

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING BENEFICIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY ROOFING CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, FL, have recently proposed implementation of changes to the County Building Code which would mandate the construction of metal or cement roofs or use of improved strength shingles in the unincorporated areas of the county for traditional homes or structures; and

WHEREAS, the aftermath of Hurricane Irma and resultant extensive roof damage to many homes and business properties have taught us that metal and cement roofs have fared far better than homes having shingled roofs with shingles manufactured years ago, before extensive changes in shingles have made them much stronger in withstanding wind velocity than before; and

WHEREAS, metal roofs and cement roofs, as well as improved strength shingles, appear to have the added benefit of giving a much longer useful life span, as well as being more energy efficient; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West building code could be amended to require construction of metal, cement or modern shingled roofs within the city when homes and business buildings are being initially constructed or when extensive damages require repair or replacement of an existing traditional roof [as opposed to roofs on manufactured homes, which must be exempted under state laws]; and

WHEREAS, said roofing upgrades would result in the reduction of windstorm insurance premiums for Key West homes and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That City staff is directed to study the Key West Building Code and the proposed amendments to the Monroe County Building Code and recommend to the City Commission such code amendments which, in their opinion, would be beneficial to the residents of the City of Key West.

Section 2: If City staff recommends Code amendments, staff is directed to also include recommendations regarding:

A) The areas of Key West where these amendments should be implemented or mandated (if not the entire City, i.e. Old Town, New Town, Historic District, etc.)

B) The best method(s) for implementing the Code amendments.

C) Whether or not it is possible for these changes to be covered under current windstorm insurance policies for repairs necessitated by damage occasioned by Hurricane Irma.

D) Providing that the ordinance proposed requiring the upgrading of roofing materials be used shall not discriminate against materials, products or construction techniques of demonstrated capabilities.

E) That said proposals shall not apply to roofing on manufactured homes unless state law shall authorize the upgrading of roofing materials to comply with new state laws pertaining to manufactured homes.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the  
Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Richard Payne	_____
Commissioner Margaret Romero	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

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CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK