

**ESTERO FIRE RESCUE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-XX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
ESTERO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC FIRE  
SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL NEW ONE AND TWO FAMILY  
DWELLINGS CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE ESTERO FIRE RESCUE  
DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING FOR  
DEVELOPMENT TRADE OFFS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Estero Fire Rescue District, an independent fire control district, and a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (hereinafter referred to as the “District”); has established a goal of reducing the loss of life and property due to fire; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes the installation of automatic fire sprinklers in all newly constructed One and Two Family Dwellings will reduce the potential for the loss of life and property within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been proven that automatic fire sprinklers systems substantially reduce the loss of life and property when installed and maintained in accordance with National Fire Protection Association(NFPA) standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has received a completed Economic Impact Study from C.C.M Economics, LLC as required by Florida Statute 633.208(8); and

**WHEREAS**, the District has notified all One and Two Family Dwelling property owners within the District by letter of its intent to require automatic fire sprinklers in all newly constructed One and Two Family Dwellings as required by Florida Statute 633.208(9)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Estero Fire Rescue District, Lee County, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. All One and Two Family Dwellings submitted for permitting for construction after the effective date of this Resolution shall be required to install automatic fire sprinklers in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association Standard, NFPA 13D, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One and Two Family Dwellings and Mobile Homes as referenced by the Florida Fire Prevention Code, Fifth Edition adopted by Florida Statute 633.202 except that all attached garages shall be sprinkled and an audible alarm shall be provided indicating that the sprinkler system has activated.

Section 2. For the purpose of this Resolution the following definitions shall apply;

- a. Dwelling Unit. One or more rooms arranged for complete, independent, housekeeping purposes with spaces for eating, living, and sleeping; facilities for cooking; and provisions for sanitation.
- b. One Family Dwelling. A building that consists solely of one dwelling unit with independent cooking and bathroom facilities. This shall include Townhouses as defined in the Florida Building Code 5<sup>th</sup> Edition(2014) Residential.
- c. Two Family Dwelling. A building that consists solely of two dwelling units with independent cooking and bathroom facilities.

Section 3. Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One and Two Family Dwellings and Mobile Homes may result in Development Tradeoffs which shall be permitted as outlined in Attachment A if approved by the appropriate local government agency having development review jurisdiction.

Section 4. There shall be no charge for inspections, plan review, permitting, or hydrant flow testing necessary for the installation of the required automatic fire sprinkler systems.

Section 5. All Resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective November 8, 2015

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

ESTERO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
R.G. Schweers, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce A. Philp, Secretary

## Attachment "A"

1. Reduction in roadway widths,
2. Hydrant spacing so that no home is more than 1000 feet from a hydrant
3. Reduction in required water line size
4. Reduction in required fire flow by 50%
5. Increase in length of dead end roads up to 300 feet from 150 feet,
6. Decrease in allowable cul- de- sac radius
7. Increase distance of home from fire department access road from 50 feet to 150 feet
8. Increase in distance of any exterior wall to fire department access road from 150 feet to 450 feet,
9. Waive requirement for second access point for subdivisions
10. Eliminate requirement for internal looping of water lines while encouraging interconnecting of subdivision water systems,
11. Waiver of intersecting cross mains for water systems.