

ORDINANCE NO 2002- 72

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RELATING TO SIGNS; AMENDING AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII and ARTICLE XII OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION DEADLINES, POLITICAL MESSAGE SIGNS, THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF "POLITICAL MESSAGE" SIGNS, RELATING TO APPEALS; RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF BILLBOARDS AND ON-PREMISE AND OFF-PREMISE SIGNS; RE-ADOPTING AND RATIFYING ARTICLE VII, AS AMENDED AND CLARIFIED; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the validity of the Sign Code of St. Johns County (Article VII of LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC), Ord. 99-51 and 01-34) has been challenged, in Café Erotica of Florida, Inc., v. St. Johns County, Case No. 3:98-cv-597-J-21TJC (M.D. Fla.); and in Café Erotica et. al. v. St. Johns County, Case No. 3:01-cv-342-J-21TJC (M.D. Fla); and

WHEREAS, the Court in the first case has entered an order and judgment finding that three specific provisions of Article VII of the LDC are invalid, but also enjoining the County from enforcing the entire Article VII as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Court's action invalidates not only the permitting sections but prevents the enforcement of other safety driven, land use and zoning sections that were not determined to be inyalid and this action will have a direct and immediate negative impact on the aesthetics, safety, health and welfare of individuals in this community; and

WHEREAS, the decision of the Court is final, but also subject to review; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County finds and declares that property owners and residents of the County may suffer due to possible unintended consequences of the Court having declared the Sign Code as a whole invalid, unless the Sign Code is clarified, amended and re-adopted as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the Sign Code classifies certain types of signs as prohibited signs due to their adverse impact on the County's aesthetics and/or traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, prohibited sign-types include but are not limited to such sign-types as (1) flashing signs, (2) rotating signs, (3) signs that obscure official traffic signals, (4) signs which obscure visibility, (5) obscene signs, and (6) roof signs; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that the Court did not intend to render or convert prohibited sign-types into lawful sign-types or to enjoin the Sign Code provisions that protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County that were not criticized by the Court; and

WHEREAS, because the Court enjoined the County from enforcing all of Article VII of the LDC, the unintended result of this action is that it limits the County in enforcing critical safety and land use provisions contained in Article VII that are unrelated to the content of sign messages; and

WHEREAS, the Sign Code calls for severance of any section determined to be unconstitutional, and the County will seek reconsideration as to that portion of the Court's order that addressed the severability of the Sign Code provisions, and other issues relating to the constitutionality of the Sign Code, and will seek to set aside the judgment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that this ordinance addresses the concerns that were set forth by the Court and that the Court will determine that this ordinance is constitutional;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:**

Section 1. For the reasons set forth in the preamble to this ordinance which is hereby adopted and incorporated as findings of fact, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida (BCC) finds and declares that an emergency exists and that the immediate enactment of this ordinance is necessary in order to amend and clarify the Sign Code and in order to readopt the Sign Code as amended and clarified. The BCC further declares that it is necessary to enact this emergency ordinance without compliance with the notice and procedural requirements of Section 125.66(2), Florida Statutes and that such requirements are waived.

Section 2. The St. Johns County Land Development Code is hereby amended by deleting sections 7.00.01, 7.00.07, 7.00.08 and 7.03.01 of Article VII thereof and by adding and substituting the following sections in their stead:

LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

ARTICLE VII. SIGNS

Sec. 7.00.01 Sign Permit Required

~~Sign permits shall be required for any new Sign requiring a permit under the Florida Building Code (FBC). Required~~ A Sign permits must be obtained in advance of Erection of any new such Sign not exempted herein and before any repair, replacement or reinforcement of more than one-sixth (1/6) of an existing Sign Structure annually. ~~Permits shall be submitted, reviewed, processed and issued in accordance with the FBC.~~ Any Sign permit applications for new Billboards shall be complete with Swapdown proposals from the applicant in accordance with procedures detailed hereinafter in Part 7.01.00. No Sign permit shall be required for Message or Face replacement. Any Permit applications for On-premise Signs shall ~~be in accordance~~ comply with Part 7.02.00 of this Article.

(Notice: Section 125.56, Florida Statutes authorizes the counties of Florida to enforce the Florida Building Code (FBC) as provided in Section 553.80, Florida Statutes. The FBC also regulates Signs and requires permits. St. Johns County enforces the FBC. Section 125.56(4),

Florida Statutes provides that any person, firm or corporation that violates the FBC is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. Please be aware that Article VII of the St. Johns County Land Development Code does not include all of the Sign requirements that are contained in the FBC and are enforced by St. Johns County.)

A. Application

The Sign Permit Application form, must contain information as provided by Section 713.135, F.S., shall be completed in its entirety and signed by the applicant. Each Sign permit application shall be reviewed by the County Administrator. Each application shall include the following:

1. Completed Clearance Sheet, documents confirming proper land Use
2. A completed Sign Permit Application, which provides the following information:
 - a. Type of proposed sign: ground, pylon, wall or awning
 - b. Square footage of all proposed signs and number and square footage of existing signs
 - c. Height of proposed ground or pylon signs
 - d. Proposed lighting information when signs are to be illuminated
 - e. Information to determine if on-premise message relates to the premises on which the sign will be located
 - f. Elevation of wall sign depicting the location of the Sign in relation to any other store or office fronts
 - g. Site plan indicating location of sign to existing buildings, streets and other existing signage, and location of sign if within 500 feet or ½ mile of the interstate system
 - h. Billboard application will be reviewed to determine sufficient Swapdown credits.
3. Site Plan, (3 copies)
4. Three (3 sets of construction plans showing proposed signs at ¼" per foot minimum scale. Method of design for ground supported signs must be shown using American Society Civil Engineering Manual methodology. These plans must include:
 - a. All structural details including foundation cross-section and attachment details;
 - b. All proposed electrical work including fixtures.

- c. Indicate if internally illuminated signage is listed with approved testing agency.
 - 5. Supporting structural calculations, 2 copies
 - 6. Building permit fee, if applicable
 - 7. Clearance sheet fee
- 2.8. A Comprehensive Design Plan, drawn to a scale and detailed to demonstrate compliance with this Code. Such Comprehensive Design Plan shall include the Sign's maximum height, maximum square footage, exact dimensions, the type of construction material, footers and construction designs, full structural details and calculations which shall be by a Florida Professional Engineer (P.E.) on Billboards and also on Ground Signs over twelve (12) feet in height or over one hundred (100) square feet Advertising Display Area, and any Signs with internal and external lighting designs with designed wattage and electrical wiring. A detailed scaled Site Plan (3 copies) shall also be required showing exact Sign placement related to Lot lines and buildings within a distance equal to the Sign's height.
- 3.9. Applications for Signs to be located in special overlay districts with more restrictive Sign regulations than this Code, shall be submitted complete with plans and details, approved in writing, by the applicable special overlay district architectural review process.
- 4.10. On Billboard applications, the Swapdown Classification point rating of the new Sign shall be calculated and transmitted to the applicant within ~~seven (7) business days~~ three (3) business days by the County Administrator so the applicant's Swapdown nominations or banked credit may be considered by the applicant to add to the application packet. The applicant's Swapdown nominations or sufficiently banked credits shall be required for a complete Billboard application. The following information is required to nominate a Billboard Swapdown:
- a. Type of Support, i.e. wood, steel, monopole
 - b/ Height to Top Edge of Billboard
 - c. Size of Advertising Fact
 - d. Location, i.e. Urban, Rural, Suburban
 - e. Location within a Scenic Vista or Scenic Highway

- f. Roadway Classification
- g. Zoning Classification
- h. Lighting, if any
- i. Proximity of Buildings

~~5.11.~~ The Applicant shall designate whether the application is for a Billboard, On-premise, Special Use or Development Sign.

