



City of North Port

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-47

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA RELATED TO ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURE; CREATING THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AS A NEW CITY DEPARTMENT; RENAMING THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 5.05 of the City of North Port Charter provides that the Commission shall, “by ordinance adopted by unanimous vote, activate or deactivate departments as deemed necessary for the efficient administration and operation of City government”; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2002, Ordinance No. 02-06 created the Building Department and the Planning and Zoning Department (later referred to as the Planning, Zoning, & Engineering Department); and

WHEREAS, as announced at the July 21, 2011 budget workshop, effective for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, the Planning, Zoning, & Engineering Department was administratively deactivated: all planning zoning functions were transferred to the Building Department; all engineering functions were transferred to the Public Works Department, which encompassed the Road and Drainage District; no monies were allocated to the department; and no employees were allocated to the department; and

WHEREAS, as announced at the July 20, 2011 budget workshop, the Building Department was administratively renamed the Neighborhood Development Services Department effective for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, in April 2019, the Social Services division was administratively transferred from the City Manager’s Office to the Neighborhood Development Services Department, and in October 2019, the Economic Development division was administratively transferred from the City Manager’s Office to the Neighborhood Development Services Department; and

WHEREAS, in September 2020, three of the divisions of the Neighborhood Development Services Department were transferred to the City Manager’s Office: Economic Development, Planning and Zoning, and Social Services. The remaining divisions in the department are Administrative Services, Building, and Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has proposed creating a new department to provide planning, zoning, natural resources, and historical services, and renaming the Neighborhood Development Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the creation of this new department and the reorganization is necessary for the efficient administration and operation of City government; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Commission.

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

SECTION 1 – FINDINGS

1.01 The recitals outlined above are incorporated by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 2 – RESTRUCTURING OF DEPARTMENTS

2.01 The Development and Environmental Affairs Department is hereby created, established, and activated as a City department. The department is responsible for planning and zoning, natural resources, historical services, and other services as may be directed by the City Manager.

2.02 The Neighborhood Development Services Department is hereby renamed to the Building and Code Enforcement Services Department. The department is responsible for permitting and inspection related to building and construction, code enforcement, and other services as may be directed by the City Manager.

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this ordinance and any other ordinance or portions thereof, the provisions of this ordinance shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

5.01 This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

READ BY TITLE ONLY at first reading by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida in public session on the 27th day of October 2020.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, on the second and final reading in public session this 10th day of November 2020.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

DEBBIE MCDOWELL
MAYOR

ATTEST

HEATHER TAYLOR, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

AMBER L. SLAYTON
CITY ATTORNEY