

ORDINANCE NO. 21 – ____

AN ORDINANCE OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA REGARDING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF A REVISED PINELLAS COUNTY STORMWATER MANUAL UPDATING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STANDARDS FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, effective stormwater management improves surface water quality, prevents flooding, and furthers regulatory goals;

WHEREAS, to that end, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners previously adopted the Pinellas County Stormwater Manual, effective April 1, 2017, which prescribes stormwater management standards for unincorporated areas;

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the Pinellas County Stormwater Manual, Pinellas County Staff has solicited feedback from stakeholders – particularly the development community;

WHEREAS, stakeholder feedback has focused on greater flexibility and ease-of-use;

WHEREAS, to that end, Pinellas County Staff proposes revising the Pinellas County Stormwater Manual to, among other things, increase thresholds for administrative adjustments; add exemptions for individual mobile/manufactured homes; accommodate alternative modeling software; insert design templates; and reorganize content.

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions are consistent with State law;

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Local Planning Agency supports the proposed revisions;
and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners desires to adopt the proposed revisions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida that:

Section 1. The recitals above are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The version of the Pinellas County Stormwater Manual that was adopted via Ordinance 17-06, and became effective on April 1, 2017, is hereby replaced with the version of the Pinellas County Stormwater Manual attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Revised Pinellas County Stormwater Manual”). In the event of a conflict between any language in (a) the Revised Pinellas County Stormwater Manual and (b) any language in the Pinellas County Land Development Code existing on the effective date of this Ordinance, the language in the Revised Pinellas County Stormwater Manual shall prevail.

Section 3. If any language in this Ordinance or the Revised Stormwater Manual is invalidated by a judge, the remaining language in this Ordinance or the Revised Stormwater Manual shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 125.66(b) of the Florida Statutes, within ten (10) days of adoption of this Ordinance, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance, and by association the Revised Pinellas County Stormwater Manual, shall take effect on November 1, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Brendan Mackesey
Office of the County Attorney