

ORDINANCE 2002 - 14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-02, AS AMENDED; WHICH ESTABLISHED A CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION VIII (A), ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has found it necessary to amend Ordinance 99-02, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 25th day of March, 2002, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that Ordinance 99-02, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

1. SECTION VIII. ENFORCEMENT

(1) The Code Enforcement Board shall have the authority as prescribed in Florida Statutes, 162.08, to hold hearings and impose fines against violators of County ordinances. The specific ordinances shall be delineated by the Board of County Commissioners by separate Resolution. ~~This Resolution shall be prepared and presented to the Board of County Commissioners by the Chairman of the Code Enforcement Board.~~

(2) The Board of County Commissioners may also appoint Special Masters to conduct hearings and make recommendations to the Code Enforcement Board as to violations and the imposition of fines. The appointment of Special Masters and their duties and responsibilities shall

be established by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Should Special Masters be appointed, the Code Enforcement Board shall receive written recommendations, including documents and transcripts of the Special Master hearings from the Special Master(s) as to the violation and/or fines. The Code Enforcement Board may have the Special Master personally appear and make a verbal report as well as a written report.

(3) If a violation of the Codes is found, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the violator and give him a reasonable time to correct the violation. Should the violation continue beyond the time specified for correction, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the Code Enforcement Board and request a hearing. The Code Enforcement Board, through its clerical staff, shall schedule a hearing before the Board or Special Master, if Special Masters are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and written notice of such hearing shall be hand delivered or mailed as set forth in Florida Statutes, Section 162.12. If the violation is corrected and then recurs or if the violation is not corrected by the time specified by the Code Enforcement Officer, the case may be presented to the Code Enforcement Board or Special Master

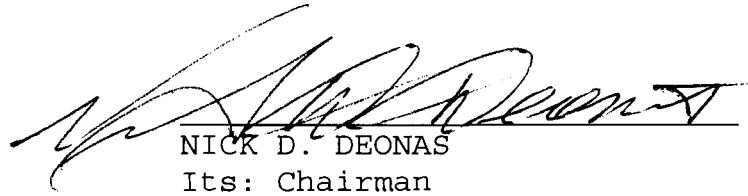
even if the violation has been corrected prior to the Board's hearing and the notice shall so state.

(4) If a repeat violation is found, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the violator but is not required to give the violator a reasonable time to correct the violation. The Code Enforcement Officer, upon notifying the violator of a repeat violation, shall notify the Code Enforcement Board and request a hearing. The Code Enforcement Board, through its clerical staff, shall schedule a hearing before the Board or Special Master, if Special Masters are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and shall provide written notice of such hearing as set forth in Florida Statutes, Section 162.12. The case may be presented to the Code Enforcement Board or Special Master even if the repeat violation is corrected prior to the Board's hearing and the notice shall so state. If the repeat violation has been corrected, the Code Enforcement Board retains the right to schedule a hearing to determine costs and impose the amount of reasonable enforcement fees upon the repeat violator. The repeat violator may waive his/her right to the hearing.

2. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its being filed in the Office of the


Secretary of State.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



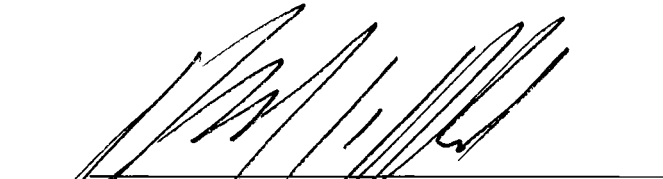
NICK D. DEONAS
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



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