ORDINANCE NO. 1366

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY’S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATED TO SITE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR THE FRONT BEACH ROAD OVERLAY DISTRICTS; CLARIFYING THAT THE FRONT YARD AND FACADE STANDARDS FOR FLOORING, DESIGN, LIGHTING, FENCING, GLAZING AND FURNITURE SHALL APPLY ONLY TO MULTI-FAMILY, MIXED USE AND NON-RESIDENTIAL USES (AND NOT TO SINGLE FAMILY OR DUPLEX BUILDINGS); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH:

SECTION 1. From and after the effective date of this ordinance, Section 7.02.03G of the Land Development Code of the City of Panama City Beach related to Front Yards in the Front Beach Overlay District, is amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlined**, deleted text **struck through**):

Chapter 7. Special Overlay Districts

7.02.03 Front Beach Road Overlay Districts

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G. Front Yards Along Front Beach Road, Arnold Road and South Thomas Drive

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3. **Design Standards.** To achieve the purposes of this section, *Front Yards* shall be designed so that they are visible, avoid clutter, incorporate high quality, durable materials that are comparable in quality and complementary in design to public improvements provided or planned for the Front Beach Road corridor. In addition to complying with other district requirements, *Front Yards* and *Facades for Multi-Family, Mixed Use or nonresidential Uses* shall meet the following design standards:
(a) Flooring and surfaces shall be constructed of durable, non-slip materials that complement sidewalk paving. Changes in colors shall be used to highlight steps.

(b) The shape and design (including landscaping) of the space shall provide visibility of the entire space from the sidewalk.

(c) Lighting shall be adequate to illuminate the entire space, but lighting sources shall be hooded or directed so that they are not visible to pedestrians on the sidewalk.

(d) Except as provided in this paragraph, fencing is prohibited. **Front Yards** may be enclosed by decorative walls, posts with decorative ropes or chains or other decorative enclosures approved by the City Manager, provided that the enclosure is not taller than thirty (30) inches. **Decorative Fencing** that is not higher than forty-two (42) inches may be authorized pursuant to a supplemental use permit to enclose commercial **Use of Front Yards**.

(e) At least fifty (50) percent of the wall surface between two (2) and seven (7) feet above the **Average Grade** of the Front Yard shall be glazed and shall have a minimum transparency of seventy (70) percent.

(f) Other than furniture for dining areas and outdoor displays subject to supplemental use approval, Front Yard improvements shall be limited to seating, decorative waste receptacles, fountains, water features and landscaping.

**Standards for Single Family Residential Uses are generally set forth in section 4.02.00.**

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include and publish in electronic format the provisions of this Ordinance within the Panama City Beach Land Development Code, and unless a contrary ordinance is adopted within ninety (90) days following such publication, the codification of this Ordinance shall become the final and official record of the matters herein ordained. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

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SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 12th day of November, 2015.

ATTEST:

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 12th day of November, 2015.

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