



**Text Amendment to Chapters 153 and Section 158.233  
(P25-215)**

City Council Meetings March 23, 2026 & April 13, 2026

# Request Summary

Request:	A City initiated text amendment to Chapter 153: Definitions and Section 158.233. Reasonable Accommodation Procedures of the Zoning Code.
Applicant:	City of Port St. Lucie
Strategic Plan	This application supports Goal 7 of the Strategic Plan: High Performing Government Organization

# Reason for the Proposed Changes

Effective July 1, 2025, the State's regulatory framework for certified recovery residences was updated by the enactment of Chapter 2025-182 and codified in Subsection 397.487(15)(a) of the Florida Statutes. This new legislation mandates that every municipality adopt a specific ordinance establishing local procedures for the review and approval of certified recovery residences within its jurisdiction.

# Proposed Amendment

Sec. 153.01. Definitions.

CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCE. A recovery residence that holds a valid certificate of compliance and is actively managed by a certified recovery residence administrator. As further defined in Chapter 397.311 Florida Statutes, as amended.

# Proposed Amendment

- Adds a new subsection (K) at the end of Section 158.233 Reasonable accommodation procedures regarding Certified Recovery Residences.

Key additions to include:

- Establishing a mandatory timeline for the review of certified recovery residence applications.
- The automatic granting of requests if a final written determination is not issued by the City within the specified timeline.
- Restricting the use of a lapsed certification or licensure as a basis for revoking existing accommodation.

# Recommendation

On March 3, 2026 the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the proposed text amendments.