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CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 08

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL VILLAGE
SEAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING
FOR AUTHORIZATION OF USE; PROVIDING
FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR
CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, authorizes the governing body of a municipality, by ordinance, to designate an official municipal seal to be affixed on all official actions or documents of the City and to identify and authenticate documents; and

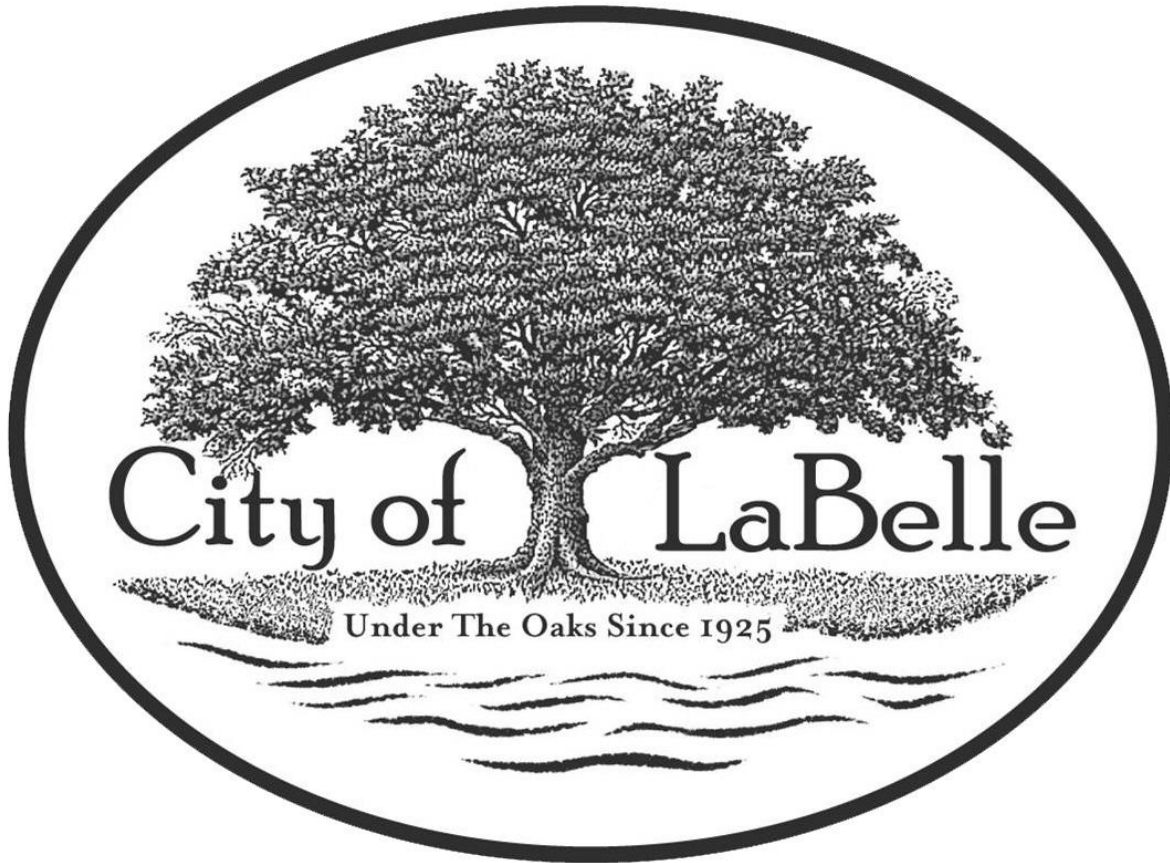
WHEREAS, Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, provides that it is a second-degree misdemeanor to manufacture, display, or otherwise use the municipal seal, except with the express consent of the municipal governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of LaBelle finds that it is in the best interest of the City to adopt a seal as the Official Seal of the City, and finds that it is in the City'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 City Commission of the City of LaBelle, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. **Recitals.** Each and all of the foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if specifically set forth herein and adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The City of LaBelle hereby adopts as its official seal:



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36 **Section 3.** The use of the City seal on any logo or letterhead is for official City business
37 only. The manufacture, use, display, or other employment of any facsimile or reproduction of
38 the seal, except by the City officials or employees in the performance of their official duties,
39 without the express approval of the City Commission, through its City Clerk or their designee,
40 is a violation of this section. The City Clerk or designee may immediately revoke a person or
41 entity's previously authorized use of the City seal upon finding false or inaccurate information
42 was submitted on its application to the City requesting authorization to use the seal. The City
43 will not be liable to the person or entity for expenses incurred as a result of authorization being
44 revoked.

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46 **Section 4.** Any person or entity that violates any portion of this Ordinance is guilty of
47 a second-degree misdemeanor and will be punished as provided in Section 775.082, Florida
48 Statutes, and will be fined in accordance with Section 775.083, Florida Statutes.

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50 **Section 5. Codification.** Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Ordinance shall be incorporated
51 into the City of LaBelle Code, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article I – In General. The sections
52 of this Ordinance can be renumbered or re-lettered to the appropriate word, phrase, or title to
53 accomplish codification. Omissions, grammatical, and typographical errors, as well as
54 clarifications of ambiguous wording that do not affect the intent of this Ordinance, may be
55 authorized by the Mayor without need for a public hearing.

Section 6. Severability. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 7. Conflict. All ordinances, resolutions, official determinations or parts thereof previously adopted or entered by the City or any of its officials and in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent inconsistent herewith.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED on first reading this 12th day of September 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION of the City of LaBelle, Florida this ____ day of ____, 2024.

Attest:

CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA

By: _____
Tijauna Warner, Deputy City Clerk

By: _____
Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor

Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Derek Rooney, City Attorney

Vote:	AYE	NAY
Mayor Wilkins	_____	_____
Commissioner Vargas	_____	_____
Commissioner Ratica	_____	_____
Commissioner Akin	_____	_____
Commissioner Spratt	_____	_____