

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF  
 2 LAUDERDALE-BY THE SEA, FLORIDA, CREATING  
 3 SECTION 6-45 "FIRE HYDRANTS," OF THE CODE  
 4 OF ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE  
 5 PLACEMENT OF LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING  
 6 TO PROVIDE OPEN ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS,  
 7 STANDPIPE AND AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER  
 8 SYSTEM CONNECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR  
 9 SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR  
 10 CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN  
 11 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 WHEREAS, Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances regulates buildings, maintenance  
 15 of properties, and work in public rights-of-way; and

16 WHEREAS, the Town Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of  
 17 the Town to create Section 6-45 of the Code of Ordinances to regulate landscaping and  
 18 screening of fire hydrant, standpipe, or automatic sprinkler system connections and to  
 19 identify unlawful actions related to the use of fire hydrants and fire-fighting appliances; and

20 WHEREAS, the Town Commission hereby finds and declares that adoption of  
 21 this Ordinance is necessary, appropriate, and advances the public interest.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE  
 23 TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, THAT:

24 SECTION 1. The preceding "Whereas" clauses are ratified and incorporated as  
 25 the legislative intent of this Ordinance.

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 27 SECTION 2. Section 6-45 of the Code of Ordinances is created to read as follows:

28 Sec. 6-45 Fire Hydrants

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 30 (1) No fire hydrant, standpipe, or automatic sprinkler system connection  
 31 shall be obscured from the adjacent roadway or accessway, or obstructed  
 32 by any planting, wall, fence, utility box, berm, or other form of visual  
 33 screening; and further, no obstruction shall be located to the front or

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34 within seven and half (7.5) feet of the sides or rear of such equipment  
35 unless wall mounted. Hydrants shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of  
36 the paved roadway or accessway with no visual or physical obstruction as  
37 outlined in this section.

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39 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate, remove, tamper  
40 with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant or any fire system intended for  
41 use by the fire department for fire suppression purposes except for the  
42 purpose of extinguishing fires or making necessary repairs unless such  
43 person secures written prior approval from the Town and/or the public  
44 utilities department.

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46 **SECTION 4. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
47 Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconditional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then  
48 said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

49 **SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately  
50 upon adoption on second reading.

51 **SECTION 6. Codification.** This Ordinance shall be codified.

52 **SECTION 7. Adoption.**

53 Passed on the first reading, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

54 Passed and adopted on the second reading, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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Mayor Roseann Minnet

64 Mayor Minnet \_\_\_\_\_

65 Vice-Mayor McIntee \_\_\_\_\_

66 Commissioner Clottey \_\_\_\_\_

	First Reading	Second Reading
64 Mayor Minnet	_____	_____
65 Vice-Mayor McIntee	_____	_____
66 Commissioner Clottey	_____	_____

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67 Commissioner Silverstone \_\_\_\_\_

68 Commissioner Dodd \_\_\_\_\_

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70 Attest:

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72 Town Clerk, June White

73 (CORPORATE SEAL)

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75 Approved as to form:

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77 Susan L. Trevarthen, Town Attorney