

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Drumm, Vice Mayor Kapper, Mayor Henderson, Building Official Cooper

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion – Proposed Ordinance - Visibility Triangles

Building Official Bruce Cooper began discussion about the current section of 90-157 not having enough specific language defining the actual visibility triangle. The suggestion was raised to delete the entire section and everything below it that was underlined would be the new language. A point of reference would be created which would include the intersecting points of the right of way line or property lines. From the point of intersection would twenty-five (25) feet going along one street and twenty-five (25) feet going along the other street. This would equal the visibility triangle. It is advised that nothing is placed in this triangle. Official Cooper stated he changed the limit to 2 ½ feet from the grade of the street. If the area is on a smaller street or alley a smaller triangle would be used, which would only be ten (10) feet. In figure 3 on the code it would speak about the rounded corners or properties that are not necessarily a rectangle. In which case the property line would be extended to where the lines intersect and then proceed to measure back twenty-five (25) feet.

A survey was handed out to the Commissioners regarding 164 Coral Avenue where the resident put in a fence without a permit, which was taken down eventually due to the variance being denied. The Official identified a ten (10) foot setback along Lee Avenue and Coral Avenue. For new construction purposes, Section 90-110 speaks about the setback requirements. Mayor Henderson asked if this process was standard with other towns, and Official Cooper stated this is the county standards. Discussion ensued about the number of sites potentially in violation, having some sites being grandfathered in, the idea of being retroactive, and working with the Police Department to make sure that visibility is clear for everyone. Commissioner Robinson agrees with the visibility triangle idea and working with the Police Department to determine any issues that arise. Official Cooper stated that some municipalities use the edge of asphalt to be the determining factor but decided to use this style due to the easy understanding of what is needed. Chief Swann asked if it was possible to do an either/or situation about how to use the edge of asphalt, to which Official Cooper stated that the way to handle it would be to have the east side of Gulf Blvd being done one way and the west side being done another way. Official Cooper stated that when it goes before Commission for a first reading pictures could be presented to give a better understanding. Consensus was made that the Official would look at doing the edge of asphalt on the east side of Gulf Blvd. and edge of right of way on the west side of Gulf Blvd.

Official Cooper also spoke about the fence ordinance not allowing fences in the front yard, but not having any provisions for shrubs or hedges. The suggestion was given to change the definition of fences to include shrubbery. Discussion took place about the definition being changed roughly a year ago and the 45% opening for fences not being enforced. The town has been requiring shadow boxes which do not require a 45% opening. After reviewing the ordinance, the Official stated the rear yard opening is at 70% on the waterfront and 45% for all other properties. Discuss continued about how the fencing would interfere with swimming pools. Commission consensus was to be given more time to review the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Move Commission Meeting – March 11th, 2020 meeting to March 18th, 2020

Commission consensus was to have the next meeting on March 11th, 2020 and to have a Special Meeting along with a Workshop Meeting on March 31st.

MISCELLANEOUS

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Workshop/ Special Meeting – Tuesday, March 31st, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Sarah Mauter
Deputy Town Clerk