Lee County Board of County Commissioners **Agenda Item Summary**

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ACTION REQUESTED: Request authorization to advertise for and conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 5:00 p.m., in Chambers to consider the adoption and execution of the proposed "Lee County Grease Ordinance".

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: Board must formally adopt Ordinance at a Public Hearing.

January 11, 2005

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Sets April 27, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing date and time allows the process to go forward.

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4. AGENDA:	5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:	6. REQUEST	OR OF INFORMATION:		
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7. <u>BACKGROUND:</u>

Dating back from 1978, Lee County has adopted various Grease Management rules that are addressed in many separate Grease Management, and Water & Sewer Ordinances. Lee County Utilities and the County Attorney's Office have worked together compiling those Ordinances into one Grease Management Ordinance. Adopting the proposed Grease Management Ordinance will update and consolidate all previous related Ordinances into one comprehensive Grease Management Ordinance. Lee County will also be proactive in complying with the Clean Water Act and cooperating with the Environmental Protection Agency initiative to abate sanitary sewer overflows to protect the public health and quality of surface water.

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Grease Management Ordinance

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

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LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GREASE MANAGEMENT IN LEE COUNTY; REPEALING LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NOS. 97-16 AND 85-11; AND REPEALING SECTIONS A2.04, A2.05, AND A2.06 IN ORDINANCE NO. 83-11; AND REPEALING SECTION II.3.(C) & (d) IN ORDINANCE NO. 87-24; PROVIDING FOR SHORT TITLE, PURPOSE AND TERRITORIAL SCOPE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ENTRY, INSPECTION AND SAMPLING; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, REVIEW COMMITTEE, MEETINGS, CITATION, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE AND SCRIVENER'S

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida is the

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governing body in and for Lee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida is authorized pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, to enact Ordinances necessary in

the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, wastewater discharges containing high concentrations of fats, oils and

grease from restaurants and other food service establishments contribute to more than half

of the blockages or sanitary sewer overflows in the Lee County Utilities' wastewater

collection system; and

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WHEREAS, the County desires to be proactive in complying with the Clean Water

Act (CWA) and cooperating with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiative to

abate sanitary sewer overflows within unincorporated Lee County in order to protect the

public health and the quality of surface water; and

WHEREAS, Lee County has adopted Ordinances related to Grease Management

and adopted Water and Sewer Ordinances which contained provisions related to Grease

Management. Lee County desires to establish one Ordinance that addresses all aspects

of Grease Management establishing uniform requirements, provisions and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION ONE: SHORT TITLE, PURPOSE AND TERRITORIAL SCOPE

The County has developed a Grease Management program that includes a change

to the County code. All prior Lee County Ordinances related to Grease Management are

repealed specifically, Lee County Ordinances No. 97-16 and 85-11 are hereby repealed.

Sections A2.04, A2.05, and A2.06 of Lee County Ordinance 83-11, and Section II.3.(c) and

(d) of Lee County Ordinance 87-24 are hereby repealed.

Α. This Ordinance will be known and cited as the Lee County Grease

Management Ordinance.

B. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish uniform requirements for food

service establishments discharging grease wastewater into the Lee County

Utilities wastewater collection system and to enable the County to comply

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with all applicable Federal and State laws, including those, which apply to

sanitary sewer overflows.

C. The territorial scope of this Ordinance includes all areas of unincorporated

Lee County in which the wastewater collection system is owned and

maintained by Lee County Utilities.

SECTION TWO: DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this article, the following words and phrases are defined and shall

have the meaning assigned except in those instances where the context clearly indicates

a different meaning. The words "shall" and "will" are mandatory and not discretionary. The

word "may" is permissive.

A. Control Authority shall mean the Lee County Utilities Director or designee.

B. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall mean the Federal

Environmental Protection Agency of the United States, its Administrator, or

other duly authorized representative of said agency.

C. Food Service Establishment shall mean any facility engaged in preparing

and/or packaging food or beverages for sale or consumption, on or off site.

with the exception of private residences. Food service establishments shall

include, but are not limited to food courts, food manufacturers, food

packagers, restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, bakeries,

cafeterias, lounges, hospitals, correctional facilities, hotels, nursing homes.

churches, and schools.

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D. Floatable Grease shall mean oil, fat or grease in a physical state such that

it will separate, by gravity, from wastewater by treatment in an approved

pretreatment device.

