

ORDINANCE 25-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 100.07. - AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; CREATION. - OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 24-R59 to improve the operation of City boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, inconsistencies between Resolution 24-R59 and the preexisting ordinances governing the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee have been found; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to give effect to the intent expressed in Resolution 24-R59;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Ratification of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Title IX. – General Regulations, Chapter 100 – Local Housing Assistance, Sec. 100.07 – Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; Creation, is amended as follows:

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Sec. 100.07. Affordable housing advisory committee; creation.

- (a) The affordable housing advisory committee is hereby created and established. The members of the advisory committee shall be appointed by ~~resolution~~ of the city council.
- (b) The affordable housing advisory committee shall consist of nine members who reside in the city. Five members shall constitute a quorum. The committee may not take formal action unless a quorum is present, but may meet to hear presentations if duly noticed. The affordable housing advisory committee shall include one locally elected official and one representative from at least six of the following categories, which individuals may overlap with or be part of the local housing partnership:
 - (1) A citizen who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing.
 - (2) A citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage industry in connection with affordable housing.
 - (3) A citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing.
 - (4) A citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing.
 - (5) A citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing.

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- (6) A citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing.
- (7) A citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.
- (8) A citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, notwithstanding any City ordinance or resolution to the contrary. Only one citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency may serve on the affordable housing advisory committee.
- (9) A citizen who resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments.
- (10) A citizen who represents the employers within the jurisdiction.
- (11) A citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan.
- (c) ~~Members shall serve for one year terms and may be reappointed for subsequent terms.~~ Alternate members may be appointed by the city council and may, in the absence of a quorum of regular members, act as full members and be counted as members present for the purpose of constituting a quorum, provided that, at all times, the composition of the committee shall comply with the requirements of Section 420.9076, Florida Statutes, as may be amended.
- (d) In general, meetings shall be held at least monthly during the time period that the committee is carrying out its duties as set forth in section 420.9076, Florida Statutes, as may be amended.
- (e) The affordable housing advisory committee shall comply with the government in the Sunshine Law, the public records law, and the special provisions regarding notice found in section 420.9076, Florida Statutes, as may be amended. Minutes of the meeting shall be kept. Staff, administrative and facility support shall be provided by the city.
- (f) The affordable housing advisory committee shall annually elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary. The chairperson is charged with the duty of conducting meetings in a manner consistent with law.
- (g) Annually, the affordable housing advisory committee shall review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations and adopted local comprehensive plan of the city and shall recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value. The recommendations may include the modification or repeal of existing policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations or plan provisions; the creation of exceptions applicable to affordable housing; or the adoption of new policies, procedures, regulations, ordinances or plan provisions, including recommendations to amend the local government comprehensive plan and corresponding regulations, ordinances, and other policies. At a minimum, the affordable housing advisory committee shall submit a final report to the city council that includes recommendations on, and triennially evaluates the implementation of affordable housing incentives in the areas outlined in section 420.9076(4), Florida Statutes in compliance, as may be amended.
- (h) Recommendations may include the modification or repeal of existing policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations or plan provisions. At a minimum, the affordable housing advisory committee shall make recommendations on affordable housing incentives in the areas outlined in section 420.9076(4), Florida Statutes.
- (i) The affordable housing committee shall make recommendations, which shall be approved by a majority of its membership at a public hearing. Notice of the time, date and place of the public hearing shall comply with section 420.9076(5), Florida Statutes, as may be amended.

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Section 5. Conflict. If any ordinances, or parts of ordinances, are in conflict herewith this Ordinance shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 6. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Codification. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions; the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section” or other appropriate word as may be necessary.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption on second reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE**

By: _____
Shannon Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard Berrios, City Attorney