



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Planning Department

City Council Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

To: City Council
From: Paula McMichael, AICP, Planning Director
Date: October 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Extension of sunseting resolutions

BACKGROUND: At the meeting of October 21, 2025, city council discussed whether to extend temporary allowances, otherwise prohibited by the Sanibel Code, that have been put in place following Hurricane Ian. Following discussion, council was in agreement to extend all temporary allowances approved by resolution to December 31, 2026. City Council has the ability to revoke, amend, or extend the resolutions prior to that date. The following allowances enacted by resolution will be extended to December 31, 2026:

- Resolution 24-030 – Temporary Announcement Signs – passed June 4, 2024 – to be amended by Resolution 25-066:
 - This resolution allows for a commercial property to place one temporary announcement sign up to 32 square feet in size and 8 feet in height (including the support structure), provided the redevelopment plans for the commercial property have at minimum been reviewed for code compliance by the Planning Department at a preapplication meeting. Temporary announcement signs will be able to be placed for up to 30 months. The resolution will expire on December 31, 2026.
- Resolution 24-075 – Temporary signs on commercial properties – passed December 3, 2024 – to be amended by Resolution 25-067:
 - This resolution allows for commercial properties to place up to three (3) temporary signs with commercial content or one feather banner as provided by the Chamber of Commerce. The exemption will now expire December 31, 2026.
- Resolution 25-015 – Waiving the application fee for variances sought to aid in recovery from hurricane damage – passed March 18, 2025 – to be amended by Resolution 25-068:
 - Staff overlooked this resolution for discussion on October 21st, but given that there was consensus from council to move forward with extending all other allowances, staff has brought forward this resolution, to extend the fee waiver for

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variances related to storm damage from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2026.

Those allowances enacted by ordinance will follow the process for amending the land development code and must first be reviewed by Planning Commission. Those amendments are scheduled to be heard by Planning Commission on November 18, 2025.

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RECOMENDED ACTION: Approve the resolutions to extend special allowances enacted post Hurricane Ian to December 31, 2026.

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