

ORDINANCE NO. 696

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE MEXICO BEACH CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AS SUPPLEMENTED THROUGH APRIL 2018; PROVIDING RULES OF INTERPRETATION IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT WITH AN ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Mexico Beach hired American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio (“American Legal”), to codify the City’s ordinances into a complete Mexico Beach City Code; and

WHEREAS, American Legal delivered a first draft of the City of Mexico Beach City Code of Ordinances to the City in 2016; and

WHEREAS, prior to that date, the City’s ordinances had not been compiled in a complete codification since 1997; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2016 and into 2017, the City considered various existing ordinances based on issues that became apparent from the draft codification and the City amended or repealed certain ordinances for improved consistency and clarity and to ensure a better Mexico Beach City Code; and

WHEREAS, American Legal has completed the spring 2018 supplement to the City Code, which supplement contains all ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted since the prior supplement to the Mexico Beach City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously revised or repealed existing questionable ordinances sufficiently for the Mexico Beach City Code to be a reliable representation of the City’s individual ordinances and the public has been relying on the online publication of the Mexico Beach City Code; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City that the City formally adopt the Mexico Beach City Code and provide that the public may rely on it as local laws applicable to the City of Mexico Beach.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA:

**Section 1. Adoption of Mexico Beach City Code.**

The City Council of Mexico Beach hereby adopts the Mexico Beach City Code prepared by American Legal and as supplemented for the Spring of 2018.

**Section 2. Matters Not Covered by Mexico Beach City Code and Conflicts Between City Code and ordinances.**

Any matter not addressed by the Mexico Beach City Code but addressed by a validly adopted City ordinance that has not been repealed shall continue to be governed by that ordinance. In the event of a conflict between the language of the Mexico Beach City Code and an ordinance that was the source of the Mexico Beach City Code language, the language of the Mexico Beach City Code shall control unless the substance of the underlying ordinance language has been materially changed by the Mexico Beach City Code, in which case the original ordinance controls.

**Section 3. Codification.**


The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include and publish in electronic format the provisions of the Mexico Beach City Code. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

**Section 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, this 17 day of June, 2018.

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

  
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William A. Cathey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Adrian Welle, City Clerk