



**TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 1-13, “ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION OF NOTICES;” PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, is a duly constituted municipality having such power and authority conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, specifically authorizes municipalities to utilize the publicly accessible website of the county in which it lies to publish legally required advertisements and public notices subject to certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission wishes to utilize the provisions of Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, and will comply with the provisions of subsection (6), which requires the Town to provide notice at least once per year in a newspaper of general circulation indicating that property owners and residents may receive legally required advertisements and public notices from the Town by first-class mail or e-mail upon registering their name and address or e-mail address with the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission determines that the adoption of this Ordinance benefits the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Highland Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

1 **Section 2.** The Town Commission hereby amends Chapter 1, “General Provisions,” of
2 the Town Code of Ordinances, by adopting new Section 1-13, “Electronic publication of notices,”
3 to read as follows (additional language underlined):

4 **Sec. 1-13. Electronic publication of notices.**

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6 Wherever this code, including the provisions of chapter 30 (zoning code),
7 requires publication of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation, the
8 publication requirement shall be satisfied by posting such notice on the county’s
9 publicly accessible website in accordance with the requirements of F.S. §50.0311.

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11 **Section 3. Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and
12 if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be
13 invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections,
14 sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the
15 legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

16 **Section 4. Repeal of Laws in Conflict.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict
17 herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

18 **Section 5. Codification.** Section 2 of the Ordinance may be made a part of the Town
19 Code of Ordinances and may be re-numbered or re-lettered to accomplish such, and the word
20 “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “division,” or any other appropriate word.

21 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption
22 at second reading.

23 The foregoing Ordinance was moved by _____, seconded by
24 _____ and upon being put to the vote, the vote was as follows:

	YES	NO
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27 Mayor Natasha Moore	_____	_____
28 Vice Mayor David Stern	_____	_____
29 Commissioner Evalyn David	_____	_____
30 Commissioner Judith Goldberg	_____	_____
31 Commissioner Don Peters	_____	_____

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33 PASSED on first reading at the Regular Commission meeting held on this _____ day of
34 _____, 2024.

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2 _____ and upon being put to the vote, the vote was as follows:

	YES	NO
4 Mayor Natasha Moore	_____	_____
5 Vice Mayor David Stern	_____	_____
6 Commissioner Evalyn David	_____	_____
7 Commissioner Judith Goldberg	_____	_____
8 Commissioner Don Peters	_____	_____

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11 PASSED AND ADOPTED on second and final reading at the Regular Commission meeting held
12 on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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14 ATTEST:

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16 By: _____
17 Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
18 Town Clerk

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20 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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22 By: _____
23 Leonard G. Rubin, Town Attorney