

## **JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT**

### **ZA-21-07: SECTION 27-31 AND SECTION 27-33 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**

This proposed amendment to the Land Development Code (LDC) is a refinement of existing text related to the Planning and Zoning Board. The revisions are intended to:

- Change the title of Section 27-31;
- Provide general guidance on the Planning and Zoning Board procedures;
- Update the existing language for accuracy;
- Provide guidance on the process for the appointment of regular and alternate memberships for the City Council;
- Establishes general qualifications for board membership;
- Eliminates the ex officio provision designated to city staff and establishes procedures for governance and record keeping;
- Establishes the number and process of appointment for alternate memberships serving on the PZB. The State of Florida does not provide guidance on alternate memberships through enabling legislation for alternate memberships to advisory boards. The number of alternates will minimize conflicts of interest and quorum concerns.
- Add participation in training to the general duties of the Planning and Zoning Board.

We believe that updating these sections of the code is aligned with our overall effort to modernize and streamline our procedures in the City of Riviera Beach.