

CITY OF FORT PIERCE

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Conference Agenda Meeting - Monday, November 13, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

City Hall - Commission Chambers, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **New Business**
 - a. Coast Guard City Designation
 - b. Small Business Pathway Program Participant Recognition
 - c. Community Events & Festivals Report - Public Works
 - d. Discussion of Short-Term and Vacation Rental Registration

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Mayor, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The City Commission will not be able to take any official actions under Comments from the Public. Speakers will address the Mayor, Commissioners, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

6. **City Commission Boards and Committees Updates**

7. **Adjournment**

Immediately following adjournment, please move toward the doors and exit the chambers. This allows for the safe and courteous exit of all persons, and those on the dais. Conversations after the meeting should be held outside of chambers, in the foyer or elsewhere, but not in the commission chambers where lights will be out as soon as the chambers are empty.

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City Commission Conference Agenda

4. a.

Meeting Date: 11/13/2023

Re: Coast Guard

Submitted For: Nick Mimms, City Manager, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Coast Guard City Designation

Attachments

Coast Guard City Request Letter

Coast Guard City Program

Comm. Broderick's Email

Form Review

Inbox

City Manager

City Manager

Form Started By: Jennifer Robinson

Final Approval Date: 09/11/2023

Reviewed By

Nick Mimms

Nick Mimms

Date

09/08/2023 04:18 PM

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Started On: 09/08/2023 02:11 PM



Office of Flotilla Commander
Flotilla 58
1400 Seaway Dr.
Ft. Pierce Fl
34949

07AUG2023

Greetings from the Flotilla Commander USCG AUX Ft. Pierce,

As you know the USCG AUX and the USCG have a long association with the City of Ft. Pierce. We as a Flotilla recently celebrated our 80th anniversary as a Flotilla. The USCG has had a presence in Ft. Pierce from the 1930's. With such a long history between the USCG and Ft. Pierce we as a Flotilla would ask the city to begin the process of having the City of Ft. Pierce applying to be selected as a Coast Guard City.

The program formally identifies the continuing efforts of the city to support and recognize the role the USCG plays in our community. The USCG cannot ask the city to begin this process. It needs to be an effort between the local government, service groups, law enforcement, fire and rescue, merchants, and citizens. The local USCG can aid in guidance in gathering the required material to present to USCG City Board for approval.

USCG AUX 58 is more than willing to aid the city in any way to help with the process of having the city identified as a Coast Guard city.

This designation is uncommon, as of July 31, 2023, only 29 cities have been accepted as Coast Guard Cities. We in the USCG AUX believe the City of Ft. Pierce has a unique opportunity to distinguish itself in demonstrating its steadfast support of the USCG and the men and women who serve in the Coast Guard.

Please feel free to contact me on this subject.

Karl Hontz

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Hontz".

Flotilla Commander USCG AUX 58

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Coast Guard City Program

Application and Recertification Guidance

Background

The Coast Guard City program recognizes communities that support local Coast Guard members. A city, municipality, or county (hereafter referred to only as “city”) earns the designation “Coast Guard City” or “Coast Guard Community” by making special efforts to acknowledge the professional work of the Coast Guard men and women assigned to their area. Coast Guard Cities regularly reach out to Coast Guard personnel and their families and make them feel at home in their “home away from home.” The city’s efforts illustrate a longstanding and enduring relationship with an emphasis on considerations the community has made for the members of the Coast Guard family.

Application Process

- The Standing Board for the Coast Guard City program will convene twice a year to consider new and recertification applications, July and December.
- All applications received from January through June will be considered during the July board meeting.
- All applications received from July through November will be considered during the December board meeting.

Application Packages

Application packages must include the following:

- A letter from the mayor, city manager, or county executive describing community-wide outreach and support of the local Coast Guard unit(s).
- Letters of support from unit and district Coast Guard offices.
- A separate 2-page minimum bulleted document listing specific examples of actions the community has taken and events it has sponsored to reach out to Coast Guard personnel welcoming them into the community and embracing them in a full community partnership.
- Letters of support from local, city, and state government offices.
- Unique examples of the city’s efforts of outreach and support.
- 5-10 photographs from community events and ceremonies.

Additionally, successful applications often include letters of support from other organizations that take part in the community’s efforts to welcome the Coast Guard. Examples include:

Chambers of Commerce; non-government organizations (e.g., Navy League); civic organizations (e.g., Lions, Kiwanis); corporate entities; police, sheriff, fire, and EMS departments; educational organizations; and prominent individuals. The applying city should collect these letters and include them in the final application package. The Coast Guard City program office will not read unsolicited letters of support.

Taken as a whole, a city's application should demonstrate a broad range of activities, programs, and actions that demonstrate an unusual and sustained level of support for local Coast Guard members and their families. Although specific examples will be unique to local needs and resources, several common examples are given below. The request should specify which groups or organizations within the community are responsible for, or participate in, the initiatives.

Strong applications include tangible examples of the city's participation in or support for many of the following:

- Support for Morale, Well-Being, and Recreation (MWR) events.
- Support for education/scholarship programs.
- Availability of community support services to Coast Guard members and their families.
- Sponsorship of Sailor of the Quarter, Sailor of the Year, Recruiter of the Year, or other similar types of awards.
- Demonstrations of sensitivity to life-altering events within the Coast Guard community including expressions of congratulations for weddings and newborns or expressions of sympathy for deaths and other family tragedies.
- Sponsorship of community patriotic events that specifically include members of the Coast Guard family. These events could include, but are not limited to, Memorial Day picnics, 4th of July picnics, Armed Forces Day events, Veterans Day observances, Coast Guard Birthday events, etc.
- Offer military or Coast Guard "days" within the business community, at local sporting events, and other entertainment events.
- City-Coast Guard partnerships in community-based projects including law enforcement, fire, and EMS projects; civic organizational projects; food drives; home building projects; educational projects; etc.
- Establishing monuments, memorials, commemorations, or other tangible forms of public recognition.

Beginning January 2019, the Coast Guard City program will no longer accept hard copy submissions. All submissions should be electronic. They should be submitted via email to Gwenda.E.Bradford@uscg.mil.

Review Process

A standing board comprised of representatives from the offices of the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Governmental and Public Affairs, Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel, and Human Resources review all applications and make recommendations to the Commandant. The Commandant makes the final determination.

