



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** January 16, 2024
FROM: L. J. Arnold III, City Attorney
Erin West, City Clerk
SUBJECT: First reading of Ordinance O-3-024 adopting an official City Seal and the provisions of Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, which regulates the unofficial use of the City Seal.

BACKGROUND

The City Clerk was informed by Kim Thomas that there have been recent instances when persons or entities wanted to use the official seal of the City for various reasons. Upon research the City Clerk found that St. Augustine had adopted the protections set forth in the above statute which limits unofficial use of our seal without the express written approval of our governing body. This statute is similar to granting the City copyright protection for use of our official seal. As we see, the statute requires passage of an ordinance to adopt and regulate the use of our seal. The proposed ordinance together with a resolution to be presented to the Council, will legally protect the City from unofficial use of its seal.

FISCAL IMPACT

Very little, if any, assuming the followup resolution sets a reasonable fee to process requests for use of our seal. See AGO 2000-43 attached hereto.

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. O- 3-2024 on first reading as to form only.