E. Garbage Grinder shall mean a device that shreds or grinds up solid or

semisolid waste materials into smaller particles for discharge into the

wastewater collection system.

F. Grab Sample shall mean a sample that is taken from a wastewater discharge

on a one-time basis with no regard to the volume of flow in the discharge.

G. Gray Water shall mean all of the liquid contained in a grease interceptor that

lies below the floating grease layer and above the food solids layer.

H. Grease shall mean a material either liquid or solid, composed primarily of fat,

oil and grease from animal or vegetable sources. The terms "fats, oils and

grease" (FOG) and "oil and grease" shall be included within this definition.

I. Grease Interceptor shall mean a device whose rated flow exceeds 50 gpm,

which has a minimum storage capacity of 750 gallons or more, and is located

underground and outside a food service establishment. This device is

designed to collect, contain and remove food wastes and grease from the

waste stream while allowing the balance of the liquid waste to discharge to

the wastewater collection system by gravity.

J. Grease Laden Waste shall mean liquid waste from the kitchen fixtures which

contains 100 mg or more grease/L.

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K. Grease Trap shall mean a device, whose rated flow is less than 50 gpm,

located inside a food service establishment and designed to collect, contain

and remove food wastes and grease from the waste stream while allowing

the balance of the liquid waste to discharge to the wastewater collection

system by gravity.

L. Notice of Violation (NOV) shall mean a written notice informing a user that

a violation of this Ordinance has occurred.

M. Notify shall mean contact by telephone, in person, or via certified United

States Mail, return receipt requested.

N. Premises shall mean a parcel of real estate or portion thereof including any

improvements thereon which is determined by the Control Authority to be a

single user for the purposes of receiving, using and paying for sewer

services.

O. Pretreatment Review Committee shall mean a panel made up of the

following individuals whose main function is to review user appeals relating

to grease issues, Chief Building Inspector or designee, Utilities Director or

designee, and the Pretreatment Coordinator or designee. The County

Attorney or designee shall serve as a non-voting member of the panel

providing substantive and procedural legal advice to the Pretreatment

Review Committee.

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P. Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) shall mean a treatment works,

also referred to as a Wastewater Treatment Plant, as defined by Section

212,CWA, (33 U.S.C. 1292) which is owned by the County. Any devices and

systems used to pump, store, treat, recycle and reclaim municipal sewage

or industrial wastes of a liquid nature. POTW shall include piping and

County owned and maintained lift stations and pump stations that convey

wastewater to the POTW. Any sewers that convey waste waters to the

POTW from persons outside the County who are users of the POTW by

contract or agreement with the County.

Q. Replacement Costs shall mean expenditures for obtaining and installing

equipment, accessories or appurtenances necessary to retain design

capacity and performance of the POTW throughout the jurisdiction of the

County.

R. Sanitary Sewer Overflow shall mean releases of untreated sewage into the

environment.

S. Utilities Director shall mean the person designated by the County to

administer the activities of the Utilities Division, supervise the operation of

the POTW, maintain records of such operation, prepare operating budgets

and make recommendations to the Lee County Board of County

Commissioners concerning activities within his responsibility and authority.

The Utilities Director shall comply with all applicable public participation

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requirements of Section 101(e) of the CWA.

T. Wastewater shall mean the liquid and water containing industrial or domestic

wastes from dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, institutions

and any other source, whether treated or untreated which is contributed to

or permitted to enter the POTW.

SECTION THREE:

FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

A. General:

All food service establishments are required to have a grease trap or

grease interceptor or trap as per the requirements of the Florida Plumbing

Code and the Standard Plumbing Code and as may be amended. A grease

trap/interceptor inspection fee of one dollar twenty cents (\$1.20) per

interceptor/trap, per month shall be paid through the Lee County Utilities

monthly service bill by all food service establishments required to install and

maintain grease traps/interceptors pursuant to State regulations.

B. New Facilities:

Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, food service establishments

which are newly proposed or constructed, or existing facilities which will be

expanded or renovated, where such facility did not previously exist, shall be

required to install, operate and maintain a grease interceptor or grease trap

according to the requirements of the State Building Code.

