

## **ORDINANCE 2022-2229**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR TRAINING OF APPOINTEES TO SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS** the City Council adopted rules of its meetings in 1968, and said rules were codified in the City Code of Ordinances and from time to time said rules have been amended; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Lake City that the rules of meetings be updated; and

**WHEREAS** it is the intent of the City Council that it provide universal rules for the meetings of the City Council and its Special Standing Committees; and

**WHEREAS** it is the finding of the City Council that the members of the public must be fully informed if they are to be intelligently advised as to the conduct of public business by the Council; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council further finds that it is in the best interests of the City to find and provide opportunities for the public to be heard on propositions before the Council; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council further finds that it is in the best interests of the City and the appointees to special standing committees that all appointees receive specialized training within three months of their appointment and bi-annually thereafter.

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

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and accurate and adopted and incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** The following Sections of Chapter 2, Article 2 of the City Code of Ordinances titled "City Council" which pertain to rules of meetings and special standing committees are amended as follows (words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions):

## Article II. City Council

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Section. 2-42. - Addressing the council through presentation.

Any person desiring to address the council through presentation shall first notify the city clerk of such desire and state the purpose or matter he desires to bring before the council. If the proposal and presenter are sponsored by a city councilmember Tthe city clerk shall place the request upon the agenda under its proper heading of business, provided the person seeking to address the council has made his request of the city clerk ~~six hours~~ prior to the final completion of the Agenda.

~~Written communications.~~ Interested parties or their authorized representatives may address the council or councilmembers by written communications at any time.

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Section. 2-48. - Special standing committees.

(1) Findings. \*\*\*

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(8) Ethics training of advisory committee members. Every advisory committee member shall attend and successfully complete ethics training within the first three months of his or her appointment or reappointment. Ethics training shall be successfully completed bi-annually. The ethics training must include, at a minimum, the following subjects:

a. the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees;

b. the public records and public meetings laws of this state.

~~(8)~~ (9) Committee rules. \*\*\*

~~(9)~~ (10) City attorney. \*\*\*

~~(10)~~ (11) Committee secretary. \*\*\*

~~(11)~~ (12) Committee meetings. \*\*\*

~~(12)~~ (13) Committees advisory to council, or CRA as to the CRAC. \*\*\*

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**Section 3.** Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

**Section 4.** Conflicts. 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 5.** Codification. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida, and the sections may be renumbered in order to accomplish such intentions.

**Section 6.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED** upon first reading this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

**NOTICE PUBLISHED** on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

**CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA**

By: Stephen M. Witt  
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Audrey E. Sikes  
Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGALITY:

By: F. L. Koberlein, Jr.  
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