

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-45

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 87, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTION 1.1.3 HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD (HAPB), PURSUANT TO TEXT AMENDMENT PETITION 25-69AM, BY CHANGING THE BOARD'S REQUIREMENT FOR A VENICE MAINSTREET MEMBERSHIP TO A PREFERENCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, as required by Florida law, the City maintains Land Development Regulations (LDRs) and an official Zoning Map of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City initiated Text Amendment Petition No. 25-69AM to change the Historic and Architectural Preservation Board's requirement for a Venice MainStreet membership to a preference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes, Venice City Council has duly designated the city's Planning Commission as the local planning agency for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on November 4, 2025, regarding the Petition, and recommended approval to City Council of Text Amendment Petition No. 25-69AM; and

WHEREAS, City Council received and considered the report of the Planning Commission concerning Text Amendment Petition No. 25-69M; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, and January 13, 2026, City Council held duly noticed public hearings on Text Amendment Petition No. 25-69AM in accordance with the requirements of the City's Code of Ordinances and has considered the information received at said public hearings; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that Text Amendment Petition No. 25-69AM is in compliance with, and meets, the requirements of the City's Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The above whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. Text Amendment Petition No. 25-69AM is hereby approved. Chapter 87 Land Development Code, Section 1.1.3, Historic and Architectural Preservation Board (HAPB), of the City's Land Development Regulations, is hereby amended as follows:

1.1.3. Historic and Architectural Preservation Board (HAPB)

A.– C. No change.

D. Knowledge Requirements. At least two HAPB members shall be architects registered to practice in the state. It is preferred, but not required, that at least one ~~One~~ HAPB member ~~shall~~ be a member of Venice MainStreet, Inc. ~~The other~~ HAPB members shall have a demonstrated commitment to historic preservation and, to the extent possible, shall be professionals or retired professionals from the disciplines of:

1. Historic preservation;
2. History, archaeology, folklore, or anthropology;
3. Architecture, historic architecture, or architectural history;
4. Land use planning or historic preservation planning;
5. Real estate, land development, general or building contracting;
6. Landscape architecture or historic landscape architecture;
7. Conservation, curation, or museology;
8. Preservation law;
9. Professional engineering; or
10. Finance.

E. – M. No change.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any part, section, subsection, or other portion of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid for any reason, such part, section, subsection, or other portion, or the prescribed application thereof, shall be severable, and the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and all applications thereof not having been declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption, as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

First Reading: December 9, 2025

Second Reading: January 13, 2026

Adoption: January 13, 2025

Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

I, Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City of Venice Council, a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 13th day of January 2026, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said City this 13th day of January 2026.

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney