



# City of North Port

## ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE I. – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION, TO RENEW THE CITY’S AUTHORITY TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 REFERENDUM AND TO MAKE CONSISTENT WITH FLORIDA LAW; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Florida and Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, empower the City to grant economic development ad valorem (property) tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses after the electors of the City, voting on the question in a referendum, authorize the exemptions; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 10, 2010 the City Commission of the City of North Port adopted Ordinance No. 2010-23, calling for a referendum to authorize the City to grant economic development ad valorem (property) tax exemptions and called for a referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of the referendum, on July 26, 2010, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2010-24 which established Chapter 3, Article I of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, entitled, “Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption,” which was only to become effective if the voters approved the referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 3, Article I provided processes and procedures for the economic development ad valorem (property) tax exemptions which could be granted if the authority was provided by the voters; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2010, the voters approved the economic development ad valorem (property) tax exemption program; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 196.1995(7), Florida Statutes, the authority to grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions expires ten (10) years after the date the authority was approved in an election; and

**WHEREAS**, therefore, and as provided for in Section 3-13 of the Code of the City of North Port, the City’s ability to grant economic development ad valorem (property) tax exemptions sunset on August 24, 2020; and

35 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 196.1995(7), Florida Statutes, the City’s authority to grant these tax  
36 exemptions may be renewed for subsequent 10-year periods if each 10-year renewal is approved by  
37 referendum; and

38 **WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2020, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2020-25 authorizing a  
39 referendum ballot item to renew this authority; and

40 **WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2020 the voters of the City of North Port, Florida affirmatively answered the  
41 referendum ballot item, renewing the City Commission’s authority to grant economic development ad  
42 valorem (property) tax exemptions to qualifying businesses; and

43 **WHEREAS**, the Supervisor of Elections certified the referendum results on November 13, 2020; and

44 **WHEREAS**, therefore, this ordinance is necessary to reflect that decision of the electorate and to  
45 otherwise make Chapter 3, Article I consistent with the authority granted by the Florida Legislature in  
46 Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes; and

47 **WHEREAS**, this ordinance is further necessary to amend language in order to comport with the Florida  
48 Statutes and remove a severability clause that is duplicative of the code’s general severability clause  
49 found in Section 1-8 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida; and

50 **WHEREAS**, it is a recognized function of local government to promote economic development within its  
51 jurisdiction by providing financial incentives that will encourage new businesses to relocate within the  
52 jurisdiction and existing businesses to expand creating employment opportunities that will benefit the  
53 entire community; and

54 **WHEREAS**, the granting of ad valorem (property) tax exemptions to qualifying businesses will provide  
55 the City of North Port with an additional economic development incentive which will enhance the  
56 desirability of the City of North Port as a location for new businesses and expansions to existing  
57 businesses; and

58 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that these amendments serve the public health, safety, and  
59 welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

60 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT,**  
61 **FLORIDA:**

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63 **SECTION 1 – FINDINGS.**

64 1.01 The recitals outlined above are ratified and approved as true and correct, and are incorporated  
65 in this ordinance as findings of fact.  
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67 **SECTION 2 – ADOPTION**  
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69 2.01 Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida is hereby amended as follows:  
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71 **“Chapter 3 – AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS**  
72 **ARTICLE I. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION**

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74 ~~**Sec. 3-2. Findings of fact.**~~

75 ~~(a) It is a recognized function of local government to promote economic development~~  
76 ~~within its jurisdiction by providing financial incentives that will encourage new~~  
77 ~~businesses to relocate within their jurisdiction and existing businesses to expand~~  
78 ~~creating employment opportunities that will benefit the entire community.~~

79 ~~(b) The current economic climate has resulted in a high unemployment rate in the city,~~  
80 ~~impacting the quality of life for the city's citizens and the sustainability of local~~  
81 ~~businesses.~~

