

Doing Things!

Development Review Service and Code Enforcement Department August 15, 2017



Pinellas County Strategic Plan

- Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare
 - 2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community



Mission Statement

Pinellas County Government is committed to progressive public policy, superior public service, courteous public contact, judicious exercise of authority, and responsible management of public resources to meet the needs and concerns of our citizens today and tomorrow.



Background

- Started in 2007
- Additional tool used to incentivize code compliance
- Alternative to Local Ordinance Violation (LOV) Court
- Enforce property standards



Code Enforcement by Special Magistrates

- Chapter 2, Article VIII, Sections 2-618 to 2-630
 - Definitions
 - Selection Criteria & Duties
 - Modifying Procedures



Definitions

- Code Officer or Inspector
- Florida Bar
- Mandatory Bar Association
- Special Magistrate
- Violator



Selection Criteria & Duties

- Notice of Hiring
- Qualifications
 - Current Member in Good Standing
 - Licensed for five years
 - No disciplinary history
 - Prior judicial experience or Board Certification
- Compensation
- Scheduling
- Conflict of Interest



Procedures

- Reasonable time to correct
- Repeat Violator
- Hearing
- Administrative fines and liens
- Reductions
 - Upon Motion
 - Joint Motion



Fiscal Impact

- FY17 budgeted revenue \$465,500
- Year to date \$437,264
- New service delivery model: education and information
- Issue: lien amounts have exceeded the value of the property
- Restructure the administrative division procedures
- Anticipated result: higher percentage of lien negotiations and settlements