

CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2171

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-31 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING THAT REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING LOCATIONS CAN BE HELD ANYWHERE IN COLUMBIA COUNTY, SUBJECT TO ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City, Florida (hereinafter the “City”) has a current City Code of Ordinances which requires all City Council meetings to be held in City Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, the recent ongoing pandemic has demonstrated that it is in the best interest of the City to provide a procedure for alternative locations for regular and special City Council meetings when necessary; and

WHEREAS, said procedures should restrict the possible locations to the geographical area of the City and its surrounding area within Columbia County, Florida, where any change in location for the City Council meetings must provide for adequate public notice.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are all true and accurate and are incorporated herein and made a part of this ordinance.

Section 2. That Article II, Section 2-31(b) of the Code of the City of Lake City, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~stricken~~):

ARTICLE II. CITY COUNCIL

Section 2-31. Regular Meetings.

(a) *Time.* The city council shall hold regular meetings on the first and third Monday of each month, commencing at 6:00 p.m., or at such other hour of

said day as may be designated by the mayor or written notice given to the council members, city manager, city clerk, city attorney and local news media at least 24 hours prior to said meeting. However, when the day fixed for any regular meeting of the city council falls upon a day designated by law as a legal or national holiday, such meeting shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day that is not a holiday.

(b) *Place.* All regular or special meetings of the city council shall be held in the city council's chambers at the City Hall in Lake City, Florida, or at such other location anywhere, within Columbia County, Florida, as may be designated by the caller of the meeting in the notice calling the meeting.

Section 3. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other provision of this ordinance be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be so construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

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 that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word ordinance may be changed to "section", "article", or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

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Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED upon first reading on the ____ day of October, 2020.

NOTICE PUBLISHED on the ____ day of _____, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the second and final reading this ____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

By: _____
Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

By: _____
Frederick L. Koberlein, Jr.
City Attorney