Upon the Commandant's approval, the Coast Guard will notify the appropriate congressional committees of the new designation. This step initiates a required 30-day waiting period. With no dissent from the committees, the designation "Coast Guard City" or "Coast Guard Community" becomes official. The Coast Guard will then send a signed proclamation to the local command for presentation to the city, and cities are encouraged to organize ceremonies or celebrations where official announcements may be made.

Notification Letters

After the Board submits its recommendations, and the Commandant approves, the Coast Guard City program office will prepare letters announcing the Coast Guard's intent to approve the designation "Coast Guard City" to the city's mayor; the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. These letters will be distributed no later than 10 days after the Commandant's approval.

Acceptance Packages

The Coast Guard City program office will develop the acceptance package, which will be sent to the District POC within 15 days of the 30-day waiting period expiring with no dissent from the committees. Original hard copies will be mailed, and a PDF of the package will be emailed to the District POC.

The acceptance package will consist of the following items:

- Proclamation
 - Drafted by Coast Guard City program office and signed by Commandant
- Personal letter of congratulations to city from Commandant
 - Drafted by Coast Guard City program office and signed by Commandant
- Digest (*for USCG use only, not to be forwarded to the city*)
 - Drafted by Coast Guard City program office and contains:
 - Contact name, mailing address, email, and phone number for the new Coast Guard City's point of contact
 - 1–3 bullets on new Coast Guard City's application package
 - 1–3 bullets about the Coast Guard City program

Once the District POC receives the acceptance package, he or she will add to the package the following:

- Personal letter of congratulations to city from District Commander
 - Drafted by District and signed by District Commander

Via phone call, the District will notify the new Coast Guard City of its acceptance into the program within five days of receiving the acceptance package and will identify a mutually-acceptable date for a formal, public announcement/event where the District/local unit will present the proclamation and letters in person.

The Coast Guard City program office will send the Digest to USCG Congressional Affairs, which will draft letters of notification to be sent to local, state, and federal legislative delegations within 15 days of the 30-day waiting period expiring.

Recertification Procedures

The “Coast Guard City” designation remains effective for five years. After that time, the city must provide an updated package for recertification. The recertification process helps ensure the designation remains accurate and meaningful.

The Coast Guard will notify cities approximately 12 months before the expiration of their five-year term. To recertify, **a city must provide a recertification package on or before the first week of June of the concluding year** describing its on-going relationship with the Coast Guard with examples of recent programs and projects. The Coast Guard City board will convene and review the recertification package. If approved, the city’s status as a “Coast Guard City” will be renewed for another five-year term.

The recertification application should demonstrate a vibrant and ongoing commitment to the Coast Guard personnel in the community. The city must provide a copy of its recertification package to the local Coast Guard unit(s), which will review the request and forward it to the Coast Guard City program office with an endorsement.

A recertification application package must include the following:

- All of the same requirements for a first-time application.
- Material stating how the city intends to continue the relationship.
- Materials demonstrating how the “Coast Guard City” moniker is used to help promote the Coast Guard (as opposed to promoting the city).

If a city’s recertification package is determined not to meet the high standard set for Coast Guard Cities, a provisional denial letter will be sent to the city and the local Coast Guard unit(s). The city will have 45 days to resubmit its recertification package. If the Coast Guard does not receive an updated application after 45 days, the city will lose its designation as a “Coast Guard City.”

If the city chooses not to recertify, the designation of “Coast Guard City” will be withdrawn with 60-days’ notification to the city. Within that time the city must remove the designation from any signs, letterheads, websites, etc.

FAQs

Can more than one local jurisdiction share a “Coast Guard City” designation?

In areas with more than one local jurisdiction (such as a city, county, and township), one municipality must be selected to receive the Coast Guard City designation.

Can a Coast Guard unit nominate its host community as a Coast Guard City?

No. The application must come from the city itself. Local units may educate the host community about the program and help local leaders obtain more information on how to apply. Ultimately, the community, independent of the local command, should undertake the initiative. As part of the internal review process, the Coast Guard City board will ask local commands for their input.

My city was recently named a “Coast Guard City/Community,” and I would like to incorporate the Coast Guard emblem into signs, flags, displays, etc. Does the “Coast Guard City/Community” designation allow me full use of the logo?

No. Any use of protected Coast Guard logos, emblems, or words must be approved by Coast Guard Trademark Office. For more information, please contact the Coast Guard’s Office of Community Relations at 202-372-4640 or Trademark@uscg.mil.

For more information

If you have additional questions, please contact the Coast Guard’s Office of Community Relations at 202-372-4625.

From: Michael Broderick <tridentproperty@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 12:42 PM
To: Nick Mimms; Michael Broderick
Subject: RE: Coast Guard City

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Thanks Nick, I agree that it is a prestigious accreditation. Can we also make an agenda item of the Arts fund that we received a report on. I would like to discuss the intent of the fund and if we can work to deploy some of those monies for public art.

Regards,

Michael Broderick RPA, FMA, CAM
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Cc: Michael <tridentproperty@bellsouth.net>
Subject: RE: Coast Guard City

Commissioner Broderick,

Good Afternoon!!

It is my opinion that this would be wonderful for our community and I strongly recommend we proceed with this designation effort. I will be placing this on the next Conference Agenda (10/9/23) to present the concept and obtain City Commission feedback.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.



Nicholas C. Mimms, P.E., ICMA-CM
City Manager

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From: Michael Broderick <tridentproperty@bellsouth.net>
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Subject: FW: Coast Guard City

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Good afternoon Nick, I wanted to see if this is something the COFP is interested in pursuing. I know the flotilla commander so that is why it was routed through me. This is from my company email as I have dropped my IPAD off at City hall due to a charging issue.

Regards,

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From: Michael Broderick <mbroderick@cityoffortpierce.com>
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From: Karl Hontz <hontzkarluscgau58@gmail.com>
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Subject: Coast Guard City

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Good Afternoon,

Please take a look at the letter attached. Let me know if you need me to change anything . I also attached the latest information on applying to the USCG on becoming a Coast Guard City. The requirements are pretty well defined in the application.

I have a call into USCG public relations for more information on the process. I don't think a form is required but knowing the government there probably is one.