82 ~~(c) Subject to voter referendum, the city commissioners (the "commission") desire to offer~~  
83 ~~economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses relocating to the~~  
84 ~~city and to businesses already situated in the city that are expanding in order to foster~~  
85 ~~economic growth and increased employment.~~

86 ~~(d) In order to ensure that applications for an economic development ad valorem tax~~  
87 ~~exemption are considered in a nonarbitrary and nondiscriminatory manner, it is~~  
88 ~~necessary to establish guidelines that further the commission's economic development~~  
89 ~~policy to assist the commission in making its determinations.~~

90 ~~(e) Applications for an economic development ad valorem tax exemption shall be~~  
91 ~~considered by the commission in its legislative capacity on a case by case basis, after~~  
92 ~~considering the property appraiser's report, city manager's recommendation, and the~~  
93 ~~review criteria.~~

94 ~~(f) No precedent shall be implied or inferred by the granting of an exemption to a new or~~  
95 ~~expanding business.~~

96 ~~(g) Prior to this chapter, the commission adopted Ordinance No. 2010-23 calling for a~~  
97 ~~special referendum on August 24, 2010, seeking authorization to grant economic~~  
98 ~~development ad valorem tax exemptions to qualifying businesses.~~

99 **Sec. 3-~~32~~.** - Short title.

100 This article shall be known and cited as the "economic development ad valorem tax  
101 exemption ordinance."

102 **Sec. 3-43.** - Definitions of terms.

103 When used in this article, the The following words, phrases, and terms shall have the same  
104 meanings ascribed to them in this section ~~attributed to them in current Florida Statutes and the~~  
105 ~~Florida Administrative Code~~, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

106 *Applicant.* Any person, firm, ~~partnership~~, or corporation that ~~who~~ files an application with  
107 the commission seeking an economic development ad valorem tax exemption.

108 *Commission.* ~~The City Commission of North Port.~~

109 *Business.* Any for-profit activity engaged in by any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or  
110 other business organization or entity.

111 ~~City. City of North Port, Florida.~~

112 *Department.* The Florida Department of Revenue.

113 *Economic development ad valorem tax exemption.* Ad valorem tax exemption granted by the  
114 commission in its sole discretion to a qualifying new business and an expansion of an existing  
115 business for up to 100 percent of the city ad valorem tax levied on the qualifying property of  
116 ~~said~~ the business for a period up to ten years or up to 20 years for a data center; provided,  
117 however, the exemption shall not apply to ~~taxes-taxes~~ levied for the payment of bonds or taxes  
118 authorized by a vote of the electors pursuant to section 9 and section 12, article VII of the State  
119 Constitution.

120 *Enterprise zone.* An area designated as an enterprise zone pursuant to F.S. § 290.0065 prior  
121 to December 31, 2015.

122 *Expansion of an existing business.*

123 (1) A business or organization establishing ten or more new jobs to employ ten or more  
124 full-time employees in this state, paying an average wage for the new jobs that is  
125 above the average wage in the area, ~~which manufactures, processes, compounds,~~  
126 ~~fabricates, or produces for sale items of tangible personal property at a fixed~~  
127 ~~location and which comprises an industrial or manufacturing plant~~ principally  
128 engages in any of the operations referred to in Subsection (1) of the definition of  
129 “new business” below; or

130 (2) A business or organization establishing 25 or more new jobs to employ 25 or more  
131 full-time employees in this state, the sales factor of which, as defined by F.S. §  
132 220.15(5), for the facility with respect to which it requests an economic  
133 development ad valorem tax exemption is less than 0.50 for each year the  
134 exemption is claimed; provided that ~~such~~ the business increases operations on a site  
135 collocated located within the City or colocated with a commercial or industrial  
136 operation owned by the same business or organization under common control with  
137 the same business or organization, resulting in a net increase in employment of not  
138 less than ten percent or an increase in productive output or sales of not less than  
139 ten percent.

140 (3) Any business or organization located in an area that was designated as an enterprise  
141 zone pursuant to chapter 290 as of December 30, 2015, or brownfield area that  
142 increases operations on a site located within the same zone or area colocated with a  
143 commercial or industrial operation owned by the same business or organization  
144 under common control with the same business or organization.

