

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 3.8.3 OF THE CITY OF LARGO COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY STANDARD DIVISION'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CDC RELATING TO ILLEGAL AND PROHIBITED STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Largo City Commission previously adopted the Comprehensive Development Code (CDC), which encompasses the City's land development regulations; and

WHEREAS, the CDC is intended to regulate and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Largo, and to implement the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Comprehensive Development Code are necessary to define the Community Standard Division's responsibilities and enforcement authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that adoption of this ordinance is consistent with its police powers and will protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City, and is consistent with, furthers and implements the purposes, goals, policies, and objectives of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF LARGO CITY COMMISSION HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference as the findings of the City Commission.

SECTION 2. That Section 3.8.3 of the City of Largo Comprehensive Development Code is amended to read as follows:

3.8.3 - Enforcement Authority

Authority for enforcement of this CDC's requirements is set out in Chapter 2. The enforcement powers of the DCO, the Building Official, the City Engineer, and the Fire Marshal may be delegated to code inspectors /officers as provided below or as deemed appropriate by each official.

A.Engineering Inspectors - The Engineering Inspectors may issue stop work orders for noncompliance with any of the conditions of an approved DO or DP.

B.City arborist - The City's arborist, or designee, may issue stop work orders for noncompliance with the standards of this CDC relating to enforcement of landscaping and irrigation standards of an approved DO, tree removal permit, or site clearing and demolition permit.

C.Building inspectors - The Building inspectors shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable Building Code standards and may issue stop work orders for noncompliance with any of the conditions of an approved DO or DP.

D.Police Department Community Standards - The Building Division and Community Standards Division are may empowered ~~the Police Department~~ with code enforcement authority for the removal of illegal and prohibited structures including, but not limited to, signs. ~~Once empowered,~~ The Police Department Community Standards Division shall issue notices of violation and may refer unresolved matters to the City of Largo Code Enforcement Board or Special Magistrate in accordance with Chapter 9 of the City Code of

Ordinances, may require the violator(s) to appear in county court, or may take any other enforcement methods available.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and superseded.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Largo City Commission that each provision hereof be considered severable, and, if any section, subsection, sentence, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage and adoption.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON

SECOND AND FINAL READING _____

CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

Louis (Woody) L. Brown, Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Alan S. Zimmet, City Attorney

Diane Bruner, City Clerk