Thanks,

Karl Hontz
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City Commission Conference Agenda

4. b.

Meeting Date: 11/13/2023

Re: Small Business Pathway Program Participant Recognition

Submitted For: Shyanne Harnage, Economic Development Manager, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Small Business Pathway Program Participant Recognition

Attachments

SBPP Participant Recognition Slide

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
City Manager	Nick Mimms	11/01/2023 07:43 AM
City Manager	Nick Mimms	11/01/2023 07:43 AM
Form Started By: Marsha Noel		Started On: 10/31/2023 10:06 AM
Final Approval Date: 11/01/2023		



CONGRATULATIONS

SMALL BUSINESS PATHWAY PROGRAM

PARTICIPANTS

- **Amanda Rich**, Rich Heart To Heart Assisted Living
- **Melissa Carter**, Native Design Architecture LLC
- **Lesley George**, Mosaic Inc.
- **Kristy Walker**, Royal Palace Rentals LLC
- **Jody Dugan**, Dugan Staffing Solutions Inc.
- **Earl & Arnesha Demery**, Kingdem LLC
- **Pamela Turner**, EMS Safety & Healthcare Training Center LLC

SPECIAL THANKS TO:



Maria Brown
SHRM Certified
Professional



City Commission Conference Agenda

4. c.

Meeting Date: 11/13/2023

Re:

SUBJECT:

Community Events & Festivals Report - Public Works

Attachments

Presentation

Form Review

Form Started By: Linda Cox
Final Approval Date: 09/20/2023

Started On: 09/20/2023 11:31 AM

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City of Fort Pierce

Rate Structure for Facilities and Special Events

Fort Pierce Rental Facilities Capacity

River Walk Center, 600 N Indian River Dr

- Pierce Hall - 150
- Sunrise Room - 40

Old City Hall, 315 Avenue A

- 100

Garden Center, 915 Parkway Dr

- 60

Maravilla Center, 2622 Oleander Ave

- 60



River Walk Center

Pierce Hall

Deposit \$200.00

Friday evening: room rental \$490.00 + tax

Saturdays or Sundays:

8 hours room rental \$690.00 + tax

Full day room rental \$990.00 + tax

Sunrise Room

Deposit \$100.00

6 hours room rental \$200.00 + tax

12 hours room rental \$350.00 + tax

Alcohol permit \$50.00, Insurance \$197.54



Old City Hall

Weekends

8 hours room rental \$450.00 + taxes

Full Day room rental \$800.00 + taxes

Deposit \$200.00

Alcohol permit \$50.00, insurance
\$197.54



Garden Center

Weekends

6 hours room rental *\$200.00*

12 hours room rental *\$325.00*

Deposit \$150.00

Alcohol prohibited

Maravilla Center

6 hours room rental \$100.00 + taxes

12 hours room rental \$200.00 + taxes

Deposit \$100.00

Alcohol prohibited



Proposed Increased Rates

River Walk Center and Old City Hall

15% increase in room rental fee

Maravilla Center and Garden Center

Between 75 and 100% increase

Current Rates

RIVER WALK CENTER						Alcohol
Deposit	Friday	490.00	31.85	150.00	671.85	919.39
Saturday or Sunday						
\$200.00	8 Hours	690.00	44.85	150.00	884.85	1,132.39
\$200.00	All Day	990.00	64.35	150.00	1,204.35	1,451.89

Sunrise Room						Alcohol
\$100.00	6 hours	200.00	13.00	50.00	263.00	510.54
\$100.00	12 Hours	350.00	22.75	50.00	422.75	670.29

OLD CITY HALL						Alcohol
\$200.00	8 Hours	450.00	29.25	125.00	604.25	851.79
\$200.00	All Day	800.00	52.00	125.00	977.00	1,224.54

MARAVILA CENTER					
\$100.00	6 Hours	100.00	6.50	50.00	156.50
\$100.00	12 Hours	200.00	13.00	50.00	263.00

GARDEN CENTER					
\$150.00	6 Hours	200.00	13.00	75.00	288.00
\$150.00	12 Hours	325.00	21.13	75.00	421.13

Proposed Rates

RIVER WALK CENTER						Alcohol
Deposit	Friday	550.00	35.75	150.00	735.75	983.29
Saturday or Sunday						
\$400.00	8 Hours	800.00	52.00	150.00	1,002.00	1,249.54
\$400.00	All Day	1,200.00	78.00	150.00	1,428.00	1,675.54

Sunrise Room						Alcohol
\$200.00	6 hours	300.00	19.50	50.00	369.50	617.04
\$200.00	12 Hours	475.00	30.88	50.00	555.88	803.42

OLD CITY HALL						Alcohol
\$400.00	8 Hours	550.00	35.75	125.00	710.75	958.29
\$400.00	All Day	950.00	61.75	125.00	1,136.75	1,384.29

MARAVILLA CENTER					
\$150.00	6 Hours	200.00	13.00	50.00	263.00
\$150.00	12 Hours	325.00	21.13	50.00	396.13

GARDEN CENTER					
\$200.00	6 Hours	325.00	21.13	75.00	421.13
\$200.00	12 Hours	500.00	32.50	75.00	607.50

Non-Profit organizations 25% discount

St. Lucie County
Indrio School House

Deposit \$100
4 hours - \$51
8 hours - \$101

St. Lucie County
Havert Fenn Center

(2402 sq ft)
Deposit \$250
8 hours - \$1,200
Daily - \$2,200

St. Lucie County
Havert Fenn Center

(1197 sq ft)
Deposit \$250
8 hours - \$800
Daily - \$1,700

Vero Beach
Bethel House (OCH)
Deposit \$500
Daily Resident - \$450
Non Resident - \$500

City of Vero Beach
(Maravilla & Garden)

Deposit \$0 - \$1000
6 hours - \$330
12 hours - \$660

City of Vero Beach
(Sunrise Room)

Deposit \$0 - \$1000
6 hours - \$270
12 hours - \$540

City of Vero Beach
(Pierce Hall)

Deposit \$0 - \$1000
8 hours - \$1,200

City of Vero Beach
(Old City Hall)

