

ORDINANCE NO. 26-015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; **AMENDING CHAPTER 103 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III – CONTRACTORS, BY AMENDING SECTION 103-89 BY MODIFYING THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF CONTRACTORS**; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City adopted Ordinance 25-018 in July, 2025 which provided for individual appointments of Board members by the Mayor and City Commission to serve concurrently with the term of the appointing official; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Pierce has determined that, because members of the Board of Examiners of Contractors are required to represent specific industry sectors, individual appointments made by the Mayor and Commissioners are not an effective method for filling these positions.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III – Contractors, Section 103-89, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 103-89. Board of examiners of contractors—Members; officers generally; meetings; rules.

- (a) Membership. There shall be appointed by a majority vote of the city commission a board of examiners of contractors, consisting of five members who have been residents of the city for at least two years. The term of office of each member of the board shall be for four (4) years. The board shall consist of two consumer representatives, and three members licensed in the state from any of the following fields: architect; engineer; swimming pool, roofing, or other specialty contractor; general, residential, or building contractor; electrical contractor; plumbing contractor; or mechanical or air-conditioning contractor. The consumer representatives may be any resident of the city who is not, and has never been, a member or practitioner of a profession regulated by the board or a member of any closely related profession. ~~Each member of the city commission shall appoint one member to serve concurrently with the appointee's term.~~ Any member may be removed with or without cause by the city commission, without notice or hearing.
- (b) Officers. The board shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson, who shall serve in such capacity for a term of one year and until their successor has been selected. The chairperson, or in the chairperson's absence, the acting chairperson, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses.
- (c) Meetings. Meetings of the board of examiners of contractors shall be held at the call of the chairperson and at such other times as the board may determine necessary. All meetings shall be open to the public. The board shall keep minutes of its proceedings showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact. It shall also keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the office of the city clerk and shall be public record. Additional rules shall be adopted by the board

for the transaction of its business which are consistent with the terms of this chapter and other applicable laws.

- (d) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the board members shall be required to make any decisions.

SECTION 2. 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 3. If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this article, which shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provisions to the fullest extent possible.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

Sara K. Hedges
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. 26-015 was duly advertised by title only in the St. Lucie News Tribune on July 10, 2026; 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, July 20, 2026; and was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on second and final reading on Monday, August 3, 2026, 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 3rd day of August, 2026.

Linda Hudson
MAYOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST

Linda W. Cox
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)