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C. <u>Existing Facilities</u>:

For the purposes of sizing and installation of grease interceptors, all

food service establishments existing within the County prior to the effective

date of this Ordinance shall be permitted to operate and maintain existing

grease interceptors or grease traps provided same are in efficient operating

condition. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, the County may require

an existing food service establishment to install, operate and maintain a new

grease interceptor or trap that complies with the requirements of this

Ordinance or to modify or repair any noncompliant plumbing or existing

interceptor or trap within ninety (90) days of written notification by the County

when any one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. The facility is found to be contributing oils and grease in quantities

sufficient to cause line stoppages or necessitate increased

maintenance on the wastewater collection system; and/or

2. The facility is found to be contributing oils and grease in quantities in

excess of 100 mg/L; and/or,

3. The facility has an undersized, irreparable or defective grease

interceptor or trap; and/or,

4. The facility has a garbage grinder; and/or,

5. Remodeling of the food preparation or kitchen waste plumbing system

is performed which requires a plumbing or building permit to be

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issued; and/or,

6. The existing facility is sold or undergoes a change of ownership.

D. <u>Plumbing Connections</u>:

Grease interceptors or traps shall be located in the food service

establishment's lateral sewer line between all fixtures, which may introduce

grease into the sewer system and the connection to the County's wastewater

collection system. Such fixtures shall include but not be limited to, sinks,

dishwashers, automatic hood wash units, floor drains in food preparation and

storage areas, and any other fixture which is determined to be a potential

source of grease. Where garbage grinders installed within food service

establishments are plumbed through the grease interceptor(s) a solids

interceptor shall separate the discharge before connecting to the grease trap.

Solids interceptors and grease interceptors shall be sized and rated for the

discharge of the garbage grinder. Wastewater from sanitary facilities and

other similar fixtures shall not be introduced into the grease interceptor or

trap under any circumstances.

E. <u>Grease Traps</u>:

Grease traps shall be prohibited for new food service establishments,

except for those facilities where inadequate space is available for the

installation of a grease interceptor. Approval of the installation of a grease

trap instead of a grease interceptor at a new food service establishment shall

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meet the following criteria:

1. Inspection, Cleaning and Maintenance:

Each food service establishment shall be solely responsible for

the cost of trap installation, inspection, cleaning and maintenance.

Cleaning and maintenance must be performed when the total volume

of captured grease and solid material displaces more than twenty

percent (20%) of the total volume of the unit. Each food service

establishment shall determine the frequency at which their grease

trap shall be cleaned, but all grease traps shall be opened, inspected,

and maintained at a minimum of once per week.

2. Repairs:

The food service establishment shall be responsible for the

cost and scheduling of all repairs to its grease trap(s). Repairs

required by the Control Authority shall be completed within ten (10)

calendar days after the date of written notice of required repairs is

received by the facility, unless the County approves in writing of a

different schedule.

3. Disposal:

Grease and solid materials removed from a grease trap shall

be disposed of in the solid waste disposal system.

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F. <u>Grease Interceptors</u>:

Grease interceptors shall be installed at all new food service

establishments except where physical space is limited. All new and existing

grease interceptors shall meet the following criteria:

1. Inspection, Pumping, and Maintenance:

Each food service establishment shall be responsible for the

costs of installing, inspecting, pumping, cleaning and maintaining its

grease interceptor. Pumping services shall include the initial complete

removal of all contents, including floating materials, wastewater and

bottom sludge and solids from the interceptor. Grease interceptor

cleaning shall include scraping excessive solids from the walls, floors,

baffles and all pipe work. The return of gray water back into the

grease interceptor from which the wastes were removed is allowable,

provided that grease and solids are not returned to the interceptor.

The grease hauler shall wait at least twenty (20) minutes to allow the

interceptor waste to separate in the truck tank before attempting to re-

introduce the gray water to the interceptor. It shall be the responsibility

of each food service establishment to inspect its grease interceptor

during the pumping procedure to ensure that the interceptor is

properly cleaned out and that all fittings and fixtures inside the

interceptor are in working condition and functioning properly.

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2. Interceptor Pumping Frequency:

Each food service establishment shall determine the frequency

at which its grease interceptor(s) shall be pumped according to the

following criteria:

a. When the floatable grease layer exceeds six inches (6") in

depth as measured by an approved dipping method; or,

b. When the settleable solids layer exceeds eight inches (8") in

depth as measured by an approved dipping method; or,

c. When the total volume of settable solids is more than three

quarters (3/4) of the total clearance of the outlet pipe located

at the bottom of the interceptor; or,

d. When the total volume of captured grease and solid material

displaces more than twenty percent (20%) of the capacity of

the interceptor as calculated using an approved dipping

method; or,

e. When the interceptor is not retaining/capturing oils and

greases; or the oil/grease concentration of the water being

discharged, as determined through sampling and analysis, is

greater than 100 mg/L.

3. Repairs:

Each food service establishment shall be responsible for the

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cost and scheduling of all repairs to its grease interceptor(s). Repairs

required by the Control Authority shall be corrected within ten (10)

calendar days after the date of written notice or requiring the repairs

is received by the facility or unless notice from the County establishes

a different compliance date.

4. Disposal:

Wastes removed from each grease interceptor shall be

disposed of at a facility permitted to receive such wastes or at a

location designated by the County for such purposes. Neither grease

nor solid materials removed frm interceptors shall be returned to any

grease interceptor, private sewer line or to any portion of the County's

wastewater collection system.

G. <u>Interceptor Additives</u>:

Any chemicals, enzymes, emulsifiers, live bacteria or other grease

cutters or additives shall be approved by the Control Authority prior to their

use by the food service establishment or the grease hauler. Material Safety

Data Sheets and any other applicable information concerning the

composition, frequency of use and mode of action of the proposed additive

shall be sent to the Control Authority together with a written statement

outlining the proposed use of the additive(s). Based upon the information

received and any other information solicited from the potential user or

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supplier, the Control Authority shall permit or deny the use of the additive in

writing. Permission to use any specific additive may be withdrawn by the

Control Authority at any time.

H. <u>Alternative Grease Removal Devices or Technologies</u>:

Alternative devices and technologies such as automatic grease

removal systems shall be subject to written approval by the Control Authority

prior to installation. Approval of the device shall be based on demonstrated

(proven) removal efficiencies and reliability of operation. The Control

Authority may approve these types of devices depending on manufacturers'

specifications on a case-by-case basis. The food service establishment may

be required to furnish analytical data demonstrating that grease discharge

concentrations to the County wastewater collection system will not exceed

the established limitation.

SECTION FOUR:

ENTRY, INSPECTION AND SAMPLING

A. <u>Entry</u>:

All food service establishments shall allow the Control Authority.

bearing proper credentials and identification, access to all parts of the

premises during reasonable business hours, for the purpose of inspection,

observation, and sampling in accordance with the provisions of this

Ordinance. Any user refusing the Control Authority entry to or upon the

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premises of the user for the purposes of inspection, sampling effluents or

performing such other duties as required by this Ordinance shall constitute

a violation of the terms of this Ordinance. The Control Authority may seek a

warrant or use any other legally available procedures to discharge their

duties.

B. <u>Inspection and Sampling</u>:

The Control Authority may inspect the facilities of any food service

establishment, to ascertain compliance with this Ordinance. Grease

interceptors and traps shall be inspected as necessary to insure compliance

with specific grease trap/interceptor requirements and to determine if proper

cleaning and maintenance schedules are being performed. The Control

Authority may collect effluent samples to determine compliance. The Control

Authority shall re-inspect any user that received a deficiency notice after the

original inspection. In the event that the user is compliant with all of the

deficiencies, there shall be no charge for the re-inspection. In the event of

continuing non-compliance, successive re-inspections will be scheduled and

appropriate fees shall be charged to the user for the first and all successive

re-inspections. Such fees may be charged to the appropriate account of the

Lee County Utilities Water & Sewer bill.

SECTION FIVE:

ENFORCEMENT, REVIEW COMMITTEE, MEETINGS, CITATION, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND DAMAGE

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A. <u>Enforcement Response Plan:</u>

Whenever the Control Authority determines that a grease trap or

interceptor is in need of pumping, repairs or other maintenance, or in the

event that an additional grease interceptor is required, the Control Authority

shall proceed as prescribed below:

1. The Control Authority conducting the inspection who determines that

a violation exists shall immediately notify the owner/manager of the

food service establishment that a violation exists and must be

addressed promptly.

2. The Control Authority may issue the food service establishment a

Notice of Violation (NOV) stating the nature of the violation(s). Upon

issuance of a NOV:

a. The Control Authority shall perform a first re-inspection ten

(10) calendar days, after issuance of the NOV, to allow

sufficient time for corrective action by the food service

establishment to be completed. In the event that the food

service establishment is compliant with all of the deficiencies.

there shall be no charge for the re-inspection. If all of the

deficiencies have not been corrected, a first re-inspection fee

of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) shall be charged to the food

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service establishment. A second re-inspection will be

performed after a minimum of ten (10) additional calendar

days have passed. In the event that the food service

establishment is compliant with all of the deficiencies, there

shall be no additional charge for the re-inspection. If all of the

deficiencies have still not been corrected, a second re-

inspection fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be

charged to the food service establishment. If a third or more re-

inspections are required a re-inspection fee of five hundred

dollars (\$500) for each successive re-inspection shall be

charged to the food service establishment in addition to other

enforcement actions if all of the deficiencies have still not been

corrected. All fees shall be added to the Lee County Water

and Sewer bill of the food service establishment.

b. If the food service establishment responds with an acceptable

explanation for the violation, and a plan for rectifying the

situation, or makes good a deficiency within the prescribed

time, enforcement ceases at the discretion of the Control

Authority.

c. If a food service establishment continues to violate the

provisions set forth in this Ordinance, or fails to

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initiate/complete corrective action in response to a NOV, the

Control Authority may pursue one or more of the following

options:

i. Pump the grease interceptor and place the appropriate

charge on the facility's monthly sewer bill; and/or,

ii. Assess further inspection fees as provided; and/or,

iii. Terminate water and sewer service.

B. <u>Pretreatment Review Committee</u>:

At any point during the enforcement process, a food service

establishment may request a meeting of the Pretreatment Review Committee

to appeal any request being made by the Control Authority.

C. <u>Conciliation Meetings</u>:

At any point before or during the enforcement action, the Control

Authority may, but is not required to, invite representatives of the user to a

conciliation meeting to discuss the violations and methods of correcting the

cause of the violation. If the user and Control Authority can agree to

appropriate remedial and preventive measures, they shall commit such

agreement to writing with provisions for a reasonable compliance schedule.

If an agreement is not reached through the conciliation process, the Control

Authority shall continue with the enforcement policy as outlined in this

Ordinance and take all appropriate action to insure compliance with this

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Ordinance or other law or regulation.

D. Civil and Injunctive Relief:

Upon approval of the County Attorney or designee, the Control

Authority may file, in a court of competent jurisdiction, a suit seeking the

issuance of an injunction, damages or other appropriate relief to enforce the

provisions of this Ordinance or other applicable law or regulation. Suit may

be brought to recover any and all damages suffered by the County as a

result of any action or inaction of any user or other person who cause or

suffers damage to occur to the POTW or for any other expense, loss or

damage of any kind or nature suffered by the County.

Ε. Assessment of Damages to Users:

When the discharge from a food service establishment causes an

obstruction, damage or any other impairment to the facilities or any expense

of whatever character or nature to the County, the Control Authority may

charge the expenses incurred by the County. The expenses include services

to clear the obstruction, repair the damage to the facility or to recover any

other expenses for damage(s) of any kind or nature suffered by the County.

The Control Authority shall file a claim with the food service establishment

or person causing the damages for any and all expenses or damages

suffered by the County. If the claim is ignored or denied, the Control

Authority may charge the expense to the Lee County Water and Sewer bill.

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or notify the County Attorney, or designee, to take such measures as shall

be appropriate to recover any expense or damages suffered by the County.

SECTION SIX:

CONFLICT

Whenever the requirements or provisions of this Ordinance are in conflict with the

provisions of any other lawfully adopted Ordinance or Statute, the most restrictive

requirements will apply. Such agreement must meet all current federal, state, and local

requirements for inter-municipal agreements.

SECTION SEVEN:

SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and it is the intention to confer the

whole or any part of the powers herein provided for. If any provision, paragraph, word,

section or article of this Ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the

remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections and ordinances shall not be affected

and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION EIGHT:

CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE AND SCRIVENER'S

ERRORS

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this

Ordinance will become and be made a part of the Lee County Code; and that sections of

this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered ant that the word "Ordinance" may be

changed to "section", "article", or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to

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accomplish such intention; and regardless of whether such inclusion in the Code is

accomplished, sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and

typographical errors which do not affect the intent may be authorized by the County

Manager, or the County Manager's designee, without need of public hearing, by filing a

corrected or re-codified copy of same with the Clerk of Circuit Court.

SECTION NINE:

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance will take effect upon its filing with the Office of the Secretary of the

Florida Department of State.

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The foregoing Ordinance was offer	, who moved		
its adoption. The motion was seconded by	and, being put		
to vote, the vote was as follows:			
BOB JANES			
DOUGLAS ST. CE	RNY		
RAY JUDAH			
TAMMY HALL			
JOHN E. ALBION			
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