Deposit \$0 - \$1000
8 hours - \$600

Martin County
Frances Langford

Deposit \$1,000
Friday/Sunday
5 hours - \$1,000 (ea addl. \$125 hr)
Saturdays
10 hour - \$2,000 (ea add \$150)

City of Sebastian
Community Center
(Old City Hall)

Deposit \$250
4 hours resident - \$200
+ \$30 add hr
Non resident - \$300
+ \$50 add hr

City of Sebastian
Yacht Club
(Maravilla & Garden)

Deposit \$250
4 hours resident - \$100
+ \$25 add hr
Non resident - \$150
+ \$30 add hr



Special Event Rate Comparison

	Fort Pierce	St. Lucie County	City of Stuart	City of Vero Beach	City of Port St. Lucie
Deposit	0	\$250	\$100 to \$2,000	\$300 Alcohol \$200	
Processing Fee	0	0	\$25	\$300	
Permit Fees	\$50 Nonprofit \$100 Profit	4 hours \$205 8 hours \$405 Daily \$605 Non profit 25% discount	\$75 to \$600 depending on attendees Fees for private property events	\$375 up to 100 attendees \$500.00 over 100 attendees Recurring per year \$600.00	Events only permitted at Mid Florida Event Center
Additional Fees	Barricades/cones \$25 Electric \$50 Dumpsters		Barricades up to 5 \$20 each add \$2.	Electric \$25 Water \$20 Bounce Houses \$50 + Electric \$50 + deposit \$50	
Alcohol	\$100 non profit \$200 profit			\$250	

Application Fee

\$25.00



Deposit according on attendees

Under 100 - \$100

100 – 500 - \$200

501 – 1000 - \$300

Over 1000 - \$400



Permit Fees according to attendees

Under 100 - \$100

100 – 500 - \$150

501 – 1000 - \$300

Over 1000 - \$400



Additional Fees

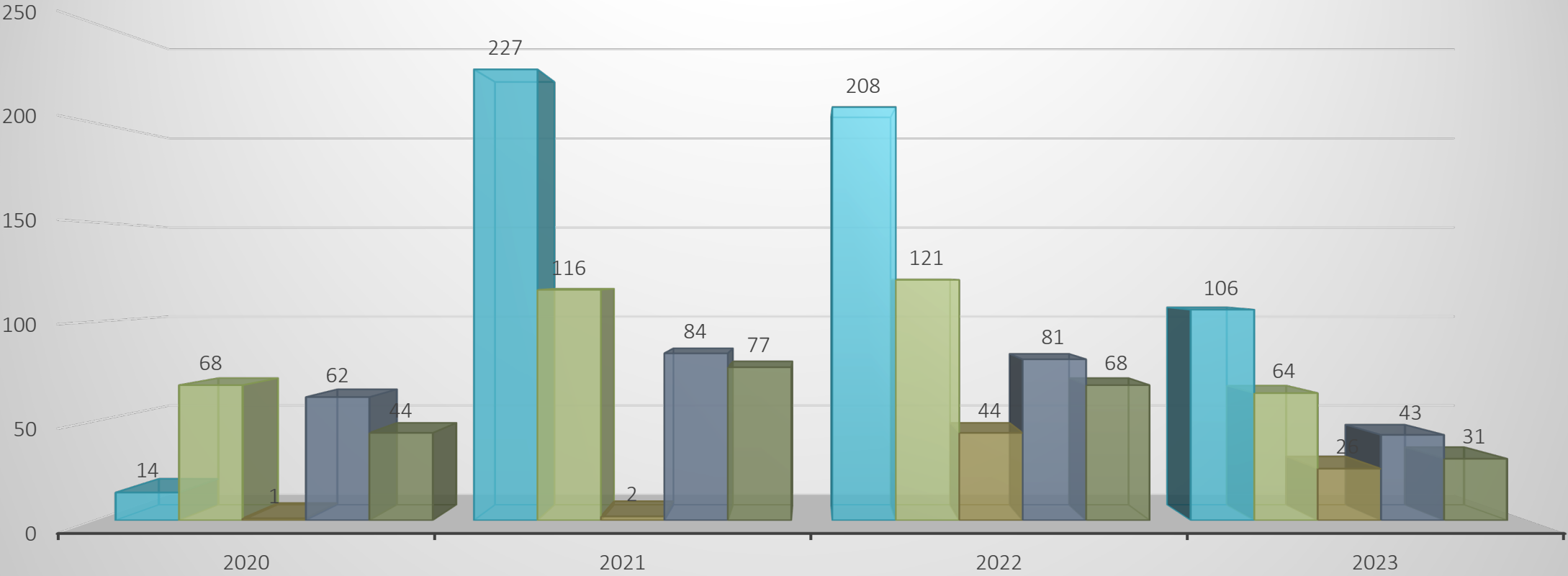
Alcohol sales

Barricades/Cones

Electricity

Dumpsters

Calendar Year Number of Functions



	2020	2021	2022	2023
Special Events	14	227	208	106
River Walk	68	116	121	64
Old City Hall	1	2	44	26
Maravilla	62	84	81	43
Garden	44	77	68	31

City Commission Conference Agenda

4. d.

Meeting Date: 11/13/2023

Re:

SUBJECT:

Discussion of Short-Term and Vacation Rental Registration

Attachments

Short-Term & Vacation Rental Regulations

Short-Term & Vacation Rental Registration Fees

Form Review

Form Started By: Jennifer Robinson
Final Approval Date: 11/08/2023

Started On: 11/08/2023 09:53 AM

ORDINANCE NO. 21-019

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, CREATING **CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE X – SHORT TERM AND VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS**; ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, desires to establish and enforce standards for vacation rental units and short-term rental units in the city in a manner which protects the character and quality of life in the neighborhood or area where the vacation rental units and short-term rentals are located while not unduly restricting the owner of the vacation rental units and short-term rentals from use of their property.

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2020, after hearing from the Planning Board, the City Commission suggested that staff assemble a working group comprised of residents, business owners and city staff to research and evaluate options for the regulation of short term and vacation rentals.

WHEREAS, at the June 14, 2021 Conference Agenda Meeting, the task force presented their findings to the City Commission, some of which are represented in this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA;

SECTION 1. Chapter 22, Article X of the Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances, is hereby created as follows:

ARTICLE X. – SHORT TERM AND VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS

DIVISION 1 - GENERALLY

Section 22-500 – Title.

