

ORDINANCE NO. 3320

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 23 SECTION 23-21 SEPARATE METERS REQUIRED EXCEPT FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS OF THE PANAMA CITY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "UTILITIES"; REPEALING ANY PART OF AN ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ANY PART OF THIS ORDINANCE DECLARED INVALID; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. City Code Amendment. Chapter 23 "Utilities" Section 23-21 of the Panama City Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

(~~strikethrough~~ text is deleted; **underlined/bold** text is added)

Sec. 23-21. - Separate meter required.

- (a) The following structures and sites are considered separate units for payment of monthly water rates and charges, and shall require separate connections:

(1) Separate lots and building sites: **except for accessory dwelling units on the same lot;**

(2) ~~Garages and other structures which have been converted by a property owner and serve as residential living quarters.~~

- (b) In cases where a number of houses or premises are supplied water through one meter or one service and owned by one person; and one or more of the houses or premises are sold or transferred or otherwise passes to another owner, the seller and former owner shall be required to disconnect such houses and have separate meters installed for each separate owner.

Section 2. Repealer. Any ordinance or any part thereof in conflict herewith is repealed to the extend of such conflict.

Section 3. Codification. Section 1 of this Ordinance will be incorporated into the Panama City Municipal Code. Any section, paragraph number, letter and/or any heading may be changed or modified as necessary to effectuate the foregoing. Grammatical, typographical, and

similar or like errors may be corrected, and additions, alterations, and omissions not affecting the construction or meaning of this ordinance and the City Code may be freely made.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether for substantive, procedural, or any other reason, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of Panama City, Florida.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Panama City, Florida, on this 27th day of October, 2026.

See Attached Signature Page

CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA
A Municipal Corporation,

Allan Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Glaze, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

Nevin J. Zimmerman, City Attorney