

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-84

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EUSTIS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DEPLOYMENT OF A SKYDIO DRONE SYSTEM FOR THE EUSTIS POLICE DEPARTMENT UTILIZING FUNDS AWARDED THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (FDLE) FY25–26 DRONE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.

WHEREAS, the Eustis Police Department continues to implement technology designed to enhance officer safety, improve operational efficiency, and increase transparency; and

WHEREAS, the use of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones, has proven to be an effective tool in law enforcement operations, including search and rescue, crime scene documentation, traffic crash reconstruction, and tactical incident response; and

WHEREAS, the Eustis Police Department has secured a grant award through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) FY25–26 Drone Replacement Program in the amount of \$25,000 to fund the purchase and deployment of an advanced drone system; and

WHEREAS, the Department has identified the Skydio drone system as the most suitable platform for its operational needs, providing advanced autonomous flight capability, obstacle avoidance, and integration with the Department's existing Axon Evidence digital evidence management system; and

WHEREAS, the purchase will be fully funded by the FDLE grant, with no additional City funds required; and

WHEREAS, City purchasing policies require City Commission approval for purchases in excess of \$100,000, and although this project is under that threshold, formal authorization by resolution is appropriate due to the nature of the State grant funding and associated equipment deployment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida, that the City of Eustis Police Department is hereby authorized to purchase and deploy a Skydio drone system utilizing the FDLE FY25–26 Drone Replacement Program Grant in the amount of \$25,000.

DONE AND RESOLVED, this 23rd day of October 2025, in regular session of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida.

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EUSTIS, FLORIDA**

Willie L. Hawkins
Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:

Christine Halloran, City Clerk

CITY OF EUSTIS CERTIFICATION

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LAKE**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by means of physical presence, this 23rd day of October 2025, by Willie L. Hawkins, Mayor/Commissioner, and Christine Halloran, City Clerk, who are personally known to me.

Notary Public - State of Florida
My Commission Expires:
Notary Serial No:

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

This document is approved as to form and legal content for the use and reliance of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida.

City Attorney's Office

Date

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The foregoing Resolution Number 25-84 is hereby approved, and I certify that I published the same by posting one copy hereof at City Hall, one copy hereof at the Eustis Memorial Library, and one copy hereof at the Eustis Parks and Recreation Office, all within the corporate limits of the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida.

Christine Halloran, City Clerk