145 ~~*Goods.* All personal property when purchased primarily for personal, family, or household~~  
146 ~~use, but not including personal property sold for commercial or industrial use.~~

147 *Improvements.* Physical changes made to raw land, and structures placed on or under the  
148 land surface.

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150 *New business.*

151 (1) A business or organization establishing ten or more new jobs to employ ten or more  
152 full-time employees in this state, paying an average wage for the new jobs that is  
153 above the average wage in the area, which principally engages in any one or more  
154 of the following operations:

155 a. ~~manufactures~~ Manufactures, processes, compounds, fabricates, or produces for  
156 sale items of tangible personal property at a fixed location and which comprises  
157 an industrial or manufacturing plant; or

158 b. Is a target industry business as defined in F.S. § 288.106(2)(q); or

159 (2) A business or organization establishing 25 or more new jobs to employ 25 or more  
160 full-time employees in this state, the sales factor of which, ~~as defined by F.S.~~  
161 ~~§ 220.15(5)~~, for the facility with respect to which it requests an economic  
162 development ad valorem tax exemption is less than 0.50 for each year the  
163 exemption is claimed; or

164 (3) An office space in this state owned and used by a ~~corporation~~ business or  
165 organization newly domiciled in this state, ~~;~~ provided ~~such~~ the office space houses 50  
166 or more full-time employees of ~~such corporation~~ the business or organization; ~~;~~  
167 provided ~~that such~~ the business or organization office first begins operation on a  
168 site clearly separate from any other commercial or industrial operation owned by  
169 the same business or organization; or

170 (4) Any business or organization located in an area designated as an enterprise zone or  
171 brownfield area that first begins operation on a site clearly separate from any other  
172 commercial or industrial operation owned by the same business or organization; or

173 (5) A business or organization that is situated on property annexed into a ~~municipality~~  
174 the city and that, at the time of the annexation, is receiving an economic  
175 development ad valorem tax exemption from the county under F.S. § 196.1995.

176 *Sales factor.* A fraction the numerator of which is the total sales of the taxpayer in this state  
177 during the taxable year or period and the denominator of which is the total sales of the taxpayer  
178 everywhere during the taxable year or period.

179 **Sec. 3-54. - Establishment of economic development ad valorem tax exemption.**

180 (a) There is herein established an economic development ad valorem tax exemption  
181 (hereinafter the "exemption") for ad valorem taxes levied by the city on real and  
182 tangible personal property. The exemption is a local option tax incentive for a qualifying  
183 new business or expansion ~~to~~ of an existing business which may be granted or refused  
184 at the sole discretion of the commission.

185 (b) The exemption shall not accrue to improvements to real property made by or for the  
186 use of a qualifying new business or expansion to an existing business when ~~such~~ the

187 improvements have been included on the tax rolls prior to the effective date of the  
188 ordinance specifically granting a business an exemption.

189 (c) At the discretion of the commission, the exemption may be granted for up to 100  
190 percent of the assessed value of all improvements to real property ~~on the tax roll~~ made  
191 by or for the use of a qualifying new business and of all tangible personal property ~~on~~  
192 ~~the tax role of such the~~ new business, or up to 100 percent of the assessed value of all  
193 added improvements to real property made to facilitate the qualifying expansion of an  
194 existing business and of the net increase in all tangible personal property acquired to  
195 facilitate ~~such the~~ expansion of an existing business, provided that the improvements to  
196 real property are made or the tangible personal property is added or increased:

197 (1) ~~By January 1 of the year in which the application will be filed~~ After approval by  
198 motion or resolution of the local governing body, subject to ordinance adoption or  
199 on or after the day the ordinance is adopted; and

200 (2) The application for the exemption is filed with the city's finance department on or  
201 before ~~March~~ January 1 of the year the exemption is sought. Property acquired to  
202 replace existing property shall not be considered to facilitate a business expansion.

