition which requires a plumbing system with more than 250 fixture units or which costs more than \$125,000.
2. Fire sprinkler documents for any new building or addition which includes a fire sprinkler system which contains 50 or more sprinkler heads. Personnel as authorized by chapter 633 Florida Statutes, may design a new fire sprinkler system of 49 or fewer heads; may design the alteration of an existing fire sprinkler system if the alteration consists of the relocation, addition or deletion of 49 heads or fewer, notwithstanding the size of the existing fire sprinkler system; or may design the alteration of an existing fire sprinkler system if the alteration consists of the relocation or deletion of 249 or fewer sprinklers and the addition of up to 49 sprinklers, as long as the cumulative total number of fire sprinklers being added, relocated, or deleted does not exceed 249, notwithstanding the size of the existing fire sprinkler system, if there is no change of occupancy of the affected areas, as defined in this Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code, and there is no change in the water demand as defined in NFPA 13, "Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems," and if the occupancy hazard classification as defined in NFPA 13 is reduced or remains the same as a result of the alteration.
3. Heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning documents for any new building or addition which requires more than a 15-ton-per-system capacity which is designed to accommodate 100 or more persons or for which the system costs more than \$125,000. This paragraph does not include any document for the replacement or repair of an existing system in which the work does not require altering a structural part of the building or for work on a residential one-, two-, three-, or four-family structure.

An air-conditioning system may be designed by an installing air-conditioning contractor certified under Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, to serve any building or addition which is designed to accommodate fewer than 100 persons and requires an air-conditioning system with a value of \$125,000 or less; and when a 15-ton-per system or less is designed for a singular space of a building and each 15-ton system or less has an independent duct system. Systems not complying with the above require design documents that are to be sealed by a professional engineer.

Example 1: When a space has two 10-ton systems with each having an independent duct system, the contractor may design these two systems since each unit (system) is less than 15 tons.

Example 2: Consider a small single-story office building which consists of six individual offices where each office has a single three-ton package air conditioning heat pump. The six heat pumps are connected to a single water cooling tower. The cost of the entire heating, ventilation and air-conditioning

work is \$47,000 and the office building accommodates fewer than 100 persons. Because the six mechanical units are connected to a common water tower, this is considered to be an 18-ton system.

Note: It was further clarified by the Commission that the limiting criteria of 100 persons and \$125,000 apply to the building occupancy load and the cost for the total air-conditioning system of the building.

Section 105.3.1.2 (item 4) is amended as follows:

4. Any specialized mechanical, electrical, or plumbing document for any new building or addition which includes a medical gas, oxygen, steam, vacuum, toxic air filtration, halon, or fire detection and alarm system which costs more than \$5,000.

Exception:

Simplified permitting processes for fire alarm system projects.

(1) As used in this section, the term:

- (a) "Component" means valves, fire sprinklers, escutcheons, hangers, compressors, or any other item deemed acceptable by the local enforcing agency. For purposes of this paragraph, a valve does not include pressure-regulating, pressure-reducing, or pressure-control valves.
- (b) "Contractor" means a person who
 1. Is qualified to engage in the business of electrical or alarm system contracting pursuant to a certificate or registration issued by the department under part II of chapter 489, Florida Statutes; or
 2. Is qualified to engage in the business of fire protection system contracting pursuant to a license or certification issued by the State Fire Marshal.
- (c) "Fire alarm system project" means a fire alarm system alteration of a total of 20 or fewer initiating devices and notification devices, or the installation or replacement of a fire communicator connected to an existing fire alarm control panel in an existing commercial, residential, apartment, cooperative, or condominium building.
- (d) "Fire sprinkler system project" means a fire protection system alteration of a total of 20 or fewer fire sprinklers in which the sprinklers are of the same K-factor and located in spaces where there is no change of hazard classification or increased system coverage area, or the installation or replacement of an equivalent fire sprinkler system component in an existing commercial, residential, apartment, cooperative, or condominium building. For purposes of this paragraph, a component is equivalent if the component has the same or better characteristics, including electrical, hydraulic, pressure losses, and required listings and spacing as the component being replaced.

- (2)
- (a) A local enforcement agency may require a contractor, as a condition of obtaining a *permit* for a fire alarm system project or fire sprinkler system project, to submit a completed application and payment.
 - (b) A local enforcement agency may not require a contractor to submit plans or specifications as a condition of obtaining a *permit* for a fire alarm system project or fire sprinkler system project.
- (3) A local enforcement agency must issue a *permit* for a fire alarm system project or fire sprinkler system project in person or electronically.
- (4) A local enforcement agency must require at least one inspection of a fire alarm system project or fire sprinkler system project to ensure compliance with applicable codes and standards. If a fire alarm system project fails an inspection, the contractor must take corrective action as necessary to pass inspection.
- (5)
- (a) For a fire alarm system project, a contractor must keep a copy of the plans and specifications at a fire alarm system project worksite and make such plans and specifications available to the inspector at each inspection.
 - (b) For a fire sprinkler system project to alter an existing fire protection system, a contractor must keep a copy of the plans and specifications at the fire sprinkler system project worksite and make such plans and specifications available to the inspector at each inspection.
 - (c) For a fire sprinkler system project to install or replace a component, a contractor must keep a copy of the manufacturer's installation instructions and any pertinent testing instructions needed to certify or accept the component at the fire sprinkler system project worksite and make such documents available to the inspector at each inspections.
5. Electrical documents. See *Florida Statutes* 471.003(2)(h). Any electrical or plumbing or air-conditioning and refrigeration system meeting the following thresholds are required to be designed by a Florida Registered Engineer. The system, requires an electrical system with a value of over \$125,000; and requires an aggregate service capacity of over 600 amperes (240 volts) on a residential electrical system or over 800 amperes (240 volts) on a commercial or industrial electrical system;
Note: It was further clarified by the Commission that the limiting factor of 240 volt or over is required to be designed by an Engineer. Documents requiring an engineer seal by this part shall not be valid unless a professional engineer who possesses a valid certificate of registration has signed, dated, and stamped such document as provided in Section 471.025, *Florida Statutes*.
6. All public swimming pools and public bathing places defined by and regulated under Chapter 514, *Florida Statutes*.

Section 105.3.1.3 is added as follows:

105.3.1.3 Reviewing application for building permit.

1. When reviewing an application for a building *permit*, a local government may not request additional information from the applicant more than three times, unless the applicant waives such limitation in writing.
2. If a local government requests additional information from an applicant and the applicant submits the requested additional information to the local government within 30 days after receiving the request, the local government must, within 15 days after receiving such information:
 - a. Determine if the application is properly completed;
 - b. Approve the application;
 - c. Approve the application with conditions;
 - d. Deny the application; or
 - e. Advise the applicant of information, if any, that is needed to deem the application properly completed or to determine the sufficiency of the application.
3. If a local government makes a second request for additional information from the applicant and the applicant submits the requested additional information to the local government within 30 days after receiving the request, the local government must, within 10 days after receiving such information:
 - a. Determine if the application is properly completed;
 - b. Approve the application;
 - c. Approve the application with conditions;
 - d. Deny the application; or
 - e. Advise the applicant of information, if any, that is needed to deem the application properly completed or to determine the sufficiency of the application.
4. Before a third request for additional information may be made, the applicant must be offered an opportunity to meet with the local government to attempt to resolve outstanding issues. If a local government makes a third request for additional information from the applicant and the applicant submits the requested additional information to the local government within 30 days after receiving the request, the local government must, within 10 days after receiving such information unless the applicant waived the local government's limitation in writing, determine that the application is complete and:
 - a. Approve the application;
 - b. Approve the application with conditions; or
 - c. Deny the application.
5. If the applicant believes the request for additional information is not authorized by ordinance, rule, statute, or other legal authority, the local government, at the applicant's request, must process the application and either approve the application, approve the application with conditions, or deny the application.