~~6.12.~~ If the application is for an On-premise Sign, the Applicant shall provide documentation evidencing that the Sign will identify or advertise a business, person, activity, goods, product, commodity, service, or entertainment located on the Premises or Advertising Message connected with the Premises, where the Sign is to be installed and Maintained.

~~7.13.~~ If the Sign is to be illuminated, a completed electrical Permit application shall be submitted.

8. ~~Zoning and Comprehensive Plan compliance shall be demonstrated in accordance with Section 7.00.02.~~ The legal description of the property on which the sign is to be erected.

B. Applicants

Permits shall only be issued to:

1. Persons licensed as Sign contractors to include the following:
 - a. Certified Contractors (structural and/or electrical),
 - b. State Registered Contractors (structural and/or electrical),
 - c. County Authorized Contractors (structural only, no electrical work allowed with this license).
2. Owners of property acting as their own Sign contractor, provided:
 - a. The property is held in the Owner's private personal name, by solely owned proprietorship or a partnership of individuals so that a human may appear to claim the state authorized exemption from contracting laws. No Corporation, even a solely owned one, can personally appear to claim an exemption from contractor licensing,

- b. The property to benefit from the Sign is personally used by the Owner, not leased, rented or used by another Person,
- c. The Sign total is less than \$25,000.00,
- d. That any electrical work is permitted only after the Owner/applicant successfully completes an open Code book questionnaire on technical basics of electrical work.

C. Applications for Sign Permits shall be approved or denied in writing, by the County Administrator, within ~~thirty (30)~~ ten (10) working days of submittal of a fully Completed Application as specified in Section 7.00.01.A, unless the sign is to be located in an Overlay District. If the Sign permit application is for a sign in an Overlay District, the Administrator shall approve or deny the application in writing within 30 days. ~~If it is determined that the application is incomplete, the County Administrator shall notify the Applicant within twenty (20) days of receipt of the application of the deficient items required. If the Applicant certifies in writing that the application is complete, the thirty (30) day period shall run from the day of the County's receipt of the that writing.~~

Should the County Administrator not approve or deny the Application in writing within the ten working day period or for overlay districts within the thirty (30) day time period, the Application shall be deemed denied and the Applicant may appeal the denial as provided by Florida Law to the circuit court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit in and for St. Johns County, Florida. in Section 7.00.08.

D. Failure to obtain a required Sign permit prior to any work, exceeding Maintenance, on a Non-conforming Sign shall be a violation of this Code and shall automatically and immediately result in loss of Non-conforming status.

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Sec. 7.00.07 Interpretation

Any word not defined in this Code shall be given the definition provided by Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (Tenth Edition). The County Administrator shall interpret the provisions of this article. Where there is an ambiguity, dispute and conflict concerning the interpretation of this article, the County Administrator shall interpret the ambiguity, dispute

or conflict by utilizing the FBC , the zoning regulations, County ordinances and Florida Statutes pertaining to building Codes, or other governmental or professional references pertaining to building or structural standards. The County Administrator may use rules of statutory construction. The decision of the County Administrator is final and shall be in writing, if requested, within ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) business days of the decision. ~~Such final decision may be appealed to the Board of County Commissioners by filing such appeal, in accordance with the appeal procedures set out in Section 7.00.08.~~