203 (d) No exemption shall be granted for the land upon which a new business or expansion of  
204 an existing business is to be located.

205 (e) Any exemption granted for a new business or expansion of an existing business is  
206 nontransferable between businesses.

207 (f) All data center equipment for a data center shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation  
208 for the term of the approved exemption.

209 **Sec. 3-65. - Application for exemption.**

210 (a) *Application.* Any eligible person, firm, ~~partnership~~ or corporation which desires an  
211 economic development ad valorem tax exemption shall file with the commission a  
212 written application in the form prescribed by the department (Form DR-418), ~~a copy of~~  
213 ~~which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as exhibit "A" as may be amended~~  
214 from time to time, on or before March January 1 of the year the exemption is sought.  
215 The application must request the adoption of an ordinance granting the applicant an  
216 exemption pursuant to this article and must include the following information:

217 (1) The name and location of the new business or the expansion of an existing business;

218 (2) A description of the improvements to real property for which an exemption is  
219 requested and the date of commencement of construction of the improvements;

220 (3) A description of the tangible personal property for which an exemption is requested  
221 and the dates when the property was or is to be purchased;

222 (4) Proof, to the satisfaction of the commission, that the applicant is a new business or  
223 an expansion of an existing business, as defined herein;

224 (5) The number of jobs the applicant expects to create along with the average wage of  
225 the jobs and whether the jobs are full-time or part-time;

226 (6) The expected time schedule for job creation; and

227 (7) Other information deemed necessary or appropriate by the city.

228 (b) *Review.* Upon submittal of the application, the city manager or his designee shall review  
229 same and, within ten days of submission, notify the applicant of any facial deficiencies.  
230 Complete applications shall be scheduled for a public hearing before the commission,  
231 subject to a preliminary review by the property appraiser and city manager or his  
232 designee, within 45 days of receipt of the application. Applicant will be notified of the  
233 date and time of the public hearing.

234 (c) *Agreement.* A business will be required to enter into an agreement with the city  
235 providing that the business will satisfy the business maintenance and continued  
236 performance conditions set forth in ~~chapter [section] 3-5 [3-9]~~, herein throughout the  
237 exemption period. The agreement must require the applicant to report at a specific time  
238 before the expiration of the exemption the actual number of new, full-time jobs created  
239 and their actual average wage. Additionally, the agreement may provide the  
240 commission with authority to revoke, in whole or in part, the exemption if the applicant  
241 fails to meet the expectations and representations described in the application.

242 **Sec. 3-76. - Commission consideration of application.**

243 (a) *Property appraiser review.* Before the commission takes action on an application, a copy  
244 shall be delivered to the property appraiser for review. After careful consideration of  
245 the application, the property appraiser shall provide a report to the commission ~~within~~  
246 15 days which includes the following information:

247 (1) The total revenue available to the city for the current fiscal year from ad valorem tax  
248 sources or an estimate of ~~such~~ the revenue if the actual total available revenue  
249 cannot be determined;

250 (2) The amount of revenue lost to the city for the current fiscal year by virtue of  
251 exemptions previously granted, or an estimate of ~~such~~ the revenue if the actual  
252 revenue lost cannot be determined;

253 (3) An estimate of the amount of revenue which would be lost to the city for the  
254 current fiscal year if the exemption applied for ~~was~~ were granted had the property  
255 for which the exemption is requested otherwise been subject to taxation; and

256 (4) A determination as to whether the property for which an exemption is requested is  
257 to be incorporated into a new business or the expansion of an existing business, or  
258 into neither, which determination the property appraiser shall also affix to the face  
259 of the application. Upon request, the department will provide the property  
260 appraiser ~~such~~ information ~~as it may have~~ available to assist in making this  
261 determination.