Section 105.3.2 is amended as follows:

105.3.2 Time limitation of application. An application for a *permit* for any proposed work shall be deemed to have been abandoned becoming null and void 180 days after the date of filing, unless such application has been pursued in good faith or a *permit* has been issued; except that the *building official* is authorized to

grant one or more extensions of time for additional periods not exceeding 90 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated-; and one additional 90-day extension may be granted when deficiencies to the permit application are not resolved. After the expiration of the 2nd extension, the permit application will be voided.

Section 105.3.9 is added as follows:

105.3.9 Public right of way. A *permit* shall not be given by the *building official* for the construction of any building, or for the alteration of any building where said building is to be changed and such change will affect the exterior walls, bays, balconies, or other appendages or projections fronting on any street, alley or public lane, or for the placing on any lot or premises of any building or structure removed from another lot or premises, unless the applicant has received a right of way *permit* from the authority having jurisdiction over the street, alley or public lane.

Section 105.4 is amended as follows:

105.4 Conditions of the *permit*. The issuance or granting of a *permit* shall not be construed to be a *permit* for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of this code or of any other ordinance of the jurisdiction. *Permits* presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code or other ordinances of the jurisdiction shall not be valid. The issuance of a *permit* based on *construction documents* and other data shall not prevent the *building official* from requiring the correction of errors in the *construction documents* and other data. The *building official* is also authorized to prevent occupancy or use of a structure where in violation of this code or of any other ordinance of this jurisdiction.

Section 105.4.1.5 is added as follows:

105.4.1.5 After the local enforcing agency issues a permit, the local enforcing agency may not make or require any substantive changes to the plans or specifications except changes required for compliance with the Florida Building Code, the Florida Fire Prevention Code, or the Life Safety Code, or local amendments thereto. If a local enforcing agency makes or requires substantive changes to the plans or specifications after a permit is issued, the local enforcing agency must identify the specific plan features that do not comply with the applicable codes, identify the specific code chapters and sections upon which the finding is based, and provide the information to the permit holder in writing.

Section 105.5 is amended as follows:

105.5 Expiration. Every *permit* issued shall become invalid unless the work on the site authorized by such *permit* is commenced within 180 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized on the site by such *permit* holder and property owner shall be responsible to either complete all work in accordance with the permitted plans and inspection or remove any partially completed work in a safe and code compliant manner. The *building official* is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of time or reinstatement, for periods not more than 90 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated as determined by the *building official*.

Section 105.5.1 is added as follows:

105.5.1 Justifiable cause for an extension shall include, but not be limited to, the following circumstances beyond the control of the permit holder:

- (1) Acts of God and other natural disasters.
- (2) Material shortages.
- (3) Interruptions due to strikes or other employee job actions.
- (4) Fire, explosion, or some similar catastrophe.
- (5) Financial reversals of a temporary nature.
- (6) Other situations beyond the control of the permit holder.

Section 105.5.2 is added as follows:

105.5.2 Additional options for closing a *permit*. Pursuant to Section 553.79(15), Florida Statutes, a property owner, regardless of whether the property owner is the one listed on the application for the building *permit*, may close a building *permit* by complying with the following requirements:

1. The property owner may retain the original contractor listed on the permit or hire a different contractor appropriately licensed in this state to perform the work necessary to satisfy the conditions of the permit and to obtain any necessary inspection in order to close the *permit*. If a contractor other than the original contractor listed on the *permit* is hired by the property owner to close the *permit*, such contractor is not liable for any defects in the work performed by the original contractor and is only liable for the work that he or she performs.
2. The property owner may assume the role of an owner- builder, in accordance with Sections 489.103(7) and 489.503(6), Florida Statutes.
3. If a building *permit* is expired and its requirements have been substantially completed, as determined by the local enforcement agency, the *permit* may be closed without having to obtain a new building *permit*, and the work required to close the *permit* may be done pursuant to the building code in effect at the time the local enforcement agency received the application for the *permit*, unless the contractor has sought and received approval from the local enforcement agency for an alternative material, design or method of construction.
4. A local enforcement agency may close a building *permit* 6 years after the issuance of the *permit*, even in the absence of a final inspection, if the local enforcement agency determines that no apparent safety hazard exists. For purposes of this section, the term "close" means that the requirements of the *permit* have been satisfied.

Section 105.5.3 is added as follows:

105.5.3 For the purposes of this subsection, a *closed permit* shall mean a *permit* for which all requirements for completion have been satisfied or a *permit* that has been administratively closed by the *building official*.

Section 105.5.4 is added as follows:

105.5.4 For the purposes of this subsection, an *open permit* shall mean a *permit* that has not satisfied all requirements for completion as defined in 105.5.1.1.

Section 105.6.1 is added as follows:

105.6.1 Pursuant to Section 553.79(16), Florida Statutes, a local enforcement

agency may not deny issuance of a building *permit* to; issue a notice of violation to; or fine, penalize, sanction or assess fees against an arm's-length purchaser of a property for value solely because a building *permit* applied for by a previous owner of the property was not closed. The local enforcement agency shall maintain all rights and remedies against the property owner and contractor listed on the *permit*.

Section 105.6.2 is added as follows:

105.6.2 Pursuant to Section 553.79(16), Florida Statutes, a local enforcement agency may not deny issuance of a building *permit* to a contractor solely because the contractor is listed on other building *permits* that were not closed.

Section 105.15 is amended as follows:

105.15 Opening protection. When any activity requiring a building *permit*, not including roof covering replacement or repair work associated with the prevention of degradation of the residence, that is applied for on or after July 1, 2008, and for which the estimated cost is \$50,000 or more for a site built single-family detached residential structure that is located in the wind-borne debris region as defined in this code and that has an insured value of \$750,000 or more, or, if the site built single-family detached residential structure is uninsured or for which documentation of insured value is not presented, has a just valuation for the structure for purposes of ad valorem taxation of \$750,000 or more; opening protections as required within this code or *Florida Building Code, Residential* for new construction shall be provided.

Exception: Where defined wind-borne debris regions have not changed, single family detached residential structures permitted subject to the *Florida Building Code* are not required to comply with this section.

Section 105.18 is added as follows:

105.18 Contractor/owner responsibility. The contractor and owner of any active or inactive construction project shall be responsible for the clean-up and removal of all construction debris or any other miscellaneous discarded articles throughout the construction project. Construction job sites shall be kept clean, free of overgrown weeds and grass, and the accumulation of construction debris shall not remain on the property for a period of time exceeding ten days. Dust created during construction or demolition shall be contained on the site or close proximity to building or structure through wetting down the dust or materials or through the use of any alternate means that prevents dust from leaving the property. Temporary or permanent sidewalk or other safe pedestrian path shall be maintained throughout the construction except where work on the site requires temporary removal of the pedestrian path. Violation of these conditions shall authorize the building official to place a stop work order on such jobs in violation of this section and require removal of debris and overgrowth, and correction of dust accumulation on site and adjacent properties or streets. Other remedies shall include referring the violation to the Code Compliance Board and having all debris removed from job site by the city and charging all costs to the contractor or the property owner and if unpaid for 30 days all costs incurred shall be assessed as a lien against the property.

Section 105.19 is added as follows:

105.19 Demolition.

105.19.1 Rodent and dust control. In order to control spread of infestation by rodents, the building official may require proof that a building proposed to be demolished is free of rodents. Such proof may be certification by a state certified pest control operator that the building is free of infestation by rodents. Dust control shall be maintained at all times during demolition by watering or other protective means. This Section shall apply to all buildings, residential and non-residential as directed above. In addition, Section 3303 of the Florida Building Code, Building Edition, shall apply where applicable.

