



SB 954: Certified Recovery Residences

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The purpose of this memo is to provide an overview of the recently passed law, SB 954: Certified Recovery Residences. This bill has an effective date of July 1, 2025, and the bill's requirements must be met by January 1, 2026. The purpose of this law is to require local governments to adopt an ordinance that will formalize and streamline the process for applicants seeking reasonable accommodations from land use regulations relating to certified recovery residences.

2. Key Provisions

Key provisions of the new law include:

- By January 1, 2026, the governing body of each local government must adopt an ordinance establishing the procedures for review and approval of certified recovery residences within its jurisdiction.
- The ordinance must include a process for requesting reasonable accommodation from any local land use regulation.
- The ordinance must be consistent with the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. ss. 3601 et seq., and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 12131 et seq.
- The ordinance must establish a written application process for requesting accommodation.
- The ordinance will require each local government to date-stamp each application request upon receipt. If additional information is required, the local government must notify the applicant in writing within the first 30 days after receipt and allow the applicant 30 days to respond.
- The ordinance will require the local government to issue a final written determination on the application within 60 days after receipt. If a final written determination is not issued within 60 days after receipt of a completed application, the request is deemed approved, unless the parties agree in writing, to a reasonable extension of time.
- The ordinance will require that the application include basic name and contact information.
- The ordinance may not require public hearings beyond the minimum required by law to grant the requested accommodation.
- Refer to the bill text for detailed ordinance requirements.

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3. Timeline/Required Actions

Deadline	Action Required
January 1, 2026	The governing body of each county or municipality must adopt an ordinance establishing procedures for the review and approval of certified recovery residences within its jurisdiction.

4. Resources/Contacts

- Full bill text: <https://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2025/954/BillText/er/PDF>
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