- 262 (b) *Eligibility threshold.* The threshold for eligibility is whether the business meets the  
 263 definition of a new business or of an expansion of an existing business as ~~provided in~~  
 264 ~~chapter [section] 3-4.~~
- 265 (c) *Economic development policy guidelines.* In making its determination as to whether to  
 266 grant the exemption, and, if granted, the duration and percentage of the exemption, the  
 267 commission shall consider the following factors:
- 268 (1) ~~Number of current and projected employees of the business at city location~~ The  
 269 total number of net new jobs to be created by the applicant;
- 270 (2) Average wage of ~~employees at city facility~~ new jobs;
- 271 (3) Capital investment to be made by the applicant;
- 272 (4) ~~Innovative/green business~~ The environmental impact of the proposed business or  
 273 operation;
- 274 (5) ~~Commitment to local procurement~~ The extent to which the applicant intends to  
 275 source its supplies and materials within the applicable jurisdiction;
- 276 (6) Net positive contribution to the local economy;
- 277 (7) The type of business or operation and whether it qualifies as a targeted industry as  
 278 may be identified from time to time by the commission;
- 279 (8) In addition to the above factors, the commission may consider any ~~such~~ other  
 280 activity or factor ~~economic-related characteristics or criteria deemed necessary by~~  
 281 the commission, or proposed by the applicant or city manager ~~that can be and~~  
 282 demonstrated in a satisfactory fashion to the commission ~~that promotes the~~  
 283 sustainability of economic development within the city.
- 284 (d) *No precedent.* Applications for an economic development ad valorem tax exemption  
 285 shall be considered by the commission in its legislative capacity on a case-by-case basis,  
 286 after considering the property appraiser's report, city manager's recommendation, and  
 287 the review criteria. No precedent shall be implied or inferred by the granting of an  
 288 exemption to a new or expanding business.
- 289 (de) *Ordinance.* After consideration of the application and the property appraiser's  
 290 review, the economic development policy guidelines, and ~~such~~ other information it  
 291 deems relevant, the commission may choose to adopt an ordinance granting the  
 292 exemption to the applicant for up to 100 percent of the assessed value of the qualifying  
 293 property for up to ten years, or up to 20 years for a data center. If granted, the  
 294 ordinance shall include the following information:
- 295 (1) The name and address of the new business or the expansion of an existing business  
 296 to which the exemption is granted;

297 ~~(2) The name of the owner(s) of the new business or the expansion of an existing~~  
298 ~~business;~~

299 (32) The total amount of revenue available to the city from ad valorem tax sources  
300 for the current fiscal year, the total amount of the revenue lost to the city for the  
301 current fiscal year by virtue of exemptions currently in effect, and the estimated  
302 amount of revenue lost attributable to the ~~Exemption~~ exemption granted to the  
303 new or expanding business;

304 (43) The expiration date of the exemption, which is ten years or less or 20 years or  
305 less for a data center (depending upon the duration of the exemption granted) from  
306 the date the commission enacts the ordinance granting the exemption; and

307 (54) A finding that the business meets the definition of a new business or an  
308 expansion of an existing business ~~as set forth in chapter [section] 3-4~~ provided  
309 herein.

310 **Sec. 3-87. - Application fee.**

311 No fees shall be charged for processing the exemption application or any exemption  
312 ordinance adopted by the commission.

313 **Sec. 3-98. - Continuing performance.**

314 (a) *Change in ownership.*

315 (1) The business granted the exemption shall be required to inform the commission in  
316 writing within ten business days as to any changes in ownership of the business  
317 granted and exemption.

318 (2) Failure of the business granted an exemption to notify the commission in writing of  
319 any such changes in ownership is cause for revocation of the ordinance granting the  
320 exemption, at the commission's discretion.

321 (b) *Annual renewal statement and annual report.* The applicant shall be required to submit  
322 an annual renewal statement and an annual report to the city manager on or before  
323 March 1 of each year for which the exemption was granted. The applicant shall also  
324 timely comply with all filings required pursuant to F.S. § 196.011.

325 (1) The annual renewal statement shall certify that information provided in the original  
326 application has not changed.

