

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: February 8, 2022

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Re: Review of Options for Further Amendments to Construction and Landscaping Hours

Date: January 28, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Town Council review the information below regarding options for further restricting construction and landscaping work and provide direction to staff.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 42-199 of the Town Code states that “Beginning on the Monday preceding Thanksgiving, and during the months of December, January, February, March, and April of each year, construction work not otherwise prohibited by section 42-198 or other work resulting in noise tending to disturb the people in the vicinity thereof shall not begin until the hour of 8:00 a.m. and shall cease at the hour of 5:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, when all construction work is prohibited.” This section of the code is used to create an annual calendar of observed Town holidays, which describes when construction and landscaping is prohibited.

As outlined on the attached list of 2022 Town observed holidays, construction and landscaping work is not permitted on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents’ Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans’ Day, and Thanksgiving Day. Construction isn’t permitted on the day after Thanksgiving but landscaping is. For holidays that fall on a Saturday, they are observed on the Friday before, and for holidays that fall on a Sunday, they are observed on the Monday after, but construction and landscaping work are permitted on the observed days. See attached 2022 dates for the observation dates for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, and New Year’s Day.

As requested by Council, staff has taken the liberty of identifying some options for the additional prohibition of construction and landscaping work during the busy November/December/January holiday season. Any of the options below will require codification via an ordinance that will require two readings at future meetings.

1. Prohibit landscaping on the day after Thanksgiving (construction already prohibited).
2. Prohibit construction and/or landscaping the day before Thanksgiving.

3. Prohibit construction and/or landscaping on weekday holiday observation dates for holidays that fall on a weekend, which would include 4 days of no work in December 2022 and January 2023 due to how the holiday dates.

There are certainly other options available, but staff believes the ones above may be a good step that doesn't place too much burden on the construction and landscaping industries but results in the addition of more "quiet" days during the busy holidays season.

Attachment

cc: Carolyn Stone, Assistant Town Manager
Department Directors
James Murphy, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
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