

**CITY OF SANIBEL**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-002**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SANIBEL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II – CITY COUNCIL, DIVISION 3 – MEETINGS; AMENDING SECTION 2-66, MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.09 of the Sanibel Charter provides that the city council shall meet regularly at least once in every month, and it additionally provides that special meetings may be called by any individual council member; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-66 of the Sanibel Code provides that the city council shall hold regular meetings twice every month on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, with certain limited exceptions, and that only the mayor may individually call a special meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council is generally able to conduct all of its necessary business in a single monthly meeting, eliminating the need for a second regular meeting each month; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council desires that the Sanibel Code more closely mirror both the Sanibel Charter requirements for regular meetings, which requires regular meetings at least once each month, as well as for the calling of special meetings; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida:

**SECTION 1. SANIBEL CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II – CITY COUNCIL, DIVISION 3 – MEETINGS, SECTION 2-66 – MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL, is hereby amended with ~~strikethrough~~ language indicating deletions and underlined language indicating additions as follows:**

**Sec. 2-66. - Meetings of city council.**

- (a) The city council shall hold regular meetings at least once every month, with such meetings to be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month except as otherwise prescribed by the council. ~~except that if the regular meeting date described in this section falls upon a city holiday, then the city council shall hold the regular meeting on the next day which is not a holiday. In election years in which the November 1 falls on a Tuesday, the second regular meeting shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in November.~~ Council

may, by majority vote, continue a meeting or hearing to another date, or cancel a meeting, so long as there is at least one regular meeting in each calendar month.

- (b) All regular council meetings shall be held at 9:00 a.m. in the city council chambers (MacKenzie Hall) located in City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, Florida, except as otherwise prescribed by the council.
- (c) Special meetings may be held on the call of any individual council member ~~the mayor or of a majority of the members~~ and, whenever practicable, upon no less than 12 hours' notice to each member of the public.

**SECTION 2. Codification.** This ordinance shall be deemed an amendment to the Sanibel Code of Ordinances and shall be codified in the Sanibel Code of Ordinances as such an amendment. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to instruct as part of the codification that all section numbers amended by this Ordinance are updated and corrected throughout the Code of Ordinances in the event such section numbers are referenced.

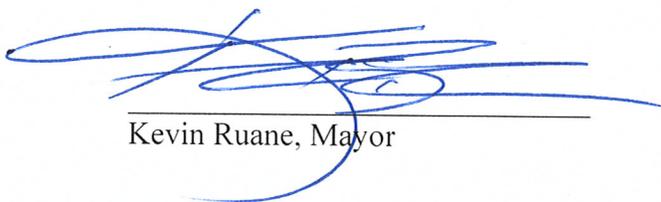
**SECTION 3. Conflict.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same hereby repealed. If any part of this ordinance conflicts with any other part, it shall be severed, and the remainder shall have full force and effect and be liberally construed.

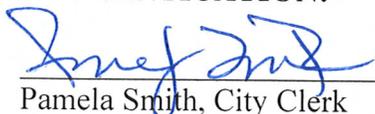
**SECTION 4. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance, or application hereof, is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion or application shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or application hereof.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

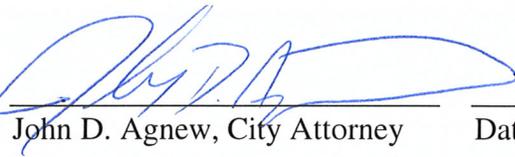
**DULY PASSED AND ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

First Reading: September 14, 2020  
Publication Notice: September 21, 2020  
Second Reading: October 6, 2020

  
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Kevin Ruane, Mayor

**AUTHENTICATION:**  
  
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Pamela Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
John D. Agnew, City Attorney

9/3/20  
Date

Vote of Council Members:

Ruane	<u>yea</u>
Denham	<u>yea</u>
Johnson	<u>yea</u>
Maughan	<u>yea</u>
Smith	<u>yea</u>

Date Filed with City Clerk: October 06, 2020