105.19.2 Maintenance of site and building: If demolition is delayed during or after the posting period, then the building and property shall be maintained in good condition, free of debris, overgrowth or other unsightly conditions including removal of silt fencing, unneeded tree protection barriers and maintenance of a safe sidewalk, until such time that demolition commences. After demolition these same standards shall be observed including leaving the vacant property graded free of hazards, free of piles of soil, free of discarded items or unsafe sidewalks and must not contribute to increased drainage onto the street or abutting properties in a manner that did not exist prior to demolition.

105.19.3 Work hours and days. Due to the disruptive nature of demolition activity the hours of operation permitted for demolition activities are limited to the following time periods:

- (1) Residential areas zoned for one and two family dwellings: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- (2) Non-residential or multi-family zoned areas: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- (3) Prohibited days include: Sundays and New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Section 105.20 is added as follows:

105.20 Notice provision for demolition of buildings.

(a) Prior to the issuance of a permit for the demolition of a building, the property owner or the designated representative of the owner of the building proposed for demolition shall post a notice on the property where the building is located so as to be easily visible and readable from the abutting street frontage and shall remain in place for 30 days. This notice shall be provided by the city and shall include the following information:

- (1) Owner of the property.
- (2) Date of posting the notice.
- (3) Address of the building planned for demolition and statement that the building will be demolished at the end of the posting period.

If demolition is delayed after the permit issuance then the building and property shall be maintained in good condition, free of debris, overgrowth or other unsightly conditions including removal of silt fencing until such time that demolition commences.

(b) Buildings not required to follow the notice of demolition provisions of this section:

- (1) Buildings which are determined to be a safety hazard, unsafe, a public nuisance, or otherwise dangerous and require immediate removal.
- (2) Accessory buildings, such as detached carports, garages, sheds, storage buildings, arbors, boathouses, greenhouses, and similar detached structures.

(c) Demolition of structures of buildings identified on the Florida Master Site File shall also comply with applicable provisions of Section 58-481 of the Winter Park City Code which may require an additional posting period as determined by Historic Preservation Board staff.

SECTION 107 **SUBMITTAL DOCUMENTS**

Section 107.1 is amended as follows:

107.1 General. Submittal documents consisting of *construction documents*, statement of *special inspections*, geotechnical report and other data shall be submitted with each *permit* application in accordance with Florida Statute 553.79. The *construction documents* shall be prepared by a *registered design professional* where required by Chapter 471, *Florida Statutes* & 61G15 Florida Administrative Code or Chapter 481, *Florida Statutes* & 61G1 Florida Administrative Code. Where special conditions exist, the *building official* is authorized to require additional *construction documents* to be prepared by a *registered design professional*.

Exception: The *building official* is authorized to waive the submission of *construction documents* and other data not required to be prepared by a *registered design professional* if it is found that the nature of the work applied for is such that review of *construction documents* is not necessary to obtain compliance with this code.

Section 107.2.1 is amended as follows:

107.2.1 Information on construction documents. *Construction documents* shall be dimensioned and drawn upon suitable material. Electronic media documents are permitted to be submitted where *approved* by the *building official*. *Construction documents* shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to the provisions of this code and relevant laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, as determined by the *building official*. Such drawings and specifications shall contain information, in the form of notes or otherwise, as to the quality of materials, where

quality is essential to conformity with the technical codes. Such information shall be specific, and the technical codes shall not be cited as a whole or in part, nor shall the term "legal" or its equivalent be used as a substitute for specific information. All information, drawings, specifications and accompanying data shall bear the certification of the person responsible for the design.

Section 107.3 is amended as follows:

107.3 Examination of documents. The *building official* shall examine or cause to be examined the accompanying submittal documents and shall ascertain by such examinations whether the construction indicated and described is in accordance with the requirements of this code and other pertinent laws or ordinances.

Exceptions:

1. Building plans approved pursuant to Section 553.77(5), *Florida Statutes*, and state-approved manufactured buildings are exempt from local codes enforcing agency plan reviews except for provisions of the code relating to erection, assembly or construction at the site. Erection, assembly and construction at the site are subject to local permitting and inspections. Photocopies of plans approved according to Rule 61-41.009, *Florida Administrative Code*, shall be sufficient for local *permit* application documents of record for the modular building portion of the permitted project.
2. Industrial construction on sites where design, construction and fire safety are supervised by appropriately licensed design and inspection professionals and which contain adequate in-house fire departments and rescue squads is exempt, subject to approval by the *building official*, from review of plans and inspections, providing the appropriate licensed design and inspection professionals certify that applicable codes and standards have been met and supply appropriate approved drawings to local building and fire-safety inspectors.

Section 107.3.4 is amended as follows:

107.3.4 Design professional in responsible charge. Where it is required that documents be prepared by a *registered design professional*, the *building official* shall be authorized to require the *owner* or the *owner's* authorized agent to engage and designate on the building *permit* application a *registered design professional* who shall act as the *registered design professional in responsible charge*. If the circumstances require, the *owner* or the *owner's* authorized agent shall designate a successor *registered design professional in responsible charge* who shall perform the duties required of the original *registered design professional in responsible charge*. The *building official* shall be notified in writing by the *owner* or *owner's* authorized agent if the *registered design professional in responsible charge* is changed or is unable to continue to perform the duties. Successor *registered design professional in responsible charge* licensed under Chapter 471 Florida Statutes shall comply with Section 471.025(4) Florida Statute and the procedure set forth in 61G15-27.001 Florida Administrative Code; or licensed under Chapter 481 Florida Statutes shall comply with Section 481.221(6) Florida Statute and the procedure set forth in 61G1-18.002 Florida Administrative Code.

The registered design professional in responsible charge shall be responsible for reviewing and coordinating submittal documents prepared by others, including phased and deferred submittal items, for compatibility with the design of the building.

Section 107.3.4.1 is amended as follows:

107.3.4.1 Deferred submittals. For the purposes of this section, deferred submittals are defined as those portions of the design that are not submitted at the time of the application and that are to be submitted to the *building official*.

Deferral of any submittal items shall have the prior approval of the *building official*. The *registered design professional in responsible charge* shall list the deferred submittals on the *construction documents* for review by the *building official*.

Documents for deferred submittal items shall be submitted to the *registered design professional in responsible charge* who shall review them and forward them to the *building official* with a notation indicating that the deferred submittal documents have been reviewed and found to be in general conformance to the design of the building. The deferred submittal items shall not be installed until the deferred submittal documents have been *approved* by the *building official*.

Section 107.3.5 is amended as follows:

107.3.5 Minimum plan review criteria for buildings. The examination of the documents by the *building official* shall include the following minimum criteria and documents: a floor plan; site plan; foundation plan; floor/roof framing plan or truss layout; all fenestration and building envelope penetrations; flashing; and rough opening dimensions; and all exterior elevations:

Commercial Buildings:

Building:

1. Site requirements:
 - Parking
 - Fire access
 - Vehicle loading
 - Driving/turning radius
 - Fire hydrant/water supply/post indicator valve (PIV)
 - Set back/separation (assumed property lines)
 - Location of specific tanks, water lines and sewer lines
 - Flood hazard areas, flood zones, and design flood elevations
2. Occupancy group and special occupancy requirements shall be determined (with cross check with the energy code submittal).
3. Minimum type of construction shall be determined (see Table 503).
4. Fire-resistant construction requirements shall include the following components:
 - Fire-resistant separations
 - Fire-resistant protection for type of construction
 - Protection of openings and penetrations of rated walls
 - Fireblocking and draftstopping and calculated fire resistance
5. Fire suppression systems shall include:

- Early warning smoke evacuation systems
- Schematic fire sprinklers
- Standpipes
- Pre-engineered systems
- Riser diagram.
- 6. Life safety systems shall be determined and shall include the following requirements:
 - Occupant load and egress capacities
 - Early warning
 - Smoke control
 - Stair pressurization
 - Systems schematic
- 7. Occupancy load/egress requirements shall include:
 - Occupancy load
 - Gross
 - Net
 - Means of egress
 - Exit access
 - Exit
 - Exit discharge
 - Stairs construction/geometry and protection
 - Doors
 - Emergency lighting and exit signs
 - Specific occupancy requirements
 - Construction requirements
 - Horizontal exits/exit passageways
- 8. Structural requirements shall include:
 - Soil conditions/analysis
 - Termite protection
 - Design loads
 - Wind requirements
 - Building envelope
 - Impact resistant coverings or systems
 - Structural calculations (if required)
 - Foundation
 - Flood requirements in accordance with Section 1612, including lowest floor elevations, enclosures, flood damage- resistant materials
 - Wall systems
 - Floor systems
 - Roof systems
 - Threshold inspection plan
 - Stair systems
- 9. Materials shall be reviewed and shall at a minimum include the following:
 - Wood
 - Steel
 - Aluminum
 - Concrete

Plastic

Glass

Masonry

Gypsum board and plaster Insulating (mechanical)

Roofing

Insulation

Building envelope portions of the Energy Code (including calculation and mandatory requirements)

10. Accessibility requirements shall include the following:

Site requirements

Accessible route

Vertical accessibility

Toilet and bathing facilities

Drinking fountains

Equipment

Special occupancy requirements

Fair housing requirements

11. Interior requirements shall include the following:

Interior finishes (flame spread/smoke development)

Light and ventilation (including corresponding portion of the energy code)

Sanitation

12. Special systems:

Elevators

Escalators

Lifts

13. Swimming pools:

Barrier requirements

Spas

Wading pools

14. Location and installation details. The specific location and installation details of each fire door, fire damper, ceiling damper and smoke damper shall be shown and properly identified on the building plans by the designer.

Electrical:

1. Electrical:

Wiring

Services

Feeders and branch circuits

Overcurrent protection

Grounding

Wiring methods and materials

GFCIs

Electrical portions of the Energy Code (including calculation and mandatory requirements)

2. Equipment

3. Special occupancies

4. Emergency systems

5. Communication systems
6. Low voltage
7. Load calculations
8. Design flood elevation

Plumbing:

1. Minimum plumbing facilities
2. Fixture requirements
3. Water supply piping
4. Sanitary drainage
5. Water heaters
6. Vents
7. Roof drainage
8. Back flow prevention
9. Irrigation
10. Location of water supply line
11. Grease traps
12. Environmental requirements
13. Plumbing riser
14. Design flood elevation
15. Water/plumbing portions of the Energy Code (including calculation and mandatory requirements)

Mechanical:

1. Mechanical portions of the Energy calculations
2. Exhaust systems:
 - Clothes dryer exhaust
 - Kitchen equipment exhaust
 - Specialty exhaust systems
3. Equipment
4. Equipment location
5. Make-up air
6. Roof-mounted equipment
7. Duct systems
8. Ventilation
9. Combustion air
10. Chimneys, fireplaces and vents
11. Appliances
12. Boilers
13. Refrigeration
14. Bathroom ventilation
15. Laboratory
16. Design flood elevation
17. Smoke and/or Fire Dampers

Gas:

1. Gas piping
2. Venting
3. Combustion air

4. Chimneys and vents
5. Appliances
6. Type of gas
7. Fireplaces
8. LP tank location
9. Riser diagram/shutoffs
10. Design flood elevation
11. Gas portions of the Energy Code (including calculation and mandatory requirements)

Demolition:

1. Asbestos removal

Residential (one- and two-family):

1. Site requirements:
Set back/separation (assumed property lines) Location of septic tanks
2. Fire-resistant construction (if required)
3. Fire
4. Smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarm/detector locations
5. Egress:
Egress window size and location stairs construction requirements
6. Structural requirements shall include:
Wall section from foundation through roof, including assembly and materials
connector tables wind requirements structural calculations (if required)
Termite protection
Design loads
Wind requirements
Building envelope
Foundation
Wall systems
Floor systems
Roof systems
Flood hazard areas, flood zones, design flood elevations, lowest floor elevations,
enclosures, equipment, and flood damage- resistant materials
7. Accessibility requirements:
Show/identify

Accessible bath
8. Impact resistant coverings or systems
9. Residential Energy Code submittal (including calculation and mandatory requirements)

Manufactured buildings/housing:

1. Site requirements
Setback/separation (assumed property lines)
Location of septic tanks (if applicable)
2. Structural
Wind zone
Flood

- Anchoring
- Blocking
- 3. Plumbing
List potable water source and meter size (if applicable)
- 4. Mechanical
Exhaust systems
Clothes dryer exhaust
Kitchen equipment exhaust
- 5. Electrical exterior disconnect location
Exemptions: Plans examination by the *building official* shall not be required for the following work:
 1. Replacing existing equipment such as mechanical units, water heaters, etc.
 2. Reroofs
 3. Minor electrical, plumbing and mechanical repairs
 4. Annual maintenance *permits*
 5. Prototype plans:
Except for local site adaptations, siding, foundations and/or modifications.
Except for structures that require waiver.
 6. Manufactured buildings plan except for foundations and modifications of buildings on site and as listed above in manufactured buildings/housing.

Section 107.7 is added as follows:

107.7 If the local building code administrator or inspector finds that the plans are not in compliance with the Florida Building Code, the local building code administrator or inspector shall identify the specific plan features that do not comply with the applicable codes, identify the specific code chapters and sections upon which the finding is based, and provide this information to the local enforcing agency. If the building code administrator, plans examiner, or inspector requests another local enforcing agency employee or a person contracted by the local enforcing agency to review the plans and that employee or person identifies specific plan features that do not comply with the applicable codes, the building code administrator, plans examiner, or inspector must provide this information to the local enforcing agency. The local enforcing agency shall provide this information to the permit applicant.

Section 109.3 is amended as follows:

109.3 Building permit valuations. The applicant for a *permit* shall provide an estimated *permit* value at time of application. *Permit* valuations shall include total value of work, including materials and labor, for which the *permit* is being issued, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment and permanent systems. If, in the opinion of the *building official*, the valuation is underestimated on the application, the valuation may be calculated for verification based on the latest Building Valuation Data published by the International Code Council. Permit applicant may provide detailed estimates to meet the approval of the *building official*. Final building *permit* valuation shall be set by the *building official*.

Section 109.4 is amended as follows:

109.4 Work commencing before *permit* issuance. Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary *permits* or without prior approval from the *building official* as permitted in Section 105.2.2 or 105.12 shall be subjected to a fee established by the *building official* that shall be in addition to the required *permit* fees or as provided by local ordinance. This provision shall not apply to emergency work when delay would clearly have placed life or property in imminent danger. But in all such cases the required permit(s) must be applied for within three (3) business days and any unreasonable delay in obtaining those permit(s) shall result in the charge of a triple fee. The payment of triple fee shall not preclude or be deemed a substitute for prosecution for commencing work without first obtaining a permit.

Section 109.5 is amended as follows:

109.5 Related fees. The payment of the fee for the construction, *alteration*, removal or demolition for work done in connection to or concurrently with the work authorized by a building *permit* shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the *permit* from the payment of other fees that are prescribed by law.

