

**12.A.1. 19-0957** Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Membership

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners: 1. Authorize staff to proceed with preparing an amendment to Chapter 308 of the Indian River County Code of Ordinances to make Affordable Housing Advisory Committee membership requirements consistent with amended Florida Statutes; and 2. Authorize staff to proceed with advertising for a public hearing for the amendment; and 3. Authorize staff to proceed with preparing an updated resolution for BCC consideration to adjust Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Membership requirements to be consistent with state statute; and 4. Approve the proposed membership make-up of the updated AHAC to consist of one non-voting BCC liaison and 11 voting members as detailed in the staff report.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[Portion of IRC Code Chapter 308](#)[IRC Resolution 2008-038](#)[Florida Statute 420.9076](#)[State/County AHAC Membership](#)

Chief of Long Range Planning Bill Schutt, in his PowerPoint Presentation, reviewed the purpose of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), noting that it was required by the Florida Statutes for jurisdictions that receive state funding for affordable housing.

Chief Schutt pointed out that AHAC met a total of four (4) times since December 2018 and there was only a quorum for two of the four meetings. He stated that County Code Chapter 308 and Resolution 2008-038, adopted on March 18, 2008 required a larger AHAC membership; however, the AHAC membership requirement was revised by the Florida Statutes in the year 2016, requiring a minimum of eight (8) members and a maximum of eleven (11) members and must be comprised of six (6) of the eleven (11) member categories listed in the Statute.

Chief Schutt reviewed the eleven categories and member attendance, and asked the Board to authorize staff to proceed with an amendment to the AHAC membership requirements to be consistent with the amended Florida Statutes. He proposed that the AHAC membership consist of eleven (11) voting members with five (5) representatives from the first five categories of membership, one (1) representative from each of the five (5) Municipalities, the eleventh member be a representative from either category 6, 7, or 8, and one (1) non-voting BCC liaison. Chief Schutt felt these actions would allow the AHAC to more easily achieve a quorum and would bring the County's AHAC size into compliance with state requirements.

A discussion ensued among the Board who agreed that the AHAC committee should be comprised of people who are engaged in solving the issues in front of them and a quorum to make decisions.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Adams, seconded by Commissioner Zorc, to approve Staff's Recommendation and for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) to be comprised of the first five (5) category members, one (1) representative from each of the five (5) Municipalities, and giving staff the flexibility to pick one (1) representative from categories 6, 7, or 8 for a total of eleven members and one (1) non-voting Board of County Commissioner Liaison. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Solari, Adams, Flescher, and Zorc

**Absent:** 1 - O'Bryan