

ORDINANCE NO. 2013 - 014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA CONCERNING THE FERTILIZER AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, AMENDING SECTION 316.6 (FERTILIZER CONTENT AND APPLICATION RATES) AND SECTION 316.15 (APPLICABILITY) OF CHAPTER 316 (INDIAN RIVER COUNTY FERTILIZER AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY TO ALLOW FOR THE GRADUAL AMORTIZATION OF THE SUPPLY OF CERTAIN NITROGEN CONTAINING FERTILIZER AND APPLYING CHAPTER 316 TO UNINCORPORATED INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance regulating the proper use of fertilizers in order to protect the water quality of Indian River County's natural and constructed stormwater conveyances, rivers, creeks, canals, lakes, estuaries and other water bodies; and

WHEREAS, the new fertilizer regulations require that the nitrogen content of fertilizer applied to turf or landscape plants within Indian River County shall contain at least 50% slow release nitrogen per guaranteed analysis label; and

WHEREAS, the new fertilizer regulations go into effect on October 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide adequate time for the supply of fertilizer containing nitrogen that does not comply with these regulations to be eliminated, it is necessary to provide additional time for retailers to eliminate those supplies that meet at least a minimum threshold of slow release nitrogen,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Enactment Authority.

Article VIII, §1 of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 125, Florida Statutes vest broad home rule powers in counties to enact ordinances, not inconsistent with general or special law, for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the county. The Board specifically determines that the enactment of this ordinance is consistent with general or special law, and is necessary and appropriate to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Indian River County.

Section 2. Findings.

The Board finds that the above "Whereas" clauses are true and correct, and hereby incorporates such clauses as findings of the Board.

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Section 3. Amendment of Section 316.6 (Fertilizer content and application rates) of Chapter 316 (Indian River County Fertilizer and Landscape Management Ordinance) of the Code of Indian River County (the “Code”).

Section 316.6 (Fertilizer content and application rates) of Chapter 316 (Indian River County Fertilizer and Landscape Management Ordinance) of the Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 316.6. Fertilizer content and application rates.

(b) As of the effective date of this chapter, the The nitrogen content of fertilizer applied to turf or landscape plants within Indian River County shall contain at least ~~25~~50% slow release nitrogen per guaranteed analysis label. As of June 1, 2014, the nitrogen content of fertilizer applied to turf or landscape plants within Indian River County shall contain at least 50% slow release nitrogen per guaranteed analysis label.

Section 4. Amendment of Section 316.15 (Applicability) of Chapter 316 (Indian River County Fertilizer and Landscape Management Ordinance) of the Code of Indian River County (the “Code”).

Section 316.15 (Applicability) of Chapter 316 (Indian River County Fertilizer and Landscape Management Ordinance) of the Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 316.15. Applicability.

This chapter shall be applicable to and shall regulate any and all applicators of fertilizer and areas of application of fertilizer within the unincorporated area of Indian River County, unless such applicator is specifically exempted; ~~provided, however, that this chapter shall not apply within the limits of any municipality which has adopted an ordinance regulating the same subject matter.~~ This chapter shall be prospective only, and shall not impair any existing contracts.

Section 5. Severability.

If any part of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such holding and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Codification.

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Indian River County Code, and that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word ordinance may be changed to section, article or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

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Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Florida Department of State.

This ordinance was advertised in the Vero Beach Press Journal, on the 16th day of September, 2013, for a public hearing to be held on the 1st day of October, 2013, at which time it was moved for adoption by Commissioner Solari, seconded by Commissioner O'Bryan, and adopted by the following vote:

Chairman Joseph E. Flescher	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Chairman Wesley S. Davis	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Bob Solari	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Tim Zorc	<u>Aye</u>

The Chairman thereupon declared the ordinance duly passed and adopted this 1st day of October, 2013.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Joseph E. Flescher
Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman

ATTEST: Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court
and Comptroller

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: Heena Allen
Deputy Clerk

Dylan Reingold
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance was filed with the Florida Department of State on the ____ day of _____, 2013.