Section 109.6 is amended as follows:

109.6 Refunds. The *building official* is authorized to establish a refund policy.

SECTION 110 **INSPECTIONS**

Section 110.1 is amended as follows:

110.1 General. Construction or work for which a *permit* is required shall be subject to inspection by the *building official* and such construction or work shall remain exposed and provided with access for inspection purposes until *approved*. Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction. Inspections presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction shall not be valid. It shall be the duty of the *owner* or the *owner's* authorized agent to cause the work to remain exposed and provided with access for inspection purposes. The building official shall be permitted to require a boundary line survey prepared by a Florida licensed professional surveyor and mapper whenever the boundary lines cannot be readily determined in the field. Neither the *building official* nor the jurisdiction shall be liable for expense entailed in the removal or replacement of any material required to allow inspection.

Section 110.1.1 is added as follows:

110.1.1 Inspection service. The *building official* may make, or cause to be made, the inspections required by Section 110. He or she may accept reports of department inspectors, from independent inspectors or of recognized inspection services, provided that after investigation he/she is satisfied as to their licensure, qualifications and reliability. A certificate required by any provision of this code shall not be based on such reports unless the same are recorded by the building

code inspector or the architect or engineer performing building code inspections in a manner specified by the *building official*. The *building official* shall ensure that all persons making such inspections shall be certified in accordance to Chapter 468 Florida Statutes; or licensed under Chapter 471 or 481 Florida Statutes.

Section 110.3 is amended as follows:

110.3 Required inspections. The *building official* upon notification from the *permit* holder or his or her agent shall make the following inspections, or any other such inspection as deemed necessary and shall either release that portion of the construction or shall notify the *permit* holder or his or her agent of any violations which must be corrected in order to comply with the technical codes. The *building official* shall determine the timing and sequencing of when inspections occur and what elements are inspected at each inspection.

Building

1. Foundation inspection. To be made after trenches are excavated, any required reinforcing steel is in place, forms erected and shall at a minimum include the following building components:
 - Stem-wall
 - Monolithic slab-on-grade
 - Piling/pile caps
 - Footers/grade beams
 - 1.1. Slab Inspection: Concrete slab and under-floor inspections shall be made after in-slab or under-floor reinforcing steel and building service equipment, conduit, piping accessories and other ancillary equipment items are in place, but before any concrete is placed or floor sheathing installed, including the subfloor.
 - 1.2. A foundation/form board survey prepared and certified by a Florida licensed professional surveyor and mapper may be required, prior to approval of the slab inspection. The survey shall certify placement of the building on the site, illustrate all surrounding setback dimensions and shall be available at the job site for review by the building inspector. In lieu of providing a survey, the contractor may elect to uncover all property line markers and string-up all property lines in preparation for inspection.
 - 1.3. In *flood hazard areas*, upon placement of the lowest floor, including basement, and prior to further vertical construction, the elevation certification shall be submitted to the *building official*.
2. Framing inspection. To be made after the roof, all framing, *fireblocking* and bracing is in place, all concealing wiring, all pipes, chimneys, ducts and vents are complete; and the rough electrical, plumbing, heating wires, pipes and ducts are *approved*; and shall at a minimum include the following building components:
 - Window/door framing
 - Window U-factor/SHGC (as indicated on *approved* energy calculations)
 - Vertical cells/columns
 - Lintel/tie beams
 - Framing/trusses/bracing/connectors (including truss layout and engineered drawings)

Draftstopping/fireblocking

Curtain wall framing

Energy insulation (Insulation R-factor as indicated on *approved* energy calculations)

Accessibility

Verify rough opening dimensions are within tolerances.

Window/door buck attachment

- 2.1 Insulation Inspection: To be made after the framing inspection is *approved* and the insulation is in place, according to *approved* energy calculation submittal. Includes wall and ceiling insulation.
- 2.2 Lath and gypsum board inspection for fire-resistance rated or shear assemblies. Lath and gypsum board inspections shall be made after lathing and gypsum board, interior and exterior, is in place, but before any plastering is applied or gypsum board joints and fasteners are taped and finished.
3. Sheathing inspection. To be made either as part of a dry-in inspection or done separately at the request of the contractor after all roof and wall sheathing and fasteners are complete and shall at a minimum include the following building components:
 - Roof sheathing
 - Wall sheathing
 - Continuous air barrier
 - Exterior siding/cladding
 - Sheathing fasteners
 - Roof/wall dry-in
 - Sheathing fasteners installed and found to be missing the structural member (*shiners*) shall be removed and properly reinstalled prior to installation of the dry-in material.
4. Exterior wall coverings. Shall at a minimum include the following building components in progress inspections:
 - Exterior wall coverings and veneers
 - Soffit coverings
5. Roofing inspection. Shall at a minimum be made in at least two inspections and include the following building components:
 - Dry-in
 - Insulation
 - Roof coverings (including In Progress as necessary)
 - Insulation on roof deck (according to submitted energy calculation)
 - Flashing
 - 5.1 Re-roof sheathing inspection. An affidavit with a notarized signature of a state or locally licensed roofing contractor for the installation of additional sheathing fasteners as required by the *Florida Building Code Existing Building* may be accepted at the discretion of the *building official*.
6. Final inspection. To be made after the building is completed and ready for occupancy.

- 6.1. In flood hazard areas, as part of the final inspection, a final certification of the lowest floor elevation or the elevation to which a building is dry floodproofed, as applicable, shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction.
7. Swimming pool inspection. First inspection to be made after excavation and installation of reinforcing steel, bonding and main drain and prior to placing of concrete. Temporary perimeter fence barrier shall be maintained throughout the construction prior to the installation of the permanent pool barrier.
1. Steel reinforcement inspection
 2. Underground electric inspection
 3. Underground piping inspection including a pressure test.
 4. Underground electric inspection under deck area (including the equipotential bonding)
 5. Underground piping inspection under deck area
 6. Deck inspection: to be made prior to installation of the deck material (with forms, deck drains, and any reinforcement in place
 7. Safety Inspection; Made prior to filling the pool with the bonding connections made, the proper drain covers installed and the final barriers installed.
 8. Final pool piping
 9. Final Electrical inspection
 10. Final inspection to be made when the swimming pool is complete and all required enclosure requirements are in place.
In order to pass final inspection and receive a certificate of completion, a residential swimming pool must meet the requirements relating to pool safety features as described in Section 454.2.17 of this code.
8. Demolition inspections. First inspection to be made after all utility connections have been dis- connected and secured in such manner that no unsafe or unsanitary conditions shall exist during or after demolition operations.
Final inspection to be made after all demolition work is completed.
9. Manufactured building inspections. The building department shall inspect construction of foundations; connecting buildings to foundations; installation of parts identified on plans as site installed items, joining the modules, including utility cross- overs; utility connections from the building to utility lines on site; and any other work done on site which requires compliance with the *Florida Building Code*. Additional inspections may be required for public educational facilities (see Section 453.27.20 of this code).
10. Where impact-resistant coverings or impact-resistant systems are installed, the *building official* shall schedule adequate inspections of impact- resistant coverings or impact-resistant systems to determine the following:
The system indicated on the plans was installed.
The system is installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions and the product approval.

Electrical

1. Underground inspection. To be made after trenches or ditches are excavated, conduit or cable installed, and before any backfill is put in place.
2. Rough-in inspection. To be made after the roof, framing, *fireblocking* and

- bracing is in place and prior to the installation of wall or ceiling membranes.
3. Final inspection. To be made after the building is complete, all required electrical fixtures are in place and properly connected or protected, and the structure is ready for occupancy.
 4. Existing Swimming Pools. To be made after all repairs or alterations are complete, all required electrical equipment, GFCI protection, and equipotential bonding are in place on said alterations or repairs.

Plumbing

1. Underground inspection. To be made after trenches or ditches are excavated, piping installed, and before any backfill is put in place.
 2. Rough-in inspection. To be made after the roof, framing, fireblocking and bracing is in place and all soil, waste and vent piping is complete, and prior to this installation of wall or ceiling membranes. Includes plumbing provisions of the energy code and approved energy calculation provisions.
 3. Final inspection. To be made after the building is complete, all plumbing fixtures are in place and properly connected, and the structure is ready for occupancy.
- Note:** See Section 312 of the *Florida Building Code, Plumbing* for required tests.

Mechanical

1. Underground inspection. To be made after trenches or ditches are excavated, underground duct and fuel piping installed, and before any backfill is put in place.
2. Rough-in inspection. To be made after the roof, framing, fireblocking and bracing are in place and all ducting, and other concealed components are complete, and prior to the installation of wall or ceiling membranes. Includes mechanical provisions of the energy code and approved energy calculation provisions.
3. Final inspection. To be made after the building is complete, the mechanical system is in place and properly connected, and the structure is ready for occupancy.

Gas

1. Rough piping inspection. To be made after all new piping authorized by the permit has been installed, and before any such piping has been covered or concealed or any fixtures or gas appliances have been connected. Includes gas provisions of the energy code and approved energy calculation provisions.
2. Final piping inspection. To be made after all piping authorized by the permit has been installed and after all portions which are to be concealed by plastering or otherwise have been so concealed, and before any fixtures or gas appliances have been connected. This inspection shall include a pressure test.
3. Final inspection. To be made on all new gas work authorized by the permit and such portions of existing systems as may be affected by new work or any changes, to ensure compliance with all the requirements of this code and to assure that the installation and construction of the gas system is in accordance with reviewed plans.

Site Debris

1. The contractor and/or owner of any active or inactive construction project shall be responsible for the clean-up and removal of all construction debris or any other miscellaneous discarded articles during the course of the construction project and prior to receiving final inspection approval. Construction job sites must be kept clean and in a safe condition at all times.
2. All debris shall be kept in such a manner as to prevent it from being spread by any means.

Section 110.3.1 is amended as follows:

110.3.1 Footing and foundation inspection.

Footing and foundation inspections shall be made after excavations for footings are complete and any required reinforcing steel is in place. For concrete foundations, any required forms shall be in place prior to inspection. Materials for the foundation shall be on the job, except where concrete is ready mixed in accordance with ASTM C 94, the concrete need not be on the job.

Section 110.3.2 is amended as follows:

110.3.2 Concrete slab and under-floor inspection. Concrete slab and under-floor inspections shall be made after in-slab or under-floor reinforcing steel and building service equipment, conduit, piping accessories and other ancillary equipment items are in place, but before any concrete is placed or floor sheathing installed, including the subfloor.

Section 110.3.3 is amended as follows:

110.3.3 Lowest floor elevation. In *flood hazard areas*, upon placement of the lowest floor, including the basement, and prior to further vertical construction, the elevation certification required in Section 1612.4 of the Florida Building Code, Building and Section R322 of the Florida Building Code, Residential, shall be submitted to the *building official*.

Section 110.3.4 is amended as follows:

110.3.4 Frame inspection. Framing inspections shall be made after the roof deck or sheathing, all framing, *fireblocking* and bracing are in place and pipes, chimneys and vents to be concealed are complete and the rough electrical, plumbing, heating wires, pipes and ducts are *approved*.

Section 110.3.8 is amended as follows:

110.3.8 Energy efficiency inspections. Inspections shall be made to determine compliance with *FBC, Energy Conservation* and confirm with the *approved* energy code submittal (by appropriate trade) and corresponding mandatory requirements and shall include, but not be limited to, inspections for: corresponding envelope insulation R- and U-values, fenestration U-value, and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient, duct system R-value, and HVAC, lighting, electrical and water-heating equipment efficiency.

Section 110.3.9 is amended as follows:

110.3.9 Other inspections. In addition to the inspections specified in Sections 110.3 through 110.3.8, the *building official* is authorized to make or require other inspections of any construction work to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this code, local ordinances and other laws that are enforced by the City of Winter Park.

Section 110.3.11 is amended as follows:

110.3.11 Final inspection. The final inspection shall be made after all work within the scope of the building *permit* is completed.

Section 110.3.11.1 is amended as follows:

110.3.11.1 Flood hazard documentation.

If located in a *flood hazard area*, documentation as required in Section 1612.5 of the Florida Building Code, Building; or Section R322 of the Florida Building Code, Residential, shall be submitted to the *building official* prior to the final inspection.

Section 110.3.11.2 is added as follows:

110.3.11.2 Commercial Energy Code documentation. If required by energy code path submittal, confirmation that commissioning result requirements have been received by building owner.

Section 110.3.11.3 is added as follows:

110.3.11.3 Residential Energy Code documentation. If required by energy code path submittal (R405), confirmation that the envelope and duct test requirements shall be received by *building official*.

Section 110.4 is amended as follows:

110.4 Inspection agencies. The *building official* is authorized to accept reports of *approved* inspection agencies, provided such agencies satisfy the requirements as to qualifications and reliability.

Section 110.9.1 is amended as follows:

110.9.1 General. The Legislature finds that maintaining the structural integrity of a building throughout the life of the building is of paramount importance in order to ensure that buildings are structurally sound so as to not pose a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. As such, the Legislature finds that the imposition of a statewide structural inspection program for aging condominium and cooperative buildings in this state is necessary to ensure that such buildings are safe for continued use.

Section 110.9.2 is amended as follows:

110.9.2. As used in this section, the terms:

(a) "Milestone inspection" means a structural inspection of a building, including an inspection of load-bearing elements ~~walls~~ and the primary structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706, Florida Statutes, by an ~~a licensed~~ architect licensed under chapter 481 Florida Statutes or engineer licensed under chapter 471 Florida Statutes authorized to practice in this state for the purposes of attesting to the life safety and adequacy of the

structural components of the building and, to the extent reasonably possible, determining the general structural condition of the building as it affects the safety of such building, including a determination of any necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of any structural component of the building. The purpose of such inspection is not to determine if the condition of an existing building is in compliance with the Florida Building Code or the fire safety code. The milestone inspection services may be provided by a team of professional in responsible charge with all work and reports signed and sealed by the appropriate qualified team member.

- (b) "Substantial structural deterioration" means substantial structural distress or substantial structural weakness that negatively affects a building's general structural condition and integrity. The term does not include surface imperfections such as cracks, distortion, sagging, deflections, misalignment, signs of leakage, or peeling of finishes unless the licensed engineer or architect performing the phase one or phase two inspection determines that such surface imperfections are a sign of substantial structural deterioration.

Section 110.9.3 is amended as follows:

110.9.3.

- (a) An owner or owners of a building that is three stories or more in height as determined by the Florida Building Code and that is subject, in whole or in part, to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership as a residential condominium under chapter 718 or a residential cooperative under chapter 719 must have a milestone inspection performed by December 31 of the year in which the building reaches 30 years of age, based on the date the certificate of occupancy for the building was issued, and every 10 years thereafter. If a building reached 30 years of age before July 1, 2022, the building's initial milestone inspection must be performed before December 31, 2024. If a building reaches 30 years of age on or after July 1, 2022, and before December 31, 2024, the building's initial milestone inspection must be performed before December 31, 2025. If the date of issuance for the certificate of occupancy is not available, the date of issuance of the building's certificate of occupancy shall be the date of occupancy evidenced in any record of the local building official.
- (b) The local enforcement agency may determine that local circumstances, including environmental conditions such as proximity to salt water as defined in s. 379.101, require that a milestone inspection must be performed by December 31 of the year in which the building reaches 25 years of age, based on the date the certificate of occupancy for the building was issued, and every 10 years thereafter.
- (c) The local enforcement agency may extend the date by which a building's initial milestone inspection must be completed upon a showing of good cause by the owner or owners of the building that the inspection cannot be timely completed if the owner or owners have entered into a contract with an architect or engineer to perform the milestone inspection and the inspection cannot reasonably be completed before the deadline or other circumstance to justify an extension.

