

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, **RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE STAFF (DRC), MAKING REVISIONS TO CITY OF TAMPA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 27 (ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT)**; AMENDING SECTION 27-43, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 27-66, INTENT AND PURPOSE; AMENDING SECTION 27-67, DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 27-151, City of Tampa Land Development Code, provides that text amendment requests for Chapter 27 (Zoning and Land Development) may be made by City Council, any city department, any public or quasi-public agency, or any member of the public during amendment cycles which fall on January 15 and July 15 of each calendar year; and

WHEREAS, during the January 15, 2021 amendment cycle, planning staff with the City of Tampa filed a request for amendments to Chapter 27 to make our Code consistent with recent legislative changes; and

WHEREAS, Section 27-43 is being amended to update the definition for Development review and compliance staff (DRC); and

WHEREAS, Section 27-66 and Section 27-67 are being amended to do a general clean up of the sections; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendments and made a finding that they are consistent with the Imagine 2040: Tampa Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tampa has determined that the proposed amendments promote and protect the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, duly noticed public hearings as required by law were held by the City Council of the City of Tampa, at which public hearings all residents and interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA:**

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Section 1. RECITALS. The Recitals set forth above are hereby adopted and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. That **“Sec. 27-43. Definitions.”** is hereby amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the stricken language as follows:

“Sec. 27-43. Definitions.

...
Development review and compliance staff (DRC): The DRC shall act as the Design Review Board and be composed of members from various city departments, ~~including the commercial plans examiners, and other agencies as needed.~~ as established in section 27-68. ...”

Section 3. That **“Sec. 27-66. Intent and purpose.”** is hereby amended by adding the underlined language as follows:

“Sec. 27-66. Intent and purpose.

The purpose of the Development Review and Compliance staff (“DRC”) is to assist prospective developers, the city council and any other decision-making body that may be established to regulate land use within the city. Further, it is the intent of the DRC to provide technical assistance and guidance on development projects to achieve compliance with design and development standards established by this Code and to promote the goals and objectives of the adopted comprehensive plan.”

Section 4. That **“Sec. 27-67. Duties.”** is hereby amended by adding the underlined language as follows:

“Sec. 27-67. Duties.

The Development Review and Compliance (DRC) staff shall act as the Design Review Board and shall have the responsibility of reviewing applications for land development decisions and any applicable development review applications that are processed administratively. Land development decisions requiring DRC review shall include but not be limited to land rezoning applications, applications for approvals of special use permits, planned developments and other land development proposals requiring DRC staff review as stated in this chapter.”

Section 5. That the proper officers and employees of the City are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

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Section 6. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict.

Section 7. SEVERABILITY. Should a court of competent jurisdiction declare any part of this Ordinance invalid, the remaining parts hereof shall be severed and remain in effect and shall not be affected by such determination as to the invalid part.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon becoming a law.

PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, ON _____.

CHAIRMAN/CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM
CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY ME ON _____

Jane Castor, MAYOR

PREPARED AND APPROVED
AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY BY:

/es/ Susan Johnson-Velez, Senior Assistant City Attorney