

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA, CREATING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-16, “OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE” IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL TOWN SEAL; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, establishes the authority for municipalities to adopt official seals and provides for the municipality to regulate the manufacture, use, display, or other employment of any facsimile or reproduction of the municipal seal; and

WHEREAS, Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, provides that it is a second-degree misdemeanor to manufacture, display, or otherwise use the municipal seal, except with the express consent of the municipal governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eatonville has a long history of utilizing the historic Town seal and the Town Council has determined that the Town of Eatonville Town seal should be adopted and afforded the protections of State law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt a seal as the official seal of the Town, and finds that it is in the Town’s best interest to ensure that its official seal has the legal protections afforded to seals by formal ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville, Florida, as follows:

(Words in strike through type are deletions; words in underscore type are additions; asterisks (* * * *) indicate an omission from the existing text which is intended to remain unchanged.)

Section 1. The findings set forth in the recitals above are adopted and fully incorporated herein as legislative findings of the Town Council pertaining to this Ordinance.

Section 2. Chapter 1, Section 1-16 “Official Seal of the Town of Eatonville,” is hereby created to read as follows:

Section 1-16. Official Seal of the Town of Eatonville.

A. The Town seal is hereby adopted as the official Town seal of the Town of Eatonville and shall be inscribed with the words “The Town That Freedom Built,” as more particularly described as follows:



- B. The use of the Town seal on any logo or letterhead is for official Town business only. The manufacture, use, display, or other employment of any facsimile or reproduction of the seal, except by Town officials or employees in the performance of their official duties, without the express approval of the Town Council upon application to it by any person or entity, is a violation of this section. The Town Mayor or designee may immediately revoke a person or entity's previously authorized use of the Town seal upon finding false or inaccurate information was submitted on its application to the Town requesting authorization to use the seal.
- C. Any unauthorized use of the Town seal by any person or entity shall constitute a violation of this section and shall be punished pursuant to Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, and shall be fined in accordance with Section 775.083, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

Section 3. CODIFICATION. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated into the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Eatonville, as additions or amendments thereto.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. Should any word, phrase, sentence, subsection, or section be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, then that word, phrase, sentence, subsection, or section so held shall be severed from this Ordinance and all other words, phrases, sentences, subsections, or sections shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances or part thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders, and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the foregoing Ordinance was approved and passed and transmitted upon the first reading on the ___ day of _____, 2025.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the foregoing Ordinance was approved and passed upon the second reading on the ___ day of _____, 2025.

Attest:

TOWN OF EATONVILLE

Veronica King,
Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor