"cumulative" substantial improvements – which means requiring the accumulation of costs of improvements and repairs of buildings, based on issued building permits, over a 5-year period, as this will, over time, bring more nonconforming buildings into compliance and will reduce the likelihood that property owners will deliberately phase improvements sequentially for the specific purpose of avoiding the basic 50% substantial improvement rule;

WHEREAS, as required by Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes and Section 50-55 of the Land Development Code, this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the County Planning Commission for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and the Planning Commission recommendation has been forwarded to the Board; and

WHEREAS, at least ten (10) days' notice has been given once by publication in a newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a public hearing in the Levy County Government Center in Bronson, Florida; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, that:

SECTION 1. Section 50-131 of the Levy County Code is amended as follows:

Article IV. Building and Other Technical Codes and Standards Sec. 50-131. - Adoption and administrative and technical amendments.

(a) The provisions of the NFPA 70 National Electric Code (2008), as adopted by the National Fire Prevention Association, and as the same may be amended or updated from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference as if set out at length herein. It shall be unlawful to violate any sections of such NFPA National Electric Code.

(b) The provisions of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code (2011), as adopted by the National Fire Prevention Association, and as the same may be amended or updated from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference as if set out at length herein. It shall be unlawful to violate any sections of such NFPA Life Safety Code.

(c) Pursuant to F.S. ch. 553, the provisions of the Florida Building Code, as adopted by the Florida Building Commission, and as may be amended from time to time by such Florida Building Commission, are adopted herein by reference as if set out at length herein, and shall apply to the construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every public and private building, structure or facility or floating residential structure, or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings, structures or facilities in Levy County other than those specifically exempted by F.S. § 553.73, or by the Florida Building Code. Such

Note: Additions shown <u>underlined</u>, deletions shown stricken.

Note to Codifier: Please retain the double <u>underline</u> to reflect the local amendments to the Florida Building Code.