

AN ORDINANCE OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 2-6 OF THE MANATEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; DELETING SUPERFLUOUS, LOCAL BUILDING REGULATIONS AND ADOPTING THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE BY REFERENCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida (the Board), to exercise powers that are not inconsistent with general or special law; and

WHEREAS, the Building Division Manager of Manatee County has recommended that the Code of Ordinances be simplified and amended to delete superfluous, local building regulations and adopt the Florida Building Code, which will apply to building construction taking place in the unincorporated portions of Manatee County (the County); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that adopting Ordinance 21-21 is in the best interests of the County, its citizens, taxpayers and business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board:

Section 1. Section 2-6-1 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows, where the underlined text constitutes an addition and the ~~stricken~~ text constitutes a deletion:

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 2-6-1. - Building Code adopted.

(a) The Florida Building Code as referenced by Florida Statute section 553.73 is hereby adopted for use in the unincorporated portions of Manatee County. A new building code for Manatee County, Florida, is hereby adopted, consisting of the 1997 edition of the Standard Building Code, including errata that may be published and all appendices except Appendix "B", "C", "F" and "I", copyrighted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., as amended in the manner provided in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The county is authorized to adopt permit and other related fees and charges by separate ordinance and resolution.

(b) Wherever the term "Building Code" is contained in a county ordinance, resolution, or other official document for the purposes of referencing the building code officially adopted by Manatee County, any such reference is hereby deemed to refer to the most current Florida Building Code as adopted by the county or as may be deemed automatically adopted by the county under Florida law. ~~A copy of the aforesaid code and~~

amendments thereto shall be kept with the clerk of the circuit court in Manatee County, Florida.

Section 2. Section 2-6-2 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows, where the stricken text constitutes a deletion:

~~Sec. 2-6-2.- Mechanical code adopted.~~

~~(a) A new mechanical code for Manatee County, Florida, is hereby adopted, consisting of the 1997 edition of the Standard Mechanical Code, and all appendices except Appendix "B", copyrighted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. copyrighted works owned by the International Code Council, Inc except as amended in the manner provided in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.~~

~~(b) A copy of the aforesaid code and amendments thereto shall be kept with the clerk of the circuit court in and for Manatee County, Florida.~~

~~(Ord. No. 90-34, § 1, 3-13-90; Ord. No. 93-37, §§ 1, 2, 8-23-93; Ord. No. 98-06, §§ 1, 2, 4-7-98)~~

Section 3. Section 2-6-3 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows, where the stricken text constitutes a deletion:

~~Sec. 2-6-3.- Electrical code adopted.~~

~~(a) The 1999 edition of the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70-1999, published by the National Fire Protection Administration, with the local amendments to said Code provided in this section, is hereby adopted as the electrical code for Manatee County, Florida. A copy of the National Electrical Code is on file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court.~~

~~(b) Part A of Article 100 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended by the addition of definitions to read as follows:-~~

~~*Article 100—Definitions*~~

~~A.—General~~

~~*Family.* One or more persons living together on a non-transient basis as a single non-profit housekeeping group in a dwelling unit, which group is comprised of one of the following:-~~

- ~~(1) A natural family of one or more persons who are all related to each other by law, blood, marriage or adoption; or~~
- ~~(2) Two (2) or more persons related by law, blood, marriage or adoption (the natural family) and not more than four (4) persons who are not so related to persons in the natural family; or~~
- ~~(3) A group of not more than six (6) persons who are not related by law, blood, marriage or adoption.~~

~~New construction. Construction activity for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of this section.~~

~~Usable crawl space. Crawl space which is designed for piping, wiring or ductwork, and which has a minimum clearance of eighteen inches (18") between the grade and the underside of any structural members.~~

~~(c) Section 210-11 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended by the addition of paragraph (d) to read as follows:~~

~~210-11. Branch Circuits Required.~~

~~(d) Spare Branch Circuits. In each service installation, space for two (2) or more spare circuits shall be provided within each branch circuit panelboard.~~

~~(d) Section 220-4 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended by the addition of paragraph (d) to read as follows:~~

~~220-4. Maximum Loads.~~

~~(d) Residential Lighting and Receptacle Outlet Loads. The maximum number of lighting and receptacle outlets on a two (2) wire circuit shall be ten (10) outlets on a 14-2 AWG.~~

~~(e) Section 230-28 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended by the addition of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) to read as follows:~~

~~230-28. Service Masts as Supports.~~

~~(a) All service entrance conductors shall be in a raceway.~~

~~(b) All service masts extending through the roof shall be a minimum size of two inches (2") rigid galvanized metal conduit or IMC conduit.~~

~~(c) During any service change, the new service shall be brought into compliance with all applicable codes currently in effect.~~

~~(f) Section 250-50 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended by the addition of subparagraph (a)(3) to read as follows:~~

~~250-50. Grounding Electrode System.~~

~~(a) Metal Underground Water Pipe.~~

~~(3) Other Requirements. A metal underground water pipe shall not be smaller than three-fourths inch ($\frac{3}{4}$ "). When all underground water piping is non-metallic metal, the system shall be grounded in compliance with Section 250-56 (two (2) electrodes six feet (6') apart).~~

~~(g) Section 310-14 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~310-14. Aluminum Conductor Material.~~

~~No aluminum wire shall be permitted to be installed.~~

~~(h) Section 336-5 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended by the addition of paragraph (c) to read as follows:-~~

~~336-5. Uses Not Permitted.~~

~~(c) Wiring in Raceways. In addition to the locations and types of structures specified in this Code, wiring installations shall be in raceways for all nonresidential facilities and all adult congregate living facilities, residential custodial care facilities, and supervisory care facilities housing six (6) or more persons.-~~

~~Exception: Low voltage and signaling circuits when installed in accordance with other applicable sections of this Code, including, but not limited to, Articles 700, 725, 760, 800 and 820.-~~

~~(i) Paragraph (c) of Section 410-16 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended to read as follows:-~~

~~410-16. Means of Support.~~

~~(c) Suspended Ceilings. Fixtures installed within the framework of a suspended ceiling system shall be supported by galvanized iron wire fastened at diagonal ends of the fixture and shall be attached to structural members above the ceiling grid work.-~~

~~(j) Section 422-33 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended by the addition of paragraph (e) to read as follows:-~~

~~422-33. Unit Switch(es) as Disconnecting Means.~~

~~(e) Residential Dishwashers. All residential dishwashers installed shall be connected by cord and plug.-~~

~~(k) Subparagraph (a)(2) of Section 680-20 of the National Electrical Code is hereby amended to read as follows:-~~

~~680-20. Underwater Lighting Fixtures.~~

~~(a) General.~~

~~(2) No lighting fixtures shall be installed for operation at over thirty (30) volts between conductors.-~~

~~(l) Appendix F of the National Electrical Code is hereby created to read as follows:~~

~~APPENDIX F—REFERENCE STANDARDS~~

~~The following referenced standards and editions shall be part of the electrical code for Manatee County:-~~

~~(1) The following standards of the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) which prescribe minimum electrical requirements:-~~

~~(a) NFPA 56A-1978, Inhalation Anesthetics, 1978 edition.~~

~~(b) NFPA 56B-1982, Respiratory Therapy, 1982 edition.~~

- ~~(c) NFPA 56C-1980, Laboratories in Health Related Institutions, 1980 edition.~~
- ~~(d) NFPA 56D-1982, Hyperbaric Facilities, 1982 edition.~~
- ~~(e) NFPA 56F-1983, Nonflammable Medical Gas Systems, 1983 edition.~~
- ~~(f) NFPA 76A-1984, Essential Electrical Systems for Health Care Facilities, 1984 edition.~~

