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City Charter Amendments on the November 6, 2018 Ballot



Cocoa Beach City Charter Amendment Revising Building Height Accommodations

Question #1

Shall the City Charter be amended to revise the Charter's building height limit accommodations, adding a 10-foot allowance on the top of buildings for unoccupied building elements and attachments, and where applicable, specifying that the 45-foot Charter building height limit shall be measured from a parcel's FEMA Base Flood Elevation or other legally required minimum elevation for construction of habitable space, rather than the crown of abutting road?

Yes No

What will Question #1 do?

- Retains 45 feet as the maximum building height for habitable space to maintain a low-scale residential community.
- Retains building wash-through to protect new buildings from hurricane storm surge.
- Incorporates Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Base Flood Elevation (BFE) to protect new buildings from flooding.
- Permits reduced site coverage for natural storm water filtration and improved water quality.
- Permits screening of rooftop equipment to preserve the residential character of buildings.
- Allows new construction that is safer, healthier, and more user-friendly.

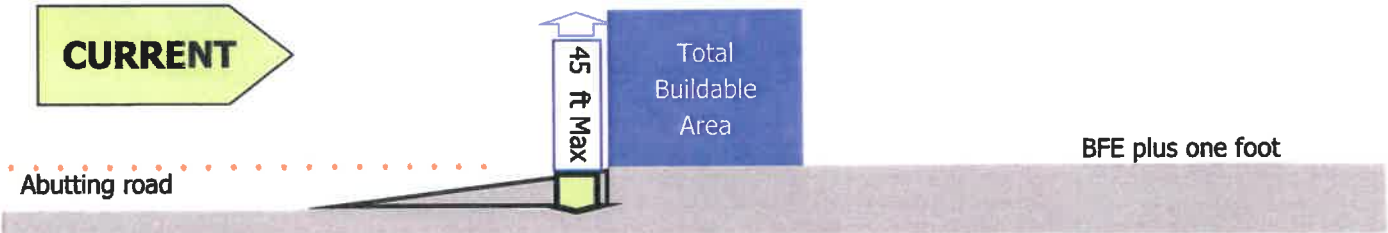
Will density change?

No, density as currently stated in the City Charter will not change.

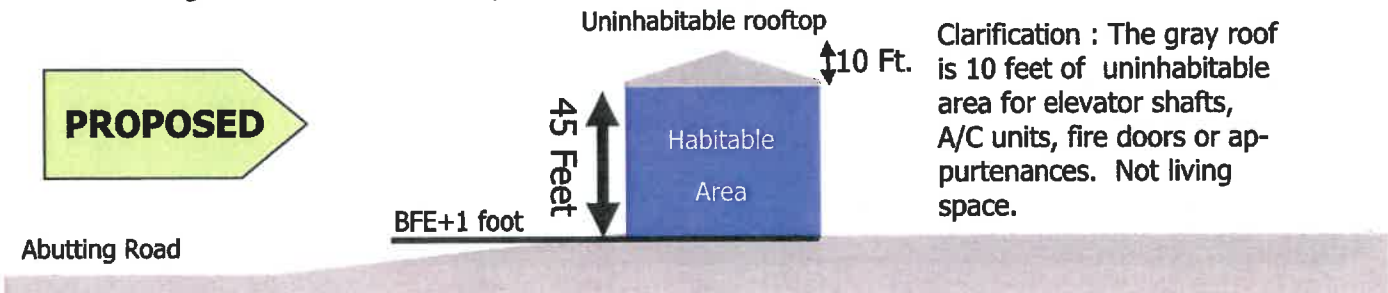
Why change the measurement to Base Flood Elevations (BFE)?

Federal Emergency Management Agency(FEMA) regulations changed after the hurricanes in 2004/2005, which increased the BFE. This change impacted new construction because it increased the base level of where construction of buildings for habitable space could begin. The BFE is the FEMA regulatory requirement for the **elevation** or flood proofing of structures. Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) are shown on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and on the flood profiles. The relationship between the BFE and a structure's elevation determines the flood insurance premium. City Code requires BFE plus 1 foot. With the continued changes to FEMA regulations and economic downturns, there has been a decline in new construction over the last decade impacting the growth of the tax base. Additionally, Florida Building Code is now in it's 6th revision since 2002 and is continually updated to reflect changes in building safety requirements.

City of Cocoa Beach Flood Zone and Base Elevation Information



Current Measurement of Building Height: Building height is measured from the crown of the abutting road to the highest uninhabited rooftop level. (See Question #1 Ballot language on front).



Proposed Measurement of Building Height: Building height will be measured from 1 foot above the FEMA Base Flood Elevation (BFE) to the highest habitable area. BFE applies to properties located within a FEMA Flood Hazard Zone.

Cocoa Beach City Charter Cleanup Amendment Question #2

Shall the Cocoa Beach City Charter be amended to make certain technical, corrective and conforming changes to the Charter to correct scrivener's and grammatical errors, provide clarifying definitions relating to City boards, committees and departments, conform City budget procedures to current state law, and add clarifications to make the Charter easier to read and understand?

___ Yes ___ No

The Clean Up Amendment addresses the following sections of the current Charter:

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| 2.06 Filling vacancies (even-number years) | 2.07 General powers and duties (3 or more majority)* |
| 2.08 Appointments (allows to remove City Manager) | 3.01(3) City Manager Appointment (Budget pursuant to law) |
| 3.01(4) City Manager (end of fiscal year) | 4.02 Board Operation and Membership (Advisory Boards are Committees) |
| 4.05 Code Enforcement Board and/or Special Master | 5.01 Submission of budget and budget message (pursuant to Florida Law) |
| 7.03(b) Referendum petitions (add name) | * Except height , density , CRA, Comprehensive Plan and sale of property which requires 4 or more. |

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