

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-2380

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY,**
2 **COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII,**
3 **CITY OF LAKE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO EXPAND THE**
4 **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM**
5 **FIVE MEMBERS TO SEVEN MEMBERS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS;**
6 **ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SAID MEMBERS;**
7 **PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND**
8 **PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 2, Article VII, of the City of Lake City (the “City”) Code of Ordinances (the
10 “Code”) creates the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lake City (the “Agency”),
11 providing, among other things, definitions, powers, for composition of a board of commissioners
12 to exercise powers of the Agency, and a geographic area of applicability; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to change the composition of the Agency board of
14 commissioners to add two additional members to said board; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Section 163.357, Florida Statutes provides the City Council may appoint two
16 additional members to the Agency board of commissioners when the City Council is comprised
17 of only five members and has appointed the five members of the City Council to serve as Agency
18 board of commissioners; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City Council, being fully advised of the facts and circumstances recited herein
20 hereby finds and determines amending Chapter 2, Article VII of the Code to change the
21 composition of the Agency board of commissioners to add two additional members to said board
22 promotes the general welfare and is in the public interest:

23 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:**

24 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

25 Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 2-291 of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances is hereby
26 amended as follows:

27 **Sec. 2-291. Definitions.**

28 The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall
29 have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the
30 context clearly indicates a different meaning:

31 Agency means the ~~city council in its capacity as the~~ community
32 redevelopment agency of the City of Lake City created pursuant to and
33 having all powers conferred by Part III, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, being
34 a public instrumentality and public body corporate and politic.

35 Board means the board of commissioners exercising the powers of the
36 agency, such board being formed and having composition as set forth in
37 this article and pursuant to Part III, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

38 **SECTION 2. COMPOSITION OF AGENCY BOARD**

39 Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 2-292 of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances is hereby
40 amended as follows:

41 **Sec. 2-292. Established by council; compensation.**

42 (a) As previously authorized by Resolution 81-16 on May 18, 1981, pursuant
43 to ~~F.S. §~~ Section 163.357, Florida Statutes, the city council hereby creates
44 the community redevelopment agency of the City of Lake City and
45 ~~declares itself the board of commissioners of the agency to be the~~
46 ~~community redevelopment agency in the city~~ composed of seven
47 commissioners, five commissioners being the members of the city
48 council, and two commissioners being appointed by the city council as
49 set forth in this section 2-292. All rights, powers, duties, privileges and
50 immunities vested in a community redevelopment agency by the
51 Community Redevelopment Act of 1969 (~~F.S. §~~ Section 163.330, Florida
52 Statutes, et seq.), are hereby vested in the agency and shall be exercised
53 by the ~~city council~~ board in its capacity as the community redevelopment
54 ~~agency and shall be exercised by the city council~~ subject to all
55 responsibilities lawfully imposed or incurred. Each member of the ~~city~~
56 ~~council is a member of the agency and~~ board shall serve without
57 compensation for services rendered as a member but is entitled to the
58 necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of duties. The board of
59 commissioners for the community redevelopment agency, constitutes
60 the head of a legal entity separate, distinct, and independent from the
61 city council as governing body of the city of the City of Lake City.

62 (b) In accordance with Section 163.357(1)(c), Florida Statutes, the city

63 council shall appoint two additional persons to act as commissioners on
64 the board of the community redevelopment agency.

65 (1) The positions occupied by the additional commissioners of the
66 community redevelopment agency contemplated by this Section 2-
67 292(b) shall be designated as "Seat 1" and "Seat 2", and the city
68 council shall appoint a person to Seat 1 before appointing a person
69 to Seat 2.

70 (2) The terms of office of the additional commissioners shall be for four
71 (4) years, except that the person first appointed to Seat 1 shall serve
72 an initial term of two (2) years.

73 (3) Any person may be appointed as commissioner if he or she resides
74 in or is engaged in business within the area of operation of the
75 agency and is otherwise eligible for appointment under Part III,
76 Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

77 (4) *Engaged in business*, for purposes of this Section 2-292, means
78 owning a business, practicing a profession, or performing a service
79 for compensation, or serving as an officer or director of a
80 corporation or other business entity so engaged.

81 (5) *Area of operation of the agency*, for purposes of this section 2-292,
82 means the geographic area coterminous with the area of operation
83 of the city.

84 **SECTION 3. DESIGNATION OF VICE-MAYOR AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF AGENCY BOARD.**

85 Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 2-293 of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances is hereby
86 amended as follows:

87 **Sec. 2-293. - Rules of procedure; meetings; chair; budget.**

88 The board agency shall formulate and may amend its own rules of
89 procedures and written bylaws not inconsistent with this article. A majority
90 of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of
91 conducting business and exercising the powers of the agency and for all
92 other purposes. Action may be taken by the board upon a vote of a majority
93 of the members present of the board. The board-agency shall hold such
94 meetings as shall be provided for in its bylaws or may hold special meetings
95 to be called with proper notice by the chair of the board-agency who shall
96 be the mayor. The vice-mayor shall serve as vice-chairperson of the board.
97 All meetings of the board shall be given public notice and shall be open to
98 the public. The board agency shall prepare a budget for the operation of the

99 agency for the ensuing fiscal year, the same to conform to the fiscal year of
100 the city. Any funds appropriated for the operation of the agency shall be
101 expended only as authorized by a budget approved by the city council.

102 **SECTION 4. CODIFICATION**

103 It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Lake City that the provisions of this Ordinance
104 shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake City, Florida. The
105 Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be
106 changed to "Section", "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such
107 intention. The correction of typographical errors which do not affect the intent or substance of
108 the ordinance may be authorized by the City Clerk or the City Clerk's designee with the consent
109 of the City Attorney without public hearing, by filing a corrected or re-codified copy of the same
110 with the City.

111 **SECTION 5. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT**

112 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent they conflict
113 with this Ordinance, repealed.

114 **SECTION 6. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY**

115 It is the declared intent of the City Council of the City of Lake City that, if any section, sentence,
116 clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be
117 unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding
118 of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and
119 the remainder of this Ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall be deemed to be
120 valid.

121 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

122 This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

APPROVED, UPON THE FIRST READING, by the City Council of the City of Lake City at a regular meeting, on the ____ day of July, 2026.

PUBLICLY NOTICED, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lake City, Florida, by the City Clerk of the City of Lake City, Florida on the ____ day of July, 2026.

APPROVED UPON THE SECOND READING, AND ADOPTED ON FINAL PASSAGE, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of Lake City, Florida, at a regularly scheduled meeting this ____ day of July, 2026.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY,

FLORIDA

Noah E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Clay Martin, City Attorney