



**BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2522-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STUART AMENDING CHAPTER 22; FIRE PREVENTION; OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; ADDING A NEW SECTION 22-63; TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF ALL FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM INSPECTION REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, The Florida Fire Prevention Code is adopted by the State Fire Marshal at three-year intervals as required by Chapter 633.202 Florida Statutes. This complex set of fire code provisions are adopted for use statewide every three years without adoption by local governments; and amongst many other matters, regulates the inspection and reporting of fire protection systems such as fire sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, with the advancement of technology and the available access to the internet by all, requiring electronic reporting of fire protection systems inspection reports will be more efficient, cost effective, and result in higher compliance with inspection requirements; and,

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the City Commission to maintain the highest of standards as it relates to fire protection and prevention. To reduce the vulnerability of the people and property of the City of Stuart, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission determines that it is in the best interest of the public safety and welfare of its citizens to amend Chapter 22 relating to fire prevention, to ensure all fire protection system inspection reports are being promptly reported electronically to the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, THAT:**

SECTION 1: The City of Stuart Code of Ordinances, Fire Prevention Chapter 22, Article III Fire Codes, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 22-63 to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE III. FIRE CODES

Sec. 22-63. Protection Systems Electronic Inspection Reporting Requirement

Properly functioning fire protection systems are a vital element in saving lives and property. The maintenance and operation of these systems is critical for them to function properly. Any new or existing fire protection system inspection report shall be electronically uploaded to an approved reporting system as determined by the City of Stuart Fire Rescue Department. Examples of fire protection inspection reports include, but are not limited to, fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, kitchen suppression systems, emergency radio communication enhancement systems/BDA, chemical suppression systems, to name a few. All companies/contractors who service, test, install and/or maintain fire protection systems within the city are required to enroll and utilize an approved service to file electronic reports of all system inspections. The City of Stuart is currently using The Compliance Engine for this service.

SECTION 2: If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this section is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be codified into the Code of Ordinances upon adoption.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Ordinance No. 2522-2023
Amending Chapter 22 – Fire Prevention

Passed on first reading the 28th day of August, 2023.

Commissioner COLLINS offered the foregoing Ordinance and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner BRUNER and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

TROY MCDONALD, MAYOR
BECKY BRUNER, VICE MAYOR
EULA R. CLARKE, COMMISSIONER
CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, COMMISSIONER
CAMPBELL RICH, COMMISSIONER

| YES | NO | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
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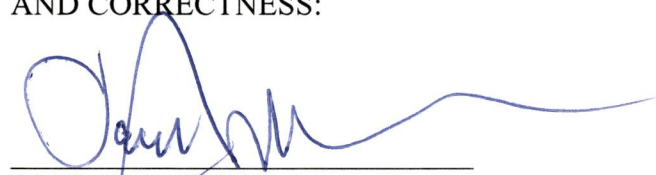
ADOPTED on second and final reading this 25th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:


MARY R. KINDEL 9/28/2023
CITY CLERK


TROY MCDONALD
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:


PAUL J. NICOLETTI
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