This article shall be known as “Short Term and Vacation Rental Regulations”

Section 22-501- Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this article is to establish and enforce standards for vacation rental units and short-term rentals in the city in a manner which protects the character and quality of life in the neighborhood or area where the vacation rental units and short-term rentals are located while not unduly restricting the owner of the vacation rental units and short-term rentals from use of their property. Further, this article shall be construed and implemented to achieve the following intent and purposes of the city commission:

- 1) To establish the regulations, procedures and standards for the review and approval of all vacation rental units and short-term rentals in the city;
- 2) To preserve and foster the public health, safety, aesthetics, and general welfare, and to aid in the harmonious and orderly development of the city;
- 3) To establish a registration process that is efficient in terms of time, administration, and enforcement; effective in addressing the impacts of vacation rental units and short-term rentals; and equitable with regard to regulations and procedures, while respecting the rights of property owners;
- 4) To implement, and be in compliance with, the goals and policies of the city's comprehensive plan;
- 5) To ensure the safety of structures that are used as vacation rental units and short-term rentals.

Section 22-502 - Interpretation.

In the interpretation and application of this article, all standards, criteria, and requirements shall be liberally construed in favor of the purposes and goals of the city as set forth in its comprehensive plan and deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other lawful regulatory powers of the city.

Where this article conflicts with or overlaps other articles or regulations, the more stringent shall prevail.

If any issue arises concerning the application of regulations, definitions, development criteria, performance standards, or any other provisions of this article, the code compliance manager shall be responsible for their interpretation. Responsibility for interpretation by the code compliance manager shall be limited to standards, regulations, and requirements of this article. Such responsibility shall not be construed to substitute for or abrogate any right or responsibilities specified to the mayor, or the city commission, or any board or official named in other sections of the city's code of ordinances. The code compliance manager shall rely upon the goals, objectives, and policies adopted in this article, the code of ordinances, and the city's comprehensive plan in making any such interpretation.

Section 22-503 - Definitions.

Advertising means any form of communication for marketing that is used to encourage, persuade or manipulate viewers, readers or listeners into contracting for goods and/or services as may be viewed through various media, including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, flyers, handbills, television commercials, radio, signage, direct mail, websites, emails, or text messages.

Commercial event is defined as an event with the purpose of making money or where a venue is hired for a commercial function where attendees are charged entry, which may include, but is not limited to, events such as parties, entertainment events, and attractions.

Good neighbor brochure means a document prepared by the city that summarizes the general rules of conduct, consideration, and other information including provisions of the code of ordinances, pertaining to the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit used or occupied as a short-term rental or vacation rental.

Maximum occupancy shall be calculated as one person for every 200 square feet, under air-conditioned space, of the rental unit if the building is being rented out in its entirety. If only a room (or rooms) is being rented, or the rental unit is also being concurrently occupied by the owner (or other), then the maximum occupancy shall be calculated as one person for every 150 gross square feet of the room (or rooms) being rented. For the purpose of this definition, a person shall mean any individual over the age of five (5) years.

Noise means any sound that annoys or disturbs humans or causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans or that would unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property. See Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Article II - Noise.

Owner means a person who is the owner of record of real property as documented by deed or other document evidencing ownership recorded at the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser and the Clerk of Court.

Rental unit. Rental unit(s) means any unit in a condominium, apartment, or cooperative, or any individually or collectively owned single-family, two-, three-, and four-family, or multi-family residence or dwelling unit. For purposes of this article, the term "rental unit(s)" is synonymous with the term "vacation rentals" and "short-term rentals" and is subject to all requirements imposed on vacation rentals or short-term rentals.

Repeat violation refers to a violation of a provision of a code or ordinance by a person who has been previously found through the special magistrate or any other quasi-judicial or judicial process, to have violated or who has admitted violating the same provision within five (5) years prior to the violation, notwithstanding the violations occur at different locations.

Residency shall mean a person's true, fixed location of bona fide domicile. It is the place a person intends to remain and return to when one leaves without intending to establish domicile elsewhere. Residency for the purpose of this article may only be demonstrated by the address listed on a Florida state-issued driver's license or a Florida state-issued identification card.

Short-term rental refers to rental units being rented for greater than 1 month but less than 6 months.

Vacation rental shall mean any unit in a condominium or cooperative or any individually or collectively owned single-family, two-family, or four-family house or dwelling unit that is also a transient public lodging establishment but that is not a timeshare project.

Vehicle means any vehicle or conveyance which is designed to travel along the ground or water. The term "vehicle" includes, but is not limited to, automobiles, buses, mopeds, motorcycles, trucks, tractors, trailers, go-carts, golf carts, motor homes, boats, watercraft and recreational vehicles.

Violation means any violation of any provision of the code, or any provision of local, state, or federal law or regulation for which the city has enforcement responsibility and/or authority. All definitions contained in the city's code of ordinances shall apply to this article; however, in the event of any conflict, the more stringent shall prevail.

Violator means the person or entity, natural or otherwise, in violation of those portions of the city's code of ordinances which are within the jurisdiction of the special magistrate. The term "violator" shall include each of the following: the owner of the property where the violation exists; the person in immediate control of the property where the violation exists, such as tenant or current resident; the person or entity that manages the property where the violation exists, such as a property management company or landlord, if separate from the owner; or manager or person in charge of the property where the violation exists. Multiple violators may be cited for a single violation. Any violation that is enforced against a violator as set forth in this section does not preclude the enforcement of the same violation against other violators.

Reserved 22-504 - 22-505.

DIVISION 2 - STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

Section 22-506. - Standards and requirements.

