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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Kelly M. Fernandez, Esq., City Attorney

DATE: June 29, 2021

RE: Ordinance No. 2021-26

During the 2021 Florida legislative session, Senate Bill 2006 was adopted and subsequently signed into law by Governor DeSantis. It revises multiple provisions of state law pertaining to local emergency management authorities and procedures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and local responses thereto. The bill goes into effect July 1, 2021, at which time certain provisions of the existing City Code of Ordinances ("Code") will be in conflict.

Ordinance No. 2021-26 updates the emergency management provisions in the City's Code consistent with Senate Bill 2006, as well as removes a potential conflict of authority within the Code pertaining to who can declare a state of emergency and enact related orders, and clarifies how the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is to be adopted and revised.

Staff recommends the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-26.

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