Sec. 7.00.08 Appeals

Any decision of the County Administrator, pertaining to Sign permitting, may be appealed to the Board of County Commissioners within ~~thirty (30)~~ ten (10) days of the decision. A notice of appeal from the County Administrator decision shall be filed in writing by the Applicant to the County Administrator and shall include all pertinent information and shall include the appeal fee paid upon submittal by the appellant/Applicant. The County Administrator shall, upon receipt of such appeal, set a time for hearing (not to exceed ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty (20) days from filing) and shall give notice of time and place of the hearing to the appellant/Applicant . A decision of the Board of County Commissioners, pertaining to the appeal hearing, shall be rendered as a written order within ~~fifteen (15)~~ five (5) days of the appeal hearing. If an order is not rendered within fifteen days the appeal hearing, the appeal shall be deemed denied. Decisions of the Board of County Commissioners may be appealed to the Circuit Court by the appellant within thirty (30) days of the Board's rendered decision and injunctive relief may be sought. An appeal shall stay all administrative proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed until such time as a final determination by the Board of County Commissioners or Circuit Court has been made on such appeal, provided that no such action shall be taken by the applicant or the County Administrator during such time which would change the status of the matter being appealed except when in the opinion of the Building Official there exists and immediate and significant safety hazard. The appeal fee shall be established by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

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Sec. 7.03.01 Special Use Signs - Exemptions

The following Signs shall be allowed without a Sign Permit and may also be allowed on other signs if the permit provisions contained in Section 7.00.01 and other applicable provisions of Article VII are met ~~in addition to other Signs allowed by this Code and are subject to the~~

~~provisions contained herein and violation of these provisions shall result in a violation of this Code.~~

A. Public Information, Public Identification, Public Directional and Traffic Control Signs and devices or Directional Information and warning Signs which are Erected or Maintained by St. Johns County, the State of Florida or by any railroad, public utility, St. Johns County School Board or public agency. Such Signs may be remain as long as warranted. Only such Signs may be allowed within the public right-of-way.

B. On-site construction Signage provided:

1. Maximum one Sign each Lot, denoting one or more of the Owner, architect, financial institution, general contractor, subcontractors and any statement pertaining to a building or project under construction upon Lots or Parcels of land where a building permit has been secured for construction of a building or project on such Lot or Parcel of land.
2. Such Signs shall not be installed sooner than thirty (30) days prior to construction and shall be removed within thirty (30) days after completion of the building or project, prior to the issuance of certificate of occupancy (CO) or within fifteen (15) days after construction operation has ceased whichever is earlier.
3. Such Signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet, except those in residential zoning districts, which shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area.
4. Such Signs shall be setback a minimum of five (5) feet from the front and ten (10) feet from all property lines in residential districts, and be setback at least twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of road Right-of-ways.
5. Such Signs located on golf course Lots, Lots along navigable waters, and similar Lots with dual visibility shall be permitted one additional (1) on-site construction Sign placed along the frontage of such golf course, navigable water and similar frontages.

C. Real estate Signage provided:

1. Signs with copy on one or both sides shall be allowed in all zoning districts.
2. One Sign shall be allowed for each street frontage of the parcel of property or unit offered for sale, lease or rent.
3. Sign is limited to a maximum six (6) square feet, including the Sign Structure, in area in residential districts.
4. Sign is limited to a maximum thirty-two (32) square feet Advertising Display Area, in non-residential districts.
5. Sign shall be removed within five (5) days of the day the property

changes ownership, or is rented or leased.

6. Signs located on golf course Lots, Lots along navigable waters, and similar Lots with dual visibility shall be permitted one (1) additional real estate Sign placed along the frontage of such golf course, navigable water and similar frontages.
7. Banners may be used in compliance with the criteria established in this Code, and with the size and number as provided in Part 7.05.00.
8. "Open House" Signs shall be allowed off-premise when Erected on private property, with the property owner's consent. No such Sign shall be placed on public right-of-way. Real Estate Signs announcing and directing to new subdivisions, model homes and similar new projects may be allowed off-premise during such times as these such new projects are being advertised and open for inspection. These are limited to six (6) square feet and shall not exceed three (3) per the property advertised. These Signs shall be removed immediately after Realtors or other sales personnel have left or closed the premises.
9. "Open House" Signs shall be allowed on property that is open for inspection at the time an owner or representative is on the premises.
10. "Open House" Signs are limited to a maximum six (6) square feet, including the Sign Structure.
11. "Open House" Signs shall be setback a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from adjoining side yard property lines and setback a minimum five (5) feet from the front property line.

