

CITY OF CLEWISTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLEWISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) AGENCY TO FACILITATE INFORMATION SHARING AND COORDINATION WITHIN THE SCOPE OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Clewiston is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all residents and upholding the rule of law within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Clewiston Police Department (hereinafter “the Department”) has determined that collaboration with federal agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (hereinafter “ICE”), may enhance public safety and support lawful enforcement activities, particularly with regard to serious criminal offenses and individuals subject to federal immigration enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, ICE has proposed an intergovernmental agreement (the “Agreement”) outlining protocols for communication, data-sharing, and coordination in matters involving individuals with outstanding federal immigration detainers or who are subject to lawful removal proceedings based on criminal conduct or federal warrants; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the terms of the proposed Agreement and finds that it is in the best interest of the City and consistent with public safety objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Commission of the City of Clewiston, Florida, that:

SECTION 1. The City Commission of the City of Clewiston hereby authorizes the Chief of Police to enter into the agreement between the Clewiston Police Department and ICE.

SECTION 2. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or any part thereof.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution. Commissioner _____ seconded the motion, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
JAMES PITTMAN, MAYOR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HILLARY HYSLOPE, VICE MAYOR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BARBARA EDMONDS, COMMISSIONER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MALI GARDNER, COMMISSIONER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JAMES WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Clewiston this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA

Lakisha Burch, City Clerk

James Pittman, Mayor

(MUNICIPAL SEAL)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: _____
Dylan Brandenburg, City Attorney