(d) The local enforcement agency may accept an inspection report prepared by a licensed engineer or architect for a structural integrity and condition inspection of a building performed before July 1, 2022, if the inspection and report substantially comply with the requirements of this section. Notwithstanding when such inspection was completed, the condominium or cooperative association must comply with the unit owner notice requirements in Section 110.9.9. The inspection for which an inspection report is accepted by the local enforcement agency under this paragraph is deemed a milestone inspection for the applicable requirements in chapters 718 and 719. If a previous inspection and report is accepted by the local enforcement agency under this paragraph, the deadline for the building's subsequent 10-year milestone inspection is based on the date of the accepted previous inspection.

Section 110.9.4 is amended as follows:

110.9.4 The milestone inspection report must be arranged by a condominium or cooperative association and any owner of any portion of the building which is not subject to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership. The condominium association or cooperative association and any owner of any portion of the building which is not subject to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership are each responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of this section. The condominium association or cooperative association is responsible for all costs associated with the milestone inspection attributable to the portions of a building which the association is responsible to maintain under the governing documents of the association. This section does not apply to a single-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling with three or fewer habitable stories above ground.

Section 110.9.5 is amended as follows:

110.9.5 Upon determining that a building must have a milestone inspection, the local enforcement agency must provide written notice of such required inspection to the condominium association or cooperative association and any owner of any portion of the building which is not subject to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership, as applicable, by certified mail, return receipt requested. The condominium or cooperative association must notify the unit owners of the required milestone inspection within 14 days after receipt of the written notice from the local enforcement agency and provide the date that the milestone inspection must be completed. Such notice may be given by electronic submission to unit owners who consent to receive notice by electronic submission or by posting on the association's website.

Section 110.9.6 is amended as follows:

110.9.6 Phase one of the milestone inspection must be completed within 180 days after the owner or owners of the building receive the written notice under Section 110.9.5. For purposes of this section, completion of phase one of the milestone inspection means the licensed engineer or architect who performed the phase one inspection submitted the inspection report by e-mail, United States Postal Service, or commercial delivery service to the local enforcement agency.

Section 110.9.7.2 is amended as follows:

110.9.7.2. A phase two of the milestone inspection must be performed if any substantial structural deterioration is identified during phase one. A phase two inspection may involve destructive or nondestructive testing at the inspector's direction. The inspection may be as extensive or as limited as necessary to fully assess areas of structural distress in order to confirm that the building is structurally sound and safe for its intended use and to recommend a program for fully assessing and repairing distressed and damaged portions of the building. When determining testing locations, the inspector must give preference to locations that are the least disruptive and most easily repairable while still being representative of the structure. If a phase two inspection is required, within 180 days after submitting a phase one inspection report the architect or engineer performing the phase two inspection must submit a phase two progress report to the local enforcement agency with a timeline for completion of the phase two inspection. An inspector who completes a phase two milestone inspection shall prepare and submit an inspection report pursuant to Section 110.9.8.

Section 110.9.8 is amended as follows:

110.9.8. Upon completion of a phase one or phase two milestone inspection, the architect or engineer who performed the inspection must submit a sealed copy of the inspection report with a separate summary of, at minimum, the material findings and recommendations in the inspection report to the condominium association or cooperative association, to any other owner of any portion of the building which is not subject to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership, and to the *building official* of the local government which has jurisdiction. The inspection report must, at a minimum, meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) Bear the seal and signature, or the electronic signature, of the licensed engineer or architect who performed the inspection.
- (b) Indicate the manner and type of inspection forming the basis for the inspection report.
- (c) Identify any substantial structural deterioration, within a reasonable professional probability based on the scope of the inspection, describe the extent of such deterioration, and identify any recommended repairs for such deterioration.
- (d) State whether unsafe or dangerous conditions, as those terms are defined in the Florida Building Code, were observed.
- (e) Recommend any remedial or preventive repair for any items that are damaged but are not substantial structural deterioration.
- (f) Identify and describe any items requiring further inspection.

Section 110.9.9 is amended as follows:

110.9.9. Within 45 days after receiving the applicable inspection report, the condominium or cooperative association must distribute a copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report to each condominium unit owner or cooperative unit owner, regardless of the findings or recommendations in the report, by United States mail or personal delivery at the mailing address, property address, or any other address of the owner provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements under chapter 718 or chapter 719, as applicable, and by electronic

transmission to the e-mail address or facsimile number provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements to unit owners who previously consented to received notice by electronic transmission; must post a copy of the inspector-prepared summary in a conspicuous place on the condominium or cooperative property; and must publish the full report and inspector- prepared summary on the association's website, if the association is required to have a website.

Section 110.9.10 is amended as follows:

110.9.10. Failure to comply with the established deadlines associated with the milestone inspections shall be referred to the local Code Compliance Board.

Section 110.9.11 is amended as follows:

110.9.11. A board of county commissioners or municipal governing body may adopt an ordinance requiring that a condominium or cooperative association and any other owner that is subject to this section schedule or commence repairs for substantial structural deterioration within a specified timeframe after the local enforcement agency receives a phase two inspection report; however, such repairs must be commenced within 365 days after receiving such report. If an owner of the building fails to submit proof to the local enforcement agency that repairs have been scheduled or have commenced for substantial structural deterioration identified in a phase two inspection report within the required timeframe, the local enforcement agency must review and determine if the building is unsafe for human occupancy.

Section 111.2 is amended as follows:

111.2 Certificate issued. After the *building official* inspects the building or structure and does not find violations of the provisions of this code or other laws that are enforced by the Building and Permitting Services Department, the *building official* shall issue a certificate of occupancy that contains the following:

1. The building *permit* number.
2. The address of the structure.
3. The name and address of the *owner* or the owner's authorized agent.
4. A description of that portion of the structure for which the certificate is issued.
5. A statement that the described portion of the structure has been inspected for compliance with the requirements of this code for the occupancy and division of occupancy and the use for which the proposed occupancy is classified.
6. For buildings and structures in *flood hazard areas*, a statement that documentation of the as-built lowest floor elevation has been provided and is retained in the records of the *building official*.
7. The name of the *building official*.
8. The edition of the code under which the *permit* was issued.
9. The use and occupancy, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.
10. The type of construction as defined in Chapter 6.
11. The design *occupant load*.
12. If an *automatic sprinkler system* is provided, whether the sprinkler system is required.

13. Any special stipulations and conditions of the building permit.

Section 113 is amended as follows:

SECTION 113
CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

113.1 General. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official relative to the application and interpretation of this code, there shall be and is hereby created a board known as Construction Board of Adjustments & Appeals. The members of the board shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions in City of Winter Park Ordinance Section 2-48(a). The board shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business.

113.2 Qualifications and membership. The board of appeals shall consist of members who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to building construction and are not employees of the jurisdiction. The board shall consist of seven members. To the greatest extent possible, the board shall be comprised of one licensed architect, one licensed engineer, one licensed contractor (general, building or residential), one licensed electrical contractor, one licensed plumbing contractor, one licensed mechanical contractor and one fire code official.

113.3 Terms of office. Members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term in the manner in which original appointments are required to be made.

113.4 Quorum. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum, in the case of a matter or case concerning an electrical, plumbing, mechanical or fire code matter before the board, the respective appointee knowledgeable of that field shall be present in order to make a decision. In hearing appeals of the enforcement of the application of any provisions of the building codes including electrical, plumbing, fuel gas or mechanical volumes of the Florida Building Code or in modifying an order of the building official, affirmative votes of the majority present, but not less than three affirmative votes, shall be required. A board member shall not act in a case in which he has a personal financial interest.

113.5 Executive Secretary or Clerk of board. The building official or designee of the building official shall act as staff liaison of the board and shall make a detailed record of all its proceedings, which shall set forth the reasons for its decisions, the vote of each member, the absence of a member, and any failure of a member to vote.

113.6 Appeals procedures. The board shall have the power to hear appeals of decisions and interpretations of the building official of this code and shall also have the authority to suspend the certificate of competency or state certification (within the city) of any residential, building, general, roofing, swimming pool, electrical, plumbing, mechanical or other specialty contractor doing work in the city who is found by the board to be guilty of one or more of the following acts or omissions:

1. Fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate of competency.
2. Negligence, incompetence or misconduct in the practice of contracting within the meaning of this chapter.
3. Willful and deliberate disregard of or violation of this chapter or of any state statute concerning contractor licensing.

113.7 Limitations on authority. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The board shall have no authority to waive requirements of this code.

113.8 Decision of the building official. The owner of a building, structure or service system, or his duly authorized agent, may appeal a decision of the building official to the board whenever any one of the following conditions are claimed to exist:

1. The building official rejected or refused to approve the mode or manner of construction proposed to be followed or materials to be used in the installation or alteration of a building, structure or service system.
2. The provisions of this code do not apply to this specific case.
3. That an equally good or more desirable form of installation can be employed in any specific case.
4. The true intent and meaning of this code or any of the regulations thereunder have been misconstrued or incorrectly interpreted.

113.9 Procedures. The board shall establish rules and regulations for its own procedure not inconsistent with the provisions of this code. The board shall meet expeditiously after notice of appeal has been received within 21 days but no more than 30 days.

113.10 Notice of appeal. Notice of appeal shall be in writing and filed within 30 calendar days after the decision is rendered by the building official. Appeals shall be in a form acceptable to the building official.

113.11 Unsafe or dangerous buildings or service systems. In the case of a building, structure or service system which, in the opinion of the building official, is unsafe, unsanitary or dangerous, the building official may, in his order, limit the time for such appeals to a shorter period.

113.12 Decisions. The board shall, in every case, reach a decision without unreasonable or unnecessary delay. Each decision of the board shall also include the reasons for the decision. If a decision of the board reverses or modifies a refusal, order, or disallowance of the building official or varies the application of any provision of this code, the building official shall immediately take action in accordance with such decision. Every decision shall be promptly filed in writing in the office of the building

official and shall be open to public inspection. A copy of the decision shall be sent by mail or hand delivery to the appellant, and a copy shall be kept publicly in the office of the building official. Every decision of the board shall be final, subject however to such remedy as any aggrieved party might have at law or in equity. Appeals from the decision of the board relating to provisions of the Florida Building Code, other than local amendments, may be appealed to the Florida Building Commission, pursuant to F.S. § 120.569, regarding the local government's action.

SECTION 114

VIOLATIONS

Sections 114.1 to 114.4 are added as follows:

114.1 Unlawful acts. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, alter, extend, repair, move, remove, demolish or occupy any building, structure or equipment regulated by this code, or cause same to be done, in conflict with or in violation of any of the provisions of this code.

114.2 Notice of violation. The *building official* is authorized to serve a notice of violation or order on the person responsible for the erection, construction, *alteration*, extension, repair, moving, removal, demolition or occupancy of a building or structure in violation of the provisions of this code, or in violation of a *permit* or certificate issued under the provisions of this code. Such order shall direct the discontinuance of the illegal action or condition and the abatement of the violation.

114.3 Prosecution of violation. If the notice of violation is not complied with promptly, the *building official* is authorized to request the legal counsel of the jurisdiction to institute the appropriate proceeding at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation, or to require the removal or termination of the unlawful occupancy of the building or structure in violation of the provisions of this code or of the order or direction made pursuant thereto.

114.4 Violation penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters or repairs a building or structure in violation of the *approved construction documents* or directive of the *building official*, or of a *permit* or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by law.

SECTION 116

UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT

Section 116.1 to 116.5 are added as follows:

116.1 Conditions. Structures or existing equipment that are or hereafter become unsafe, insanitary or deficient because of inadequate *means of egress* facilities, inadequate light and ventilation, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise

dangerous to human life or the public welfare, or that involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance, shall be deemed an unsafe condition. Unsafe structures shall be taken down and removed or made safe, as the *building official* deems necessary and as provided for in this section. A vacant structure that is not secured against entry shall be deemed unsafe.

116.2 Record. The *building official* shall cause a report to be filed on an unsafe condition. The report shall state the occupancy of the structure and the nature of the unsafe condition.

116.3 Notice. If an unsafe condition is found, the *building official* shall serve on the owner, agent or person in control of the structure, a written notice that describes the condition deemed unsafe and specifies the required repairs or improvements to be made to abate the unsafe condition, or that requires the unsafe structure to be demolished within a stipulated time. Such notice shall require the person thus notified to declare immediately to the *building official* acceptance or rejection of the terms of the order.

116.4 Method of service. Such notice shall be deemed properly served if a copy thereof is (a) delivered to the owner personally; (b) sent by certified or registered mail addressed to the owner at the last known address with the return receipt requested; or (c) delivered in any other manner as prescribed by local law. If the certified or registered letter is returned showing that the letter was not delivered, a copy thereof shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice. Service of such notice in the foregoing manner upon the owner's agent or upon the person responsible for the structure shall constitute service of notice upon the owner.

116.5 Restoration. Where the structure or equipment determined to be unsafe by the *building official* is restored to a safe condition, to the extent that repairs, *alterations* or *additions* are made or a change of occupancy occurs during the restoration of the structure, such *repairs, alterations, additions* and change of occupancy shall comply with the requirements of Section 105.2.2 and the *Florida Building Code, Existing Building*. The *building official* may refer the issues identified to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals which is authorized to order the property owner or city agents to repair, remove, secure, vacate or demolish such structure(s) according to procedures outlined in this chapter. These powers are hereby declared to be remedial and essential for the public interest, and it is intended that such powers be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes stated herein.

Secs. 22-29—22-50. - Reserved.

Section 3. Codification. It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park that the provisions of Section 2 of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City. That all sections, subsections, paragraphs, and subparagraphs of this Ordinance may be numbered, renumbered, lettered, relettered, labeled or relabeled and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "chapter," "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions. The foregoing modifications along with correction of

typographical errors, which do not affect the intent or meaning may be authorized and made by the city manager, without need of public hearing, by filing a corrected or recodified copy of same with the city clerk.

Section 4. Conflicts. In the event of a conflict between this Ordinance and any other ordinance of the City of Winter Park or part thereof, this Ordinance shall control to the extent of the conflict.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase of this Ordinance, or the particular application thereof shall be held invalid by any court, administrative agency, or other body with appropriate jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Transmittal. This Ordinance enacting amendments to the Florida Building Code shall be transmitted to the Florida Building Commission within 30 days.

Section 7. Effective Date. Once adopted, this Ordinance shall not become effective until 30 days after this Ordinance has been received by and the amendments set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance are published by the Florida Building Commission.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, held at City Hall, Winter Park, Florida, on the 13th day of December, 2023.

**CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA**

Phillip M. Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rene Cranis, City Clerk, CMC