D. Flags provided:

1. Maximum of three (3) permanent Flags may be flown per site concurrently.
2. The maximum distance from top to bottom of all Flags situated on a single flag pole shall be twenty percent (20%) of the total height of the flag pole.
3. For Flags situated without a flag pole, the maximum distance from top to bottom of all Flags shall be twenty percent (20%) of the distance from the top of the flag or insignia to the ground.
4. The Height of a Flag pole shall not exceed the maximum Sign Height as allowed for On-premise Signs, including the approved heights by exception, as provided in this Section 7.02.01C.

E. Private Directional Signage provided:

1. Each commercial business and similar Uses shall be allowed one (1) private directional sign at each access drive, depicting the name and location of the said Use or business, and shall not be located in the right-of-way. Private directional Signage shall not exceed three (3) square feet in size or three (3) feet in height. However, upon approval by the County Administrator, additional directional Signage may be located throughout parking and traffic flow areas to direct traffic as necessary. Such Signs may only direct motorists to the location of individual entrances, parking areas and similar traffic flow patterns.
2. Each agricultural business and similar Use properties zoned Open Rural (OR) may display one (1) Identification or Directional Sign, at each major access points. Such Signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet and three (3) feet in height.

F. Agricultural Fair Signage, community festival, public community events Signage and similar Signage, limited to thirty-two (32) square feet. The number and approximate location of such Signs shall be registered with County, prior to Erection. Such Signage shall only be Erected on private or County owned property, not to include Rights-of-Way, with the property Owners permission and shall be removed immediately after the event is over. When such Signs are registered with the County, the event's contact person name, address and telephone number shall be provided. Such Signs may be Erected thirty (30) days prior to the event and shall be removed within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

G. Seasonal and Holiday Signs

1. Such Signs shall be Erected for no longer than a four (4) week period of time, with the exception of November through January, in which Seasonal and Holiday Signs may be Erected forty-five (45) days prior to the holiday and removed fifteen (15) days thereafter.
2. Such Signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in residential districts or thirty-two (32) square feet in non-residential districts.
3. Seasonal and Holiday Signs do not include traditional decorations, such as ornaments, lights, wreaths, trees and similar items, which shall not be governed by the provisions of this Code.

H. Address and street numbers and name plates limited to two (2) square feet, except as provided in Section 7.02.01.D.

I. Memorial Signs, historical markers, name plates depicting the names of buildings, date of Erection, builder and other Significant aspects of the building. Such Signs may be cut into

brick or masonry surface, inlaid to be part of the building or bronze or other hard surface material plaque directly attached to the building, limited to six (6) square feet.

- J. No trespassing Signs, no dumping Signs and similar warning Signage.
1. Such Sign is limited to six (6) square feet in size.
 2. Such Signs shall be posted at the entrance to the property and subsequent Signs shall be placed no more than one Sign per two hundred fifty (250) feet of property boundary.
 3. For Lots fronting more than one street or roadway, such as Corner Lots and Through Lots, such Signs may be placed on each street or roadway frontage.
- K. Garage sale Signs, limited to four (4) square feet in size, two (2) per site and located at the location of the garage sale. Garage sale Signs may be placed one (1) day before the sale and shall be removed immediately after the sale. No garage sale Signs may be Erected upon the right-of-way.
- L. Political Message Signs will be allowed up to 32 square feet, except in residential districts, which shall not exceed six square feet. Political Message Signs are allowed on larger signs if a sign permit is obtained under Section 7.00.01. ~~limited to thirty two (32) square feet, except those in residential districts which shall not exceed six (6) square feet.~~
- M. Signs placed upon vending machines. Such Signs shall not extend outside or above the vending machine.
- N. Signs Erected within interior courtyards or the inside fence line of ball and multi-purpose playing fields, stadiums, arenas, racetracks, and similar places, visible only to those Persons visiting such place. Such Signs shall not be Erected along or upon the outside of such area, except in compliance with this Code.
- O. Concise Messages, under eight (8) square feet at business service doors or bays to identify services therein.

Section 3. The terms and provisions of each of the other sections of Article VII of the LDC are hereby re-adopted and ratified. In other words, all sections of Article VII

of the LDC other than sections 7.00.01, 7.00.07, 7.00.08 and 7.03.01 are hereby readopted and ratified without amendment.

Section 4. The St. Johns County Land Development Code is hereby amended by deleting the definitions of Billboard, Off-premise Sign and On-premise Sign from Article XII and by adding and substituting the following definitions in their stead:

Billboard: Any Sign over 32 square feet in size that is used for Off-premise outdoor advertising and display and may be leased. For spacing purposes, any On-premise Sign exceeding three hundred (300 square feet shall be a Billboard. Billboards may contain Political Messages.

Off-premise Sign: Any Sign whose purpose is to advertise, display, identify, direct attention to or in any other way present to the public a Message that relates to a product, business merchandise, service, institution, residential area, entertainment, charitable organization, religious organization or any other organization or activity conducted by any company, Person or organization, which is not located, purchased, rented, based, offered, furnished or otherwise associated with the property on which the Sign is located. For purpose of clarification, a Sign that does not convey such a message but which is available to convey such a message shall also be defined as being an Off-premise sign. Off-premise Signs may also be used to convey advertising Messages and Political Messages.

On-premise Sign: Any Sign identifying or advertising a business, Person, activity, goods, product, commodity, service, or entertainment located on the Premises where the Sign is installed and Maintained. Any Sign used for the purpose of identifying or advertising a business, Person, activity, goods, product, commodity, service, or entertainment located off the Premises where the Sign is installed shall not be considered an On-premise Sign. On-premise Signs may also be used to convey Advertising Messages and Political Messages.

Section 5. As used in this ordinance, language appearing in struck-through type is language in the LDC to be deleted, and underlined language is language to be added to the LDC, in the section, subsection, or other location where indicated. Ellipses (* * *) indicate the location of language in the LDC which is not shown herein and which is not

amended by this ordinance. Language in the LDC not appearing in this ordinance continues in full force and effect unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Section 6. Penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person to do any act prohibited by this ordinance or fail to do any act required by this ordinance. A violation of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 7.00.10, LDC, and to such civil penalties as may be provided by law or by the LDC.

Section 7. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable. If any provision of this ordinance is deemed unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this ordinance.

Section 8. Effective Date.

(a) This ordinance shall take effect when a copy has been accepted by the postal authorities of the Government of the United States for special delivery by certified mail to the Florida Department of State.

(b) Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to impair the rights of any person to whom a sign permit was issued by the County prior to the effective date of this ordinance. Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to impair the rights of any person who, as of the effective date of this ordinance, has applied for a sign permit if the application was complete, accompanied by the applicable fee and signage plan, and complied in every material respect with the provisions of the LDC, Building Code, Electrical Code and other applicable provisions adopted by the County.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 10th day of December, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant
James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Court

RENDITION DATE 12/11/02

By: Cheryl Strickland
Deputy Clerk

Effective: December 11, 2002

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December 13, 2002

Honorable Cheryl Strickland
Clerk to Board of Commissioners
St. Johns County
Post Office Drawer 300
St. Augustine, Florida 32085-0300

Attention: Patricia DeGrande
Minutes and Records Division

Dear Ms. Strickland:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 11, 2002 and certified copy of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2002-72, which was filed in this office on December 12, 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Cloud".

Liz Cloud, Chief
Bureau of Administrative Code

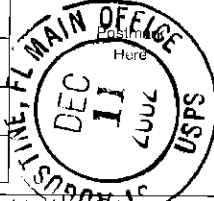
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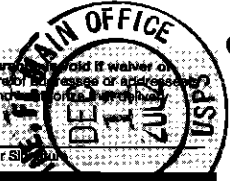
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