ORDINANCE 2020-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE ERECTION OR THE USE OF CARGO CONTAINERS AS SHEDS OR OTHERWISE WITHIN ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Lucie Village has received one permit application and at least one other query concerning use of cargo containers for residential or accessory purposes; and

WHEREAS, Village Ordinances would not permit storage of a cargo container in residential zoning districts but do not specifically address the use of cargo containers as structures; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, that amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of St. Lucie Village to address the erection or use of cargo containers as sheds or otherwise has become necessary; and

WHEREAS, the issue is currently under consideration by St. Lucie

County and the Board has concluded that it would be beneficial to see how

the County addresses the issue and that other study and consideration is

needed before adopting any particular regulation; and

WHEREAS, during the additional study and consideration, and in order to maintain the status quo and assure equal treatment of applicants, and to give notice, it is necessary to establish a moratorium which prevents the erection or use of cargo containers during this period; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village finds and declares the need to temporarily prohibit the erection or use of cargo containers as sheds or otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida hereby ordains:

- 1. That a moratorium is hereby established prohibiting the erection or use of cargo containers as sheds or otherwise within the municipal limits of the Town of St. Lucie Village.
- 2. That this ordinance and moratorium shall expire on the earlier of 12 months from the effective date of this ordinance or upon the effective date of an amendment to the St. Lucie Village Zoning Ordinance addressing the issue, or upon a vote of the Board of Aldermen of St. Lucie Village to end the moratorium.
- 3. The moratorium and ordinance may be extended by further vote of the Board of Aldermen.
- 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage or as soon thereafter as is permissible by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village on this 18^{th} day of August, 2020.

APPROVED:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By:

William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Dennis Clerk

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