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To: [City Council](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Height of Buildings
Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021 8:28:38 AM

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Those of us who live in Venice love downtown and its historic nature. We DO NOT want it to change. Therefore, do not change the height of buildings from 35 to 39 feet. We want Venice to keep its character and not become another city kneeling to developers' plans.

Sincerely,

Mike and Georgia Huff
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [lillianbosco](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Venice Planning Commission
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Change of building height

Dear planning council.

My husband and I purchased a condo here in Venice in 2008 after we retired. We are from Ottawa, Ontario and looked forward to escaping the winters.

In 1984-85 we lived up in Sarasota and on a Sunday drive discovered historic Venice. To this day I can remember our reaction to beautiful Venice Ave. so many years before. It was stunning!

So when we started searching the internet for a place, Venice was the obvious choice.

The beautiful downtown is a main attraction for our visitors as well. We frequent the shops and restaurants every week while in Venice. It's such a pleasant experience!!

Please do not change the height limit of 35 ft. It's perfect as is!! So charming. Why change something that people love and risk redevelopment which would ruin that historic look?

Change isn't always a "good" thing.

Sincerely,

Lillian Bosco

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Venice

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Edwin Martin](#)
To: [Ron Feinsod](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); [Venice MainStreet Inc.](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Bob Mudge](#); [Earle Kimel](#)
Subject: Re: Two other historic cities, in top 10 ratings in FL have 35 feet height limits, Mt. Dora and Appalacicola. There may be more, I am researching. Sunshine/Council
Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021 4:26:35 PM

Thank you for your response.

On Sat, Mar 13, 2021, 12:15 PM Ron Feinsod <RFeinsod@venicegov.com> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. Due to Florida's Sunshine Law and a City Council policy, neither I nor any other Council Member copied on this e-mail can reply substantively to your e-mail in writing. The Sunshine Law prohibits two or more members of City Council from discussing any matter which will foreseeably come before Council outside of a publicly noticed meeting. Any Council Member may address the topic of this e-mail at a future meeting.

If you wish to contact council members individually, you may email or call them. Contact information can be found at <https://www.venicegov.com/government/mayor-city-council>.

Ron Feinsod
Mayor, City of Venice

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From: Edwin Martin <insidevenice@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 8:55:45 PM
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This is exactly the conversation we are having in Venice. Chair of Planning Commission favors raising height from 35-39 feet. This will encourage replacing Venice historic "Main Street," Buildings with new ones, pleasing builders, their architects and some short sighted owners.

Two small cities, like Venice, ranked high on desirable and historic lists are Applachicola and Mt. Dora.

Guess what? They limit height to 35 feet.

Write: citycouncil@venicegov.com and planningcommission@venicegov.com

From Appalachicola media

“Some people wonder if we should change Apalachicola’s 35-foot building height limit.

The subject came up at a recent Planning & Zoning meeting, and I hear a few big developers are very, very interested.

“ I say keep our current law — a 35 foot measurement starting at ground level. A change could destroy the heart of our Historic Downtown.

35 means 35.”

Exactly what planning commission heard from Venice citizens at last meeting.

Thank you.

Ed Martin