



Code of Ordinances Chapter 53 Code Enforcement

Board of County Commissioners

September 9, 2025



Seminole County Code Chapter 53 – Code Enforcement

The Chapter of County Code that establishes the County Code Enforcement program, including Code Enforcement Board and Special Magistrate, enforcement procedures, and code citation program.

Purpose

Consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 53, Code Enforcement, of the Seminole County Code of Ordinances. Recommended amendments include:

- Delegates some authority to the County Manager (Part 1, 53.3)
- Standardizes the rules/procedures for Code Board and Special Magistrate (Part 2)
- Returns the lien reductions process to Special Magistrate (53.17)
- Revises maximum possible fines as authorized by Florida Statute (53.16)
- Removes the “recommended” fines table (53.16 (d))
- Revises the citation process (Part 3)

Background

- April 2024: Code Enforcement Working Group established
- September 24, 2024: Commission approves Code Enforcement transition from Sheriff's Office
- January 14, 2025: Commission approves Code Enforcement transition plan
- May 13, 2025: Commission adopts International Property Maintenance Code
- August 26, 2025: Chapter 53 Code Enforcement Work Session
- September 9, 2025: Approve Chapter 53 Code Enforcement Ordinance



Key Action Items

- ✓ Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
- ✓ Recruitment for Division Manager
- ✓ Recruitment for Field Supervisor
- ✓ Recruitment for Code Enforcement Officers
- ✓ Budget Finalized: Budget Process
- ✓ Fleet and Facilities
- ✓ Standard Operating Procedures, CE Training Program, and current case review
- ✓ Code Amendments: Chapter 53

Key Action Items: Ongoing

- Interim IT Program Set-Up
- Develop and Deploy a User-Friendly Public Portal
- Overhaul Internal Case Management Process
- Review recommendations to Chapters 95, 120, 168, and Administrative Code: September 23, 2025 BCC Meeting
- New Division Launches: October 1, 2025



Requested Action

Approve the adoption of the Ordinance amending Chapter 53, Code Enforcement, of the Seminole County Code of Ordinances; Amending definitions; Amending provisions related to the Code Enforcement Board and Special Magistrate(s); Adopting a procedure for the reduction of Code Enforcement liens; Revising provisions related to the civil citation process; Updating the schedule of violations and penalties for civil citations; Providing for the codification in the Seminole County Code; Providing for Severability; And providing for an effective date.