~~(2) UL 57 and UL 153 (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.), Standards for Safety—Electrical Lighting Fixtures and Portable Lamps, most recent editions.~~

~~(3) UL 48 (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.), Standards for Electric Signs, most recent edition.~~

~~(4) Chapter 59A-4, Florida Administrative Code, as amended, Minimum Standards for Nursing Homes.~~

~~(m) All electrical equipment and wiring located within the limits of the one-hundred-year floodplain shall comply with Article II of Chapter 2-10 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, as amended, Section 718 of the Manatee County Land Development Code, as amended, and all other applicable federal, state, county and local statutes, laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations relating to floodplain management. All new electrical equipment and wiring shall be installed at or above the base flood elevation unless otherwise provided in the codes or regulations referenced above. The following electrical equipment and wiring shall be allowed below the base flood elevation if the construction is self-draining:~~

~~(1) Meters; provided, however, that all disconnects must comply with minimum elevation requirements.~~

~~(2) Wall switches for stair and exterior exit lighting as required for safety purposes.~~

~~(3) Electrical branch circuits to exempt equipment such as well pumps, irrigation pumps and pool pumps.~~

~~(n) This Code shall be administered in accordance with Article 90 of the National Electrical Code, as amended, Chapter 1 of the Standard Building Code, as amended, and other policies and procedures established by Manatee County.~~

~~(Ord. No. 90-5, § 1, 3-13-90; Ord. No. 93-38, §§ 1, 3, 8-23-93; Ord. No. 98-07, §§ 1—3, 4-7-98; Ord. No. 00-26, § 1, 5-16-2000)~~

Section 4. Section 2-6-4 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows, where the stricken text constitutes a deletion:

~~Sec. 2-6-4.— Gas code adopted.~~

~~(a) A gas code for Manatee County, Florida, is hereby adopted, consisting of the 1997 edition of the Standard Gas Code, and all appendices except Appendices "B", "C", and "D", copyrighted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., and those~~

portions of the National Fuel Gas Code (NFPA 54), 1996 edition, and the Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases (NFPA 58), 1995 edition, which are applicable to building construction, as amended in the manner provided in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

~~(b) The terms, conditions, covenants and restrictions contained in the code, as referenced and supplemented herein, shall constitute the minimum standards set forth in this section; the same being applicable and supplemented herein, shall constitute the minimum standards set forth in this section; the same being applicable to the installation of consumers' gas systems from point of delivery to inlet connection, the installation and operation of gas appliances and the design, fabrication, installation, testing and operation of systems for fuel gases within the unincorporated areas of Manatee County.~~

~~(c) A copy of the aforesaid Code with amendments and supplements thereto shall be kept with the clerk of the circuit court for Manatee County, Florida.~~

~~(Ord. No. 93-39, §§ 1, 3, 8-23-93; Ord. No. 98-08, §§ 1-3, 4-7-98)~~

Section 5. Section 2-6-5 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows, where the underlined text constitutes an addition and the ~~stricken~~ text constitutes a deletion: ~~Sec. 2-6-5. - Wind speed lines.~~

~~Manatee County hereby establishes the location of wind speed lines by adopting the map entitled "Wind-Borne Debris Region" dated October 2, 2001, which is attached to Ordinance No. 01-68 and incorporated herein by reference. A copy of said map is on file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court.~~

~~(Ord. No. 01-68, § 1, 12-18-01)~~

~~Secs. 2-6-62—2-6-15. - Reserved.~~

Section 6. Pursuant to Section 125.68(1), F.S., the codifier of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, Municipal Code Corporation, shall codify the substantive amendments to the Manatee County Code contained in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this Ordinance as provided herein, and shall not codify any other sections not designated for codification.

Section 7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this Ordinance is held invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Ordinance shall withstand any severed provision, as the Board of County Commissioners would have adopted the Ordinance and its regulatory scheme even absent the invalid part.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing with the State of Florida Department of State.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 6th day of May 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Vanessa Baugh, Chairperson

**ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk