



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

Ordinance Review Committee

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

5:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: 7 - Tim Blodgett
Randi Knighten
Dorothy Bier
Matthew Borgens
Kathy Bryan
Ronald Coffman
Summer Soukup

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:

Minutes of February 10, 2026

Motion by Vice Chair Knighten, seconded by Member Coffman, to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2026, as presented.

4. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

None.

5. PUBLIC FORUM: Public comments shall be limited to items on the agenda and shall not exceed three minutes. Please be courteous and respectful of the views of others. Personal attacks on Committee/Board members, City staff or members of the public are not allowed and will be ruled out of order by the Chair.

Chair Blodgett opened and closed public forum, as there was none.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

RVI Agenda

Member Borgens requested the updated draft return to the Board before final adoption, and staff noted that final drafts were expected in April, with potential Commission hearings in May and June.

Discussion occurred regarding transparency, proper sequencing, and clarity in decision-making to ensure smooth progress in future meetings.

Chapter 38 – Environment

Discussion on Chapter 38 began with an overview of its purpose, which is to regulate noise, address nuisance conditions, and maintain neighborhood appearance. RVi staff explained that the Chapter includes noise limits, nighttime restrictions, and allowances for typical activities.

Member Bryan emphasized the need to reduce inconsistent enforcement standards and ensure better coordination with the Sheriff's Office.

Code Enforcement Supervisor, Mark Gibson, mentioned that the City currently has one decibel meter, and that proper use requires training and calibration.

City Attorney Cockcroft mentioned that recent enforcement actions have relied more on repeated complaints than on decibel measurements.

Member Bryan noted that, in many cases, it is more effective for residents to approach the Sheriff's Office directly regarding noise complaints, especially when neighbor to neighbor relationships are involved.

Vice Chair Knighten emphasized that some changes can be made within the Ordinance, while other aspects cannot be enforced under current law.

Chair Blodgett expressed interest in establishing a three (3) strike warning system for Ordinance violations. Under this concept, a resident who repeatedly breaks the rules would be referred to the Special Magistrate after the third violation, at which point fines could be applied if compliance still does not occur. The Chair also referenced a potential two (2) tier enforcement structure, where the first tier would function similarly to the current process, and the second tier would escalate cases requiring legal action.

Discussion on the importance of clarifying definitions, aligning enforcement procedures with State Statutes, and updating penalty provisions to ensure consistency and fairness.

Members agreed that clearer language and stronger enforcement tools would help maintain neighborhood standards.

Chapter 42 – Fire Prevention and Protection

Fire Marshall Shivers mentioned that updates typically occur on a three (3) year cycle and the City adopts the most recent state version as amended. She noted outdated language in the Chapter, including references to older requirements and terminology that no longer reflects current practice. She also acknowledged that certain Sections still needed revision and that some updates might depend on input from the incoming Fire Chief.

Discussion followed on fireworks enforcement, noting that state law only allows fireworks on specific holidays and that the Sheriff's Office generally follows State Statute rather than responding to every complaint. Ms. Hughes from RVi expressed concerns about nuisance issues, property damage, and the limits of enforcement, especially when violations occur outside permitted dates. Fire Marshall Shivers explained that while the City has a fireworks section in Chapter 42, enforcement related to noise or nuisance typically falls under other Chapters or state law.

Discussion occurred regarding road design, speeding concerns, and the need for clearer standards on fire lanes, including width, markings, and maintenance requirements. Fire Marshall Shivers stated the fire lane language should be cleaned up to ensure consistency across developments and to avoid ambiguity during enforcement.

Chair Blodgett mentioned that safety should take priority over developer preferences and that future development standards should ensure adequate access for emergency vehicles.

Motion by Member Borgens, seconded by Member Coffman to approve amended additions by Fire Department and City Attorney on Chapter 42 Fire Prevention and protection to come back in April. The motion carried unanimously.

8. STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

9. BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Members thanked Staff for putting the changes together. Discussion occurred regarding the next chapters to review.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Tim Blodgett, Chairperson

Nelly Kerr, Board Secretary