ORDINANCE NO. 698

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 7.10.01 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO DELETE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MASTER; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Mexico Beach believes there is little public benefit to requiring the Special Master to be a resident of the City of Mexico Beach; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the residency requirement will increase the pool of highly qualified candidates.

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

- **SECTION 1.** Section 7.10.01 of the City of Mexico Beach Land Development Regulations is hereby amended as follows ((deleted text stricken, new text <u>underlined</u>)):
 - A. There is created the Special Master of the City also known as the Code Enforcement Hearing Official. The Special Master and Alternate Special Master shall have all the powers conferred by Chapter 162, Florida Statutes.
 - B. The Special Master shall be a full time resident of the City, shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, but may be reappointed by the City Council if no other applicant applies. The Special Master and Alternate Special Master shall work without compensation while conducting their duties.
- **SECTION 2. Codification:** It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, and it is hereby ordained the provisions of this Ordinance become and be made a part of the Land Development Regulations of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida; that the Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; that the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article", or other appropriate wording.
- **SECTION 3. Severability.** It is the intent of the City Council that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof
- SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective, July 24, 2018.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City

Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, this twenty fourth day of July, 2018.

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

William A. Cathey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adrian Welle, City Clerk

FIRST READING July 10, 2018. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION July 24, 2018.