

ORDINANCE NO. 23-023

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, **AMENDING CHAPTER 117**, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "**SIGNS**", SECTION 117-8 BY REPEALING PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT WITH § 553.792(2)(A), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted the "Florida Building Codes Act" in 2001 to provide for uniform adoption, updating, amendment, interpretation, and enforcement of a single, unified statewide building code; and

WHEREAS, section 553.792, Florida Statutes, provides procedures to local government and deadlines to act on building permit applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida:

SECTION 1. Chapter 117 of the Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 117-8. – Permit Procedures

(b) *Application.* All plans and layouts for a sign or advertising structure shall be accompanied by an application which shall be filed with the building department in accordance with chapter 103 of this Code prior to the issuance of any permit. ~~The application shall be approved or disapproved by the building department within 15 days of the date it is received. In the event it is not either approved or disapproved within such period of time, it shall be deemed approved.~~ Said application shall describe and set forth the following:

- (1) The type of proposed sign or advertising structure requested as defined in this chapter.
- (2) The street address and legal description of the property upon which said sign is to be located.
- (3) The square foot area per sign face and message content.
- (4) Plans drawn to scale showing:
 - a. The location of all proposed signs and existing signs to be retained.
 - b. Complete design specifications of all proposed signs to show methods of construction and installation in accordance with the provisions of the state building code.
- (5) Photographs of all existing on-site signs.
- (6) The name and address of the person in control or possession of the property upon which said sign is to be located and authorization from same for possession to place said sign upon the property.
- (7) The name of the person or contractor erecting the structure.
- (8) Such other pertinent information as may be required by the building department.

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 thereof that may be determined to be in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance is and the same shall become effective immediately upon final passage hereof.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

Tanya M. Earley
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. 23-023 was duly advertised by title only in the St. Lucie News Tribune on ____; 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 Monday, April 3, 2023; and was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on second and final reading on Monday, April 17, 2023, 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.

Linda Hudson
MAYOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST

Linda W. Cox
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)