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ORDINANCE NO _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 71-3 OF THE DEWEY BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATING TO THE EXPIRATION OF BUILDING PERMITS**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach desire to eliminate inconsistent provisions of the Code and specifically to remove conflicts governing the term of building permits; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, having conducted a public hearing on May 4, 2023, to consider the proposal to remove inconsistent provisions governing the term of an issued building permit, recommended approval hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, in session met, as follows:

Section 1. Amend §71-3, by substituting the following subsection G for the existing subsection as depicted with a strikeouts and underlined substitutions:

G. Building permits shall be valid for one year from date of issue, and may be renewed one time for one additional year for a fee of \$50, provided renewal is applied for prior to expiration date, ~~except in extraordinary circumstances, an additional renewal may be allowed subject to Commissioners approval.~~ Projects for which the permit has expired will require a new permit based on current construction cost estimates before the continuation of any work on the project.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed or held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance which may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Adoption. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by a majority vote of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach. Adopted by at least a majority vote of all Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach on June 16, 2023.

Mayor, William Stevens

Town Manager, Bill Zolper

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