

## ORDINANCE NO. O-3-2024

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL SEAL FOR THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 165.043, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has received requests to use the official seal of the City for a variety of reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature enacted a law to protect the use of the official seal of Florida counties and municipalities and to allow use of such seals with the express approval of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, the City needs to adopt an ordinance regulating the use of its seal.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** This is hereby adopted as the official seal of the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida, that certain seal attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and as filed with the City Clerk.

**Section 2.** It shall be unlawful, and the City hereby adopts the provisions of Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, which is attached as Exhibit “B”, for any person to utilize any image or impression of said seal or to otherwise violate the provisions of Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, without the express approval of the City Council of Green Cove Springs.

**Section 3.** A violation of this ordinance shall be punished as a second degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in Section 775.082 or Section 775.083, Florida Statutes.

**Section 4.** City officials shall be exempt from this ordinance when in the performance of their official duties.

**Section 5.** The City Council shall authorize the procedures and fees for the use of the City Seal in a subsequent Resolution.

**Section 6.** **REPEALER.** Any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 7.** **SEVERABILITY.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

**INTRODUCED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY ON THE FIRST READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024.**

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Constance W. Butler, Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin West, City Clerk

**PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.**

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Constance W. Butler, Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin West, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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L. J. Arnold III, City Attorney