- 1) *Generally.* All vacation rental units and short-term rentals, whether single-family homes, duplexes, condominium units, three or more unit complexes, or multiple family complexes, must meet the minimum standards for habitable structures set forth in the Florida Building Code, the Florida Fire Code, the Florida Life Safety Code, the Federal Emergency Management Agency laws and regulations, and the Code of Ordinances, subject to legal nonconformities.
- 2) *Registration.* All vacation rentals and short-term rentals shall be required to have an updated rental unit registration issued by the city clerk's office. A rental unit registration is nontransferable between owners. A change of ownership of the rental unit shall require the new owner or his agent to obtain a new rental unit registration for the vacation rental or short-term rental.
- 3) *Swimming pool, spa, and hot tub safety.* An in-ground or above-ground swimming pool, spa, or hot tub offered or made available as an amenity at

- a vacation rental unit shall comply with current standards of the Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act, Chapter 515, Florida Statutes.
- 4) *Swimming pool, spa, and hot tub screening.* All in-ground and above-ground swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs at rental units shall meet the requirements contained in the Florida Building Code.
 - 5) *Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detection and notification system.* A working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide (CO) alarm system shall be present within the rental unit and maintained on a continuing basis consistent with the requirements of Smoke Alarms, and Section R315, Carbon Monoxide Alarms, of the Florida Building Code.
 - 6) *Fire extinguisher.* A portable, multi-purpose dry chemical 2A:10B:C fire extinguisher shall be installed, inspected, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 10 on each floor of a rental unit. The extinguisher(s) shall be installed on the wall in an open common area or in an enclosed space with appropriate markings visibly showing the location of the fire extinguisher.
 - 7) *Emergency egress maintenance and lighting.* Halls, entrances, and interior stairways within a rental unit shall be clean and lit. Hall and stair runners shall be kept in good condition. Rails shall be installed on all stairways. A safe, continuous, and unobstructed path of travel shall be provided from any point in a building or structure to the exit. The means of egress shall comply with the International Fire Code.
 - 8) *Local phone service.* At least one land line telephone or cellular telephone with the ability to call 911 or the local emergency number shall be available.
 - 9) *Parking.*
 - a) The minimum required on-site parking for dwelling rentals shall be one (1) 9'6" x 19' space.
 - b) The maximum allowed on-site parking for each rental single-family dwelling shall be based on the number of dedicated 9'6" x 19' spaces on the lot in which the dwelling rental occupies.
 - c) In multi-family residential instances, the maximum number of parking spaces allowed for each dwelling rental shall be limited to those spaces which are specifically assigned to the rental unit and not those which would be shared by all of the building tenants' guests, unless documentation is provided demonstrating there is no assigned parking spaces.
 - d) No overnight on-street parking shall be allowed by the responsible person/entity, renters, or their guests.
 - e) On-street parking shall only be allowed in marked and designated on-street parking areas.
 - f) No on-site parking shall be allowed on grassed surfaces, including boats, recreational vehicles, and other vehicles as defined in section in this article.
 - g) All on-site parking spaces and maneuvering areas shall comply with the surface material requirements set forth in section 125-315.
 - 10) *Elevators.* Any rental unit with an elevator shall meet the applicable requirements of the Florida Building Code, Florida Statutes, and any other required regulatory agency.
 - 11) *Solid waste handling and containment.* Vacation rental and short-term rental owners shall supply city-approved carts for containment of solid waste, etc. The owner or manager of a rental unit shall place the waste containers at a clearly marked location specified by the city and shall comply with the requirements of the Florida Building Codes and the code of ordinances.
 - 12) *Commercial events.* No rental unit may be leased as a location for a commercial event. It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this article for anyone to advertise or hold out the property to be used as a location for a commercial event.

- 13) *Fireworks.* Fireworks shall only be permitted in accordance with Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Article II and Florida Statutes.
- 14) *Domesticated animals.* All domesticated animals permitted in the rental unit shall comply with Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6 - Animals.
- 15) *Advertising requirement.* All advertising for rental units shall identify the city-issued business tax receipt number associated with the advertised rental property. The vacation business tax receipt number shall be included on all advertising, including, but not limited to print and internet-based advertising. Advertisements that do not contain this information or that contain inaccurate information shall be deemed a violation of this section for each day that the advertisement runs. Advertisements shall be consistent with section 22-511 of this article.
- 16) *Evacuation.* All occupants of the rental unit shall be required to promptly evacuate from the premises upon declaration of any evacuation order issued by state or local authorities.
- 17) *Sexual offenders.*
 - i. In addition to general compliance with all federal, state, county, and local laws, it is the affirmative duty and responsibility of the property owner and rental unit responsible person, individually and collectively, to ensure that sexual offenders, as defined by state law, register with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department ("SLCSD"), in accordance with state law, as may be amended from time to time.
 - ii. Notification of sexual offender status. At the time of reservation, the property owner or rental unit responsible person shall inquire if any rental unit occupant is a sexual offender, as defined by state law. If any rental unit occupant is a sexual offender as defined by state law, the property owner, rental unit agent, or both shall notify SLCSD within twenty-four (24) hours of being informed.
 - iii. Non-compliance. A property owner's failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection shall constitute a violation of this section, and may subject the property owner to revocation of the rental unit registration.
- 18) *Posted or displayed information (interior).* There shall be provided, in the unit within ten (10) feet of the front door, all of the following information. This information shall be made available for inspection by county or city staff.
 - a) The name, address, and phone number of the responsible person(s);
 - b) The maximum occupancy of the unit;
 - c) The maximum number of vehicles that can be parked at the unit, along with a sketch of the location of the parking spaces;
 - d) The days of trash pick-up, including type (i.e. bulk, recyclables, etc.). Trash shall not be placed for pick-up except after 6:00 pm on the day prior to pick-up, and the trash containers shall be removed from the curb no later than 6:00 pm on the day of pick-up, if applicable;
 - e) The location and contact information of the nearest hospital and police station, including non-emergency numbers;
 - f) A legible copy of the rental unit registration;
 - g) A legible copy of the rental unit business tax receipt;
 - h) A legible copy of this article; and
 - i) A legible copy of the agreement or digital version, between the owner and the rental unit occupant(s), for the duration of the rental period covered by that agreement.

Section 22-507. - Existing legal nonconformities.

- 1) Throughout the city there exist rental units with valid Business Tax Receipts (BTRs) that are legal nonconformities from various ordinances. Notwithstanding the Florida Building Code, the Florida Fire Code, and the

Florida Life Safety Code, it is not the intent of this article that these legal nonconformities be corrected as a condition of receipt of a rental unit registration. However, it shall be the responsibility of each rental unit to come into compliance with all of the minimum standards and requirements set forth in this article, as applicable.

