

ORDINANCE 2023-28

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WALTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II- TECHNICAL CODES, SECTION 6-31 PRIVATE PROVIDER INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 553.791, a fee owner of a building or structure, or the fee owner's contractor upon written authorization from the fee owner, may choose to use a private provider to provide building code inspection services and the local jurisdiction must reduce the permit fee by the amount of cost savings realized by the local enforcement jurisdiction to perform such services;

WHEREAS, Walton County Building Department procedures currently provides a 50% discount for inspections services provided by private providers, does not assess additional charges or fees for when a private provider is used to perform plan reviews, and does not impose additional fees or charges for private provider permits;

WHEREAS, Walton County has recently conducted a review of the services provided by the Building Department, fees charged for services, and discounts provided to private provider inspections;

WHEREAS, based on the information collected from this review, the County has determined that an increase from 50% to a 55% discount is appropriate when a private provider is used to perform building inspections; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is appropriate to memorialize existing Building Department procedures and this adjusted discount by ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners that Chapter 6, Article II, Sections 6-31 Private Provider Inspections are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 6-31. PRIVATE PROVIDER INSPECTIONS

All permit fees, including sub-permit fees, will be subject to a 55% discount when a private provider is used to perform building inspection services. There will also be no fee charged for plan reviews when a private provider is used to perform plan reviews.

SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any Court to be invalid, the invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance. If any Court determines that this Ordinance, or any portion hereof, cannot be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies), property(ies), or circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability hereof to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners, as provided by law.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED in regular session, by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, this 19th day of December, 2023.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

for Foretta D. Sain

Alex Alford, Clerk of Circuit Court
and County Comptroller



William "Boots" McCormick

William "Boots" McCormick, Chair