

Proclamation

City of Lake City, Florida

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City, Florida (hereinafter the "City") operates water, wastewater, and gas utilities (hereinafter the "Utilities") within the municipal limits and certain unincorporated areas of Columbia County, Florida (hereinafter the "County"); and

WHEREAS, the Utilities are essential to the long-term economic development of both the City and the County; and

WHEREAS, the development and distribution of the Utilities to areas of the County is beneficial to the long-term comprehensive plans of both the City and the County; and

WHEREAS, the City and Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter the "Board") work cooperatively on various economic and infrastructure development projects to which the Utilities are vital; and

WHEREAS, the City receives numerous benefits from the smart growth management in, and of, the County; and

WHEREAS, the City, with the assistance of the Board, is committed to investing the resources necessary to continually upgrade and modernize the equipment that delivers the Utilities, so that the Utilities may be provided to additional areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Board understand that there are efficiencies that can be gained by working cooperatively to provide the Utilities to areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2020, the City's utility advisory committee approved a motion to recommend to the City Council that the City commit to providing the Utilities to additional areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2020, the City's utility advisory committee approved a motion to recommend to the City Council that the City commit to working with the Board in an effort to adopt a five (5) year strategic plan for the provision of the Utilities to the County; and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation is issued to memorialize the City's dedication to:

- 1. providing utilities to all permissible areas of Columbia County, Florida; and*
- 2. working with the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida in an effort to adopt a five (5) year strategic plan for the provision of utilities to the County.*

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, does hereby proclaim its dedication to providing utility services to the current, and future, citizens and businesses located in Columbia County, Florida.



Seal of the City of Lake City
State of Florida

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 16th day of February 2021.

Stephen M Witt
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
City of Lake City