

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-119

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (FIRE PREVENTION CODE) OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE XXII ENTITLED "LIFE SAFETY" TO CREATE SECTION 7-202 ENTITLED "STORM SHUTTER REGULATIONS;" AND AMENDING SECTION 1-8.1 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIVIL PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Coral Springs desires to preserve the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed the proposed regulations provided by this Ordinance and finds that such regulations accomplish the purposes intended; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the creation of Section 7-202 of the Code of Ordinances of the Municipal Code of the City of Coral Springs relating to the regulation of storm shutters and requiring their removal within a specified period of time will serve the best interest and promote the life safety of the citizens of the City; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. Section 7-202 of the Code Ordinances of the City of Coral Springs entitled "Storm Shutter Regulations," is hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. 7-202. Storm shutter regulations.

(1) Storm shutters placed on structures certified for occupancy. Protection from windborne debris is encouraged for all structures certified for occupancy in the City. Storm shutters, or hurricane protection devices, shall be designed and installed in conformance with the building code in effect at the time such hurricane protection was permitted by the Development Services Department.

(2) Storm shutter placement. Consistent with the provisions regarding storm shutters as set forth in the Florida Building Code, Broward County Edition, as amended from time to time, it is prohibited to maintain hurricane protective devices which impede egress, light, and/or ventilation in a closed/secured position on occupied buildings after a designated hurricane watch or warning has terminated; and further it is hereby prohibited to maintain any hurricane protective devices, in a closed/secured position for periods in excess of fourteen (14) consecutive days unless:

(a) Two paths of egress from the building remain unobstructed; or

(b) A hurricane or tropical storm watch occurs during the fourteen (14) day period, at which point the fourteen (14) day period begins anew the day after hurricane or tropical storm conditions have subsided; or

(c) Hurricane or tropical storm watch conditions are predicted to occur within forty eight (48) hours after the fourteenth (14th) day; or

(d) The structure is used for residential purposes, but no person is in residence, except that (a) and (b), above, shall still apply during periods when a person is in residence. During the period June 1st to November 30th of each calendar year, if no person is in the residence, notice of the dates the building will be vacant shall be provided to the Fire Chief or his designee on forms provided by the Fire Department. The information required on the forms shall include but not be limited to the following: name of resident(s), address of residence, type of shutters, emergency contact number(s), and dates that residence will be vacant.

(3) Except during the period from June 1st to November 30th of each calendar year, hurricane protective devices are not permitted to be in a closed/secured position, unless there is a hurricane or tropical storm watch outside of the designated hurricane season.

(4) Penalties. Any person, firm, corporation or agent who violates any provisions of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation.

Section 3. Section 1-8.1 of the Code Ordinances of the City of Coral Springs entitled "Minimum Civil Penalty," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6 **Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

PUBLISHED the 1 day of October, 2005.

PASSED FIRST READING the 11 day of October, 2005.

PASSED SECOND READING the 12 day of October, 2005.

CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS FLORIDA


RHON ERNEST-JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PETER M.J. RICHARDSON, CRM, CITY CLERK

Unanimous			Yes	No
Motion/2nd	—			
—	—	Mayor Ernest-Jones	—	—
—	—	Vice Mayor Calhoun	—	—
✓	—	Commissioner Brook	—	—
—	✓	Commissioner Gold	—	—
—	—	Commissioner Mena	—	—