

CHAPTER 7 – CODE ENFORCEMENT

- 1) Creates new Chapter 8 by combining portions of Chapter 14- Litter Citation and Chapter 15- Detection and Elimination of Inappropriate Discharges into the Stormwater System together with Chapter 12 Code Enforcement.
- 2) In general, new provisions have been included to provide Code Enforcement staff with more tools of enforcement. Specifically, citation processes are provided for without notice for cases where previous notices have been issued without resolution and in cases where the Code Officer has determined that the violation represents a serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare, or the violation is irreparable or irreversible in nature. Citation fines may not exceed \$500.00 which is current policy.
- 3) Relocates items related to the Development Order inspection process to Chapter 1 where the Development Order process is described in order to have this entire process in the same place.
- 4) Creates consistency with the notice and other requirements of Chapter 162, F.S.
- 5) Section 8.01.08 has been amended to include a possible penalty for restoration plans and a requirement for such plans to be prepared by an environmental professional. The penalty included is similar to another existing provision for development without a permit found elsewhere in the Code and is proposed as follows: “The applicant shall pay an application fee of up to five times the normal rate, as determined by the Director of the Planning and Development Services Department based upon the severity of the violation, the extent of damage, and the applicant’s record of previous Code violations.” Restoration plans must be submitted for review under the Less than Minor DO process as described in Chapter 1.
- 6) Adds new Section 8.02.01 related to Property Safety and Maintenance. This new section provides for better enforcement of junk, litter, vegetative overgrowth, and dilapidated structures. This new section also provides for reference to the International Property Maintenance Code which provides for both interior and exterior maintenance of structures (major policy change).