Welcome to North Port

The Residents of North Port are often met with new opportunities both as citizens and homeowners. North Port is a customer service-oriented local government and we are here to help answer your questions.

Some of the questions we get, we answer everyday, “Can you help me get information about my property?” some are much rarer, “How many chickens, goats, and miniature horses am I allowed to have?” and others require research into areas of the law and code that even we have never laid eyes on.

This handout is to provide you with some of the contact information for the City government so that you can get help with your questions.

Neighborhood Development Services

The Neighborhood Development Services Department is made up of the City’s Building Division, Code Enforcement, and Planning and Zoning. The Department seeks to further the vision of North Port, providing for the health and welfare of its citizens.
Building Division

The North Port Building Division will provide for the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of North Port by maintaining and enforcing building codes. Serving the permitting, inspection and licensing needs of residents, contractors and developers is the highest priority for our customer service-driven organization.

The Division will maintain the highest standards of managerial excellence to achieve the fastest and most efficient development process in the State of Florida. The City Commission and City Manager recognize and promote the education and advancement of Building Division employees to maintain this high standard of excellence. We recognize and use the very latest technology available in order to serve our customers quickly and efficiently.

Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division's role is to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of North Port residents and assist in maintaining community standards. Code Enforcement Inspectors are proactive and will inform property owners of a violation of any North Port City Code, Unified Land Development Code, or Florida Building Code.

Violations of codes may be presented at a Code Enforcement Hearing where a Hearing Officer will listen and make a decision on alleged violations.

Planning and Zoning

Planning is divided into two major groups, Tactical Planning and Strategic Planning.

Tactical planning is concerned with review and permitting of proposed commercial and residential development within the framework of the City of North Port Unified Land Development Code and zoning regulations.

Strategic planning is concerned with the updating and maintenance of the North Port Comprehensive Plan and the Unified Land Development Code. This includes reviews of regional development proposals, developing master plans, amending the ULDC, and analyzing statistical information such as demographics, housing, transportation, and environmental issues.

Citizen input is essential in planning for the community's future. The division works with local associations, citizens, and advisory board members on a regular basis. Planning staff also acts as liaison to various regional planning authorities.