327 (2) The annual report shall provide a report on the status of the business, evidencing  
328 satisfaction of the business maintenance and continued performance conditions set  
329 forth in the application. The report shall be prepared in substantially a form to be  
330 adopted by resolution.

331 **Sec. 3-109. - Commission revocation.**

332 Should any new business or expansion of an existing business fail to timely file the annual  
333 renewal statement and annual report with the commission, ~~on or before March 1 of each year~~  
334 ~~the exemption has been granted as required in chapter [section] 3-9~~ fail to continue to meet the

335 definition of a new business or an expansion of an existing business, fail to timely file a new  
336 application upon notify the city of a change of ownership or use, and/or fail to fulfill any other  
337 representation made to the commission during the application process, including the creation  
338 and maintenance of the total number of new jobs identified by a business in the application  
339 (~~exhibit "A"~~), the commission, in its discretion, may adopt an ordinance revoking the ad valorem  
340 tax exemption.

341 (1) *Notification.* Upon revocation, the commission shall immediately notify the property  
342 appraiser.

343 (2) *Recover taxes.* If it is determined that for any year within the exemption period the  
344 owner was not entitled to receive ~~such the~~ exemption, the owner of the property shall  
345 be subject to the taxes exempted as a result of ~~such the~~ failure, plus annual interest at  
346 the maximum rate allowed by law.

347 (3) *Reapply.* Nothing herein shall prohibit a business from reapplying for an ad valorem tax  
348 exemption pursuant to state law.

349 **~~Sec. 3-1110. - Applicability.~~**

350 This chapter shall be applicable throughout the city.

351 **~~Sec. 3-12. - Severability.~~**

352 If any provision of this article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is  
353 held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can  
354 be given effect without the invalid provision or applications. To this end, the provisions of this  
355 article are declared severable.

356 **~~Sec. 3-1310. - Sunset date.~~**

357 Pursuant to F.S. § 196.1995, this chapter article shall expire on ~~August 24, 2020~~  
358 November 3, 2030, ten years after the date ~~such the~~ authority to grant economic development  
359 ad valorem tax exemptions was approved by the electors of the city voting on the question in a  
360 referendum. ~~no~~ No business shall be allowed to begin receiving ~~such an~~ exemption after that  
361 date; however, the expiration shall not affect the operation of any exemption for which a  
362 business has qualified under this ~~chapter article~~ prior ~~August 24, 2020 to November 3, 2030.~~

363 **~~Sec. 3-14. - Effective date.~~**

364 This chapter shall become effective on ~~August 25, 2010~~, only if approved by a "yes" vote by  
365 a majority of those voting on the question posed at the ~~August 24, 2010~~ referendum. If a  
366 majority of those voting on the question posed do not vote "yes", this chapter shall be null and  
367 void."

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369 **SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS**  
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371 3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this ordinance and any other ordinance or  
372 provisions thereof, the provisions of this ordinance shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

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 374 **SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY**  
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 376 4.01 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phase, or provision of this ordinance is for any  
 377 reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision  
 378 shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not  
 379 affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

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 381 **SECTION 5 – CODIFICATION**  
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 383 5.01 In this ordinance, additions are shown as underlined and deletions as ~~striketrough~~. Any  
 384 additional codification information and notations appear in *italics*. These editorial notations  
 385 shall not appear in the codified text.

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 387 **SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE**  
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 389 6.01 This ordinance shall take effect immediately after adoption by the City Commission of the City of  
 390 North Port, Florida.

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 392 READ BY TITLE ONLY at first reading by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public  
 393 session on the 12th day of January 2021.

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 395 PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, on the second and  
 396 final reading in public session this 26th day of January 2021.

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 398 CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA  
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 402 GISELE “JILL” E. LUKE  
 403 MAYOR

404 ATTEST  
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 408 HEATHER TAYLOR, CMC  
 409 CITY CLERK

410 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS  
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 414 AMBER L. SLAYTON  
 CITY ATTORNEY