- 2) For properties with existing BTRs, legal existing nonconformities shall be identified by the property owner and inventoried by the code enforcement department with the initial issuance of a rental unit registration. The final decision of whether a legal nonconformity exists shall be determined by the code enforcement department. The code enforcement department's decision may be appealed to the city's special magistrate within 30 days after the department's decision. Issuance of a rental unit registration is affirmative assent of existing legal nonconformities. Change of ownership of property shall not invalidate existing nonconformities associated with the initial rental unit registration.
- 3) Upon issuance of subsequent rental unit registration, if it is the determination of the code enforcement department that there are nonconformities not identified and inventoried with the original rental unit registration, the code enforcement department shall require nonconformities to come into compliance prior to issuing a new rental unit registration. Appeals of the code enforcement department's decision may be appealed to the city's special magistrate.

Section 22-508. - Exemption for pre-existing rental agreements.

- 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, rental agreements with prospective occupants for rental units that were pre-existing as of December 31, 2022, (hereinafter "pre-existing agreements") are exempt from the occupancy provisions of this chapter for maximum occupancy limits. Any pre-existing agreements for occupancy through 2022, shall be disclosed to the city by October 1, 2021. All advertising must be compliant for occupancy limits no later than October 1, 2021.
- 2) If a rental unit is cited for a violation of this article, (that would not be a violation if it were not for this section), when the rental unit is occupied under the terms of a pre-existing agreement, the rental owner may defend such violation based on the fact that the rental unit was exempt from this section due to it being occupied pursuant to a pre-existing agreement. Such defense shall be determined based upon the following information, and upon any additional information supplied by the rental unit owner or otherwise determined by the fact finder:
 - a) Copy of deposit or payment information evidencing that the agreement was a pre-existing agreement.
 - b) Copy of e-mail or other communication evidencing a binding pre-existing agreement.
 - c) Information from the occupant confirming that there was a binding agreement in a time frame to make the agreement as pre-existing agreement under this section.
- 3) If it is reasonably determined by the city staff, and confirmed by the city's special magistrate, that any information supplied to the city in support of an application for exemption, or in support of a defense based upon pre-existing agreement, was intentionally false or fraudulent, the person supplying the false or fraudulent information shall be subject to the penalties contained in this article.

Section 22-509. - Management company or responsible person.

- 1) An owner of a rental unit may designate a management company or responsible person to manage the unit on his/her behalf.

- 2) The responsible person shall officially reside in a dwelling unit located within St. Lucie County. Proof of residency shall be demonstrated to the city clerk's office in the form of a Florida Driver's License or Florida Identification Card only.
- 3) The city will provide a form for such purpose which must be completed and submitted to the city. The designation of management company or responsible person does not relieve the owner of the responsibility to comply with all state and local statutes and ordinances.
- 4) Upon a change of ownership or a transfer of management company or responsible person of a rental unit, the owner shall notify the city of the new owner, manager, and/or responsible person within ten (10) business days of such change. A vacation rental or short-term rental owner may change this authorization by submitting a new, properly executed authorization form. The new owner, management company, or responsible person shall comply with all procedural requirements of the code of ordinances and the conditions of the registration for the rental unit being transferred.
- 5) The management company or responsible person shall respond to any and all calls within one (1) hour. The failure of a management company or responsible person to respond within one (1) hour, three (3) times within a twelve-month period shall result in the revocation of the entity's ability to manage the rental unit on behalf of the property owner for a period of twelve months from the time that their management abilities are rescinded.

Section 22-510. - Application for rental unit registration.

The application shall contain all information relevant to review and approval of a rental unit registration, including but not limited to, the following information:

- 1) Property owner.
 - a) Name.
 - b) Address.
 - c) Mailing address (if different).
 - d) Telephone number.
 - e) E-mail address.
- 2) Property management or responsible person.
 - a) Name.
 - b) Address.
 - c) Mailing address (if different).
 - d) Telephone number.
 - e) Local emergency and contact phone with 24-hour availability for receiving notice of violations.
 - f) E-mail address.
- 3) Property and rental unit address and telephone number.
 - a) Number and street address, including individual unit numbers or letters.
 - b) The name of the rental unit property (e.g., "Mermaid's Hideaway"), if one is used.
 - c) The cell phone or landline number for the rental unit.
- 4) Proof of ownership. The following proofs of ownership must be submitted:
 - a) Copy of recent profile from property appraiser.
 - b) Active Sunbiz registration for corporate ownership, if applicable.
- 5) Parcel identification number (assigned by the county property appraiser).
- 6) Property description type.
 - a) Single-family unit.
 - b) Duplex unit.
 - c) Triplex unit, quadraplex unit, or similar.
 - d) Condominium unit.
- 7) Maximum occupancy.
- 8) Parking.
 - a) Number of onsite parking spaces.

- b) Location of onsite parking spaces.
- 9) Exterior site sketch.
- 10) Interior building sketch (including all bedrooms, extinguishers, alarms, ingress/egress, living spaces, etc.).
- 11) Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation license number (if applicable).
- 12) Florida Sales Tax Identification Number.
- 13) St. Lucie County Tourist Development Tax Account Number.
- 14) St. Lucie County Business Tax Receipt (if applicable).
- 15) Payment of all applicable fees.
- 16) Verification of no pending Code Enforcement proceedings for the rental unit.
- 17) Proof of no outstanding balance due to the city for the rental unit.

Section 22-511. - Rental unit advertising requirement.

All advertising for rental units shall indicate the city rental unit Business Tax Receipt number, the maximum occupancy limit of the rental unit, and the maximum parking available on the property as specified on the rental unit registration on file with the city clerk. The advertisement shall also include a link to the good neighbor brochure provided by the City of Fort Pierce.

Advertisements that do not contain this information or that contain inaccurate information shall be deemed a violation of this article and subject to the penalties contained in this article.

Section 22-512. - Modification of rental unit registration.

An amendment of a rental unit registration shall be required in the event that any of the following changes to the dwelling rental are proposed:

- 1) An increase in the maximum occupancy of the rental unit;
- 2) An increase or decrease in the number of parking spaces, or a change in the location of parking spaces for the rental unit; or
- 3) A change in ownership, management company, or responsible person of the rental unit.

Section 22-513. - Duration of rental unit registration.

Rental unit registrations shall expire on September 30 of each year.

Section 22-514. - Renewal of rental unit registration.

- 1) Rental unit registrations must be renewed annually prior to the expiration date of September 30.
- 2) The renewal shall consist of the following:
 - a. A completed renewal application;
 - b. Copy of current state required licenses;
 - c. Updated management company or responsible person information;
 - d. Verification of no pending code enforcement proceedings for the rental unit;
 - e. Verification of no outstanding balance due to the city for the rental unit;
 - f. Attestation that no modifications have been made to the unit;
 - g. All applicable fees;

Section 22-516. - Denial and revocation of rental unit registration.

- 1) The city clerk may revoke or deny the issuance of a rental unit registration if it is determined that an applicant:
 - a) Has obtained the registration by fraud, false statement, misrepresentation, or failure to truthfully answer any question in the required registration application;

- b) Has failed to satisfy the standards and requirements contained in this article;
 - c) Has failed to obtain required approvals from the state or obtain a city business tax receipt; or
 - d) Has received three (3) orders of violation as determined by the special magistrate within the same fiscal year.
- 2) Not later than 30 days after the filing of a completed application for a rental unit registration, the applicant shall be notified by the city clerk's office of the decision on the issuance or denial of the registration. If the issuance of the rental unit registration is approved, the city clerk shall issue the registration. If the registration is denied, the applicant shall be provided with a statement of the reasons for denial, which reasons shall be entered in writing on the application. Failure of the city clerk to place notification of said decision in the mail or personally notify the applicant with acknowledgment shall require immediate issuance of the requested registration to the applicant.
 - 3) Any person aggrieved by the denial or revocation of a registration as provided in this article shall have the right to appeal to the city commission. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the city clerk's office, within 14 days after notice of the action complained of has been mailed to such person's last-known address, a written statement setting forth specifically the ground of the appeal. The city clerk shall set a date and the time and place of hearing of such appeal. Such notice shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the applicant at his last-known address at least five days prior to the date set for hearing. The decision and order of the city commission on such appeal shall be final and conclusive.
 - 4) Applications which have been denied or revoked that remain under the same ownership, may reapply after a period of 12 months has elapsed from the date of the denial or revocation.

Reserved 22-517 – 22-520.

DIVISION 3. - ENFORCEMENT

Section 22-521. - Enforcement of rental units.

- 1) The police department's officers, code enforcement officers, and any other city employees designated by the city manager shall enforce this article; complaints may be filed with the City using all available and acceptable methods.
- 2) Provisions of this article may be enforced by the city as a civil violation pursuant to chapter 1, article II, division 2 or chapter 1, article II, division 3.
 - a) Violations of this article addressed by chapter 1, article II, division 3 shall be addressed via a citation and shall:
 1. Be issued directly to the violator (tenant/occupant).
 2. Be issued for each individual and separate violation.
 3. Be considered a class II violation.
 - b) Violations of this article addressed by chapter 1, article II, division 2 shall be addressed via notice of violation and shall:
 1. Be issued to the property owner, per state statute 162.12(1)(a), with additional copies provided to the management company or responsible person.
 2. Be issued as a result of any violation of any provision of this section or be issued as a result of the issuance of a citation to a tenant or occupant.
 3. Shall be considered irreversible and, per state statute 162.09(2)(a), may result in a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation.
- 3) Each consecutive day that a violation continues may be considered a separate violation.

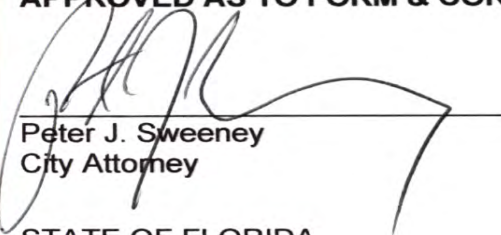
- 4) Copies of all enforcement activities shall be provided to the city clerk's office.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same shall be repealed and shall be of no further force or effect whatsoever.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be and become effective on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM & CORRECTNESS:



Peter J. Sweeney
City Attorney

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE


WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Mayor Commissioner and the City Clerk of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing and above Ordinance No. 21-019 was duly advertised by title only in the St. Lucie News Tribune on June 26, 2021 and July 9, 2021; copy of said Ordinance was made available at the office of the City Clerk to the public upon request; said Ordinance was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on first reading by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on July 6, 2021; and was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on second and final reading July 19, 2021 by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida.

IN WITNESS HEREWITH, we hereunto set our hands and affix the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, this 19th day of July, 2021.

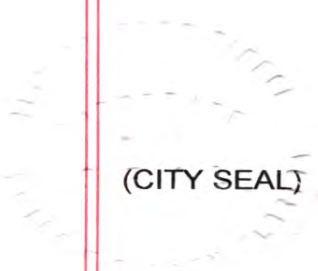


Linda Hudson
MAYOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Linda W. Cox, City Clerk



(CITY SEAL)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-R39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING BY RESOLUTION THE **ANNUAL SHORT TERM AND VACATION RENTAL INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE AND RENEWAL REGISTRATION FEE**; ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE RENEWAL REGISTRATION FEE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Pierce, Florida has enacted Chapter 22, Article X providing for the registration of vacation and short-term rentals within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, at its Conference Agenda Meeting on June 12, 2023, consensus of the Mayor and City Commission was to reduce the initial registration fee and further reduce the fee upon renewal based upon the revised estimates of staff time and costs associated with administering the program; and

WHEREAS, the City of City Pierce establishes all fees by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida as follows:

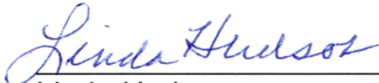
Section 1. The City Commission hereby establishes the initial registration fee for short term and vacation rentals at \$350.00.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby establishes the renewal registration fee for short term and vacation rentals at \$200.00 annually.

Section 3. Only rentals with a valid registration for the preceding twelve months shall be eligible for the renewal rate.

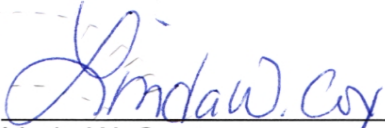
Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 20th day of June, 2023.



Linda Hudson
Mayor Commissioner

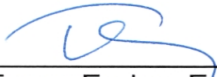
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Linda W. Cox
City Clerk

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Tanya Earley, Esq.
City Attorney