

Resolution No. _____ [Enter Resolution Number]

A Resolution of the _____ [City/Town/Village Council or Commission] of the _____ [City/Town/Village] of _____ [Name of City/Town/Village], Florida urging the Florida State Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement functions of a city and providing for an effective date.

Whereas, many municipal staff who perform duties that include, or result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of hearings that could lead to a criminal prosecution or code enforcement actions are exposed to threats and other acts of violence; and

Whereas, municipal clerks often administer elections and some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence due to the nature of materials they are responsible for

Whereas, municipal clerks are often involved in legal enforcement proceedings in actions related to violations of codes and ordinances and, occasionally, these proceedings have led to retaliation and threats by defendants; and

Whereas, currently public records exemptions in Florida include those for local personnel who either investigate, enforce or otherwise provide a service that can result in contentious interactions when action is taken and municipal clerks and their staffs fall within the need for a window for greater protection; and

Whereas, the Florida Association of City Clerks is very concerned for the safety and well-being of the municipal clerks and their staffs who serve the public on a daily basis and are, oftentimes, the first contact of citizens with cities; and

Whereas, the _____ [City/Town/Village of Name of City] has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing and adopting this Resolution.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved By the _____ [City/Town/Village Council or Commission] **of the** _____ [City/Town/Village] **of** _____ [Name of City/Town/Village], Florida **as follows:**

(1). The _____ [City/Town/Village Council or Commission] of the _____ [City/Town/Village] of _____ [Name of City/Town/Village] hereby adopts the recitals set forth in this Resolution (whereas clauses) as the legislative findings of the City Commission [replace with city/town/village].

(2). The Mayor and _____ [City/Town/Village Council or Commission] of the _____ [City/Town/Village] of _____ [Name of City/Town/Village], Florida, hereby urges and encourages the Florida State Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement functions of a municipality.

(3). The [City/Town/Village Clerk] is hereby directed and authorized to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Senator (insert city's Senator(s)) and Representative (insert city's Representative(s)), the _____ League of Cities [insert Local/Regional League], and the Florida League of Cities (FLC).

(4). This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed and Adopted this _____ [enter day] of January, 2025.

Attest: [City/Town/Village] of [City/Town/Village Name Here]

[Name of Municipal Clerk Here]

[City/Town/Village Clerk Job Title Here]

By: _____

[Name of Mayor Here]

Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

[Name of Attorney Here] City Attorney