

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/SB 60 — County and Municipal Code Enforcement

by Community Affairs Committee and Senator Bradley (CS/CS/CS/HB 883 by State Affairs Committee, Public Integrity and Elections Committee, Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, and Rep. Overdorf)

Code enforcement is a function of local government intended to enhance the economy and quality of life of counties and municipalities by protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Local governments designate code inspectors or code enforcement officers to investigate potential code violations, provide notice of violations, and issue citations for noncompliance. However, such officials do not possess police powers.

CS/SB 60 amends the county and municipal code enforcement statutes to prohibit county and municipal code inspectors and code enforcement officers from initiating an investigation into violations of city or county codes or ordinances based upon an anonymous complaint. It also requires that an individual making a complaint of a potential violation provide his or her name and address to the local government body before an investigation may occur.

The prohibition does not apply if the code inspector or code enforcement officer has reason to believe the alleged violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 27-11; House 81-35