

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Planning and Zoning Board

FROM: Leonard G. Rubin, Town Attorney

RE: Recommendation to Town Council (Ordinance No. 688)

DATE: August 10, 2016

CC: Ruben Cruz, Director of Planning and Zoning

Background:

The Town Council requested that Staff prepare an ordinance providing time limitations for the installation of storm panels and shutters. The attached Ordinance adopts a new Section 34-876 of the Town Code and provides that storm panels and shutters shall not be permitted to cover window and/or door openings with the following exceptions:

1. If a hurricane or tropical storm warning or watch has been issued for any portion of Palm Beach County, storm panels and shutters may be installed and must be removed within two (2) weeks of the end of the storm event or the cancellation of the hurricane or tropical storm warning or watch.
2. During hurricane season (June 1st to November 30th), storm panels and shutters may be installed **if the structure remains unoccupied**. The panels and shutters may be installed two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of hurricane season and must be removed within two (2) weeks after the end of the hurricane season. Occupied structures are governed by the regulations in the paragraph above.

The Town Code requires Planning and Zoning Board review of any ordinance amending Chapter 34 of the Town Code of Ordinances.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Planning and Zoning Board recommend that the Town Council approve Ordinance No. 688 regulating the installation of storm panels and shutters.

1 TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA

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3 ORDINANCE NO. 688

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5 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO
6 BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING DIVISION 1, "GENERALLY," OF
7 ARTICLE IV, "SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS," OF CHAPTER 34,
8 "ZONING," OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING A
9 NEW SECTION 34-876, "STORM PANELS AND SHUTTERS;"
10 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND
11 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to enact regulations for the use of storm
14 panels and shutters within the Town in the interests of both safety and aesthetics; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Town Council determines that the adoption of this Ordinance is in
17 the best interests of the residents and citizens of the Town of Juno Beach.

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19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
20 TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA as follows:

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22 **Section 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and
23 incorporated herein.

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25 **Section 2.** The Town Council hereby amends Division 1, "Generally," of Article
26 IV, "Supplemental Regulations," of Chapter 34, "Zoning," by adopting a new Section 34-
27 876 to read as follows (additional language underlined):

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29 **Sec. 34-876. Storm panels and shutters.**

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31 Storm panels and storm shutters, either permanent or temporary,
32 shall not be permitted to cover the window and/or door openings of a
33 structure, except as provided below:

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35 (1) Storm panels and storm shutters shall not be permitted to
36 cover window and/or door openings unless a hurricane or
37 tropical storm warning or watch has been issued for any
38 portion of Palm Beach County. In the event of a hurricane or
39 tropical storm warning or watch, storm panels and storm
40 shutters are permitted to cover window and/or door openings,
41 but must be removed or opened, as applicable, within two (2)
42 weeks of the end of the storm event or the cancellation of the
43 hurricane or tropical storm warning or watch.

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45 (2) During hurricane season (from June 1st to November 30th of
46 each year), storm panels and storm shutters may cover
47 window or/or door openings if the structure remains
48 unoccupied. In such event, storm shutters and panels may

