

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2350

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT**
2 **TO PETITION NO. ANX 25-08, SUBMITTED BY PAM STEWART AND**
3 **SCOTT D. STEWART, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION;**
4 **ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN COLUMBIA**
5 **COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS REASONABLY COMPACT, INTO THE**
6 **BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA; MAKING**
7 **CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT THEREOF; PROVIDING**
8 **SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT;**
 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9 **WHEREAS**, Section 166.021, Florida Statutes, as amended, empowers the City Council of the City
10 of Lake City, Florida, (the “City Council”), to annex real property into the corporate boundaries of
11 the City of Lake City, Florida, (the “City”); and

12 **WHEREAS**, Sections 171.011 through 171.094, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Municipal
13 Annexation or Contraction Act, empowers the City Council to annex real property into the
14 corporate boundaries of the City, pursuant to a petition voluntarily filed by the owner of certain
15 real property; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (the “ISBA”) between the Board of County
17 Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, (the “County”), adopted by Columbia County
18 Ordinance No. 2025-23 and the City, adopted by City of Lake City Ordinance No. 2026-2345
19 permits property not contiguous to the boundaries of the City to be annexed into the City; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Pam Stewart and Scott D. Stewart, the owner of certain real property more
21 particularly described herein below (the “Real Property”), has petitioned that the same be
22 voluntarily annexed and incorporated into the boundaries of the City; now therefore

23 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the People of the City of Lake City, Florida, as follows:

24 1. Pursuant to a petition, ANX 25-08, by Pam Stewart and Scott D. Stewart, the owner of Real
25 Property, said Real Property being depicted on Schedule A: Location Map, attached hereto
26 and incorporated as part of this Ordinance, and is reasonably compact, has petitioned the
27 City to have said Real Property annexed into the City.

28 A parcel of land lying in Section 30, Township 4 South, Range 17 East, Columbia
29 County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at

30 the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 30; thence North
31 00°22'20" West, along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4,
32 a distance of 20.50 feet to a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of a county
33 road for a Point of Beginning; thence South 89°48'22" West, along said
34 Northerly right-of-way line of said county road, 207.41 feet to the Easterly
35 right-of-way of State Road 47; thence North 33°46'40" East, along the Easterly
36 right-of-way line of said State Road 47, a distance of 217.86 feet to the
37 Southwesterly right-of-way line of Intersatte 75 (State Road 93); thence South
38 88°24'42" East, along said Southwesterly right-of-way line of Interstate 75
39 (State Road 93), a distance of 71.43 feet; thence South 00°22'20" East, along
40 the East line of said Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, a
41 distance of 162.56 feet to the Point of Beginning.

42 AND

43 The North 1/2 of the following: a strip of land 41.00 feet in width lying 20.50
44 feet North and 20.50 feet South of the following described survey line: Begin
45 at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section
46 30, Township 4 South, Range 17 East, Columbia County, Florida; thence West,
47 along the South boundary of the said Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of
48 said Section 30, a distance of 275.00 feet, to the centerline of State Road 47,
49 less and except that part of the above-described property lying within the right-
50 of-way of said State Road 47.

51 AND

52 Commence at the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4,
53 Section 30, Township 4 South, Range 17 East, Columbia County, Florida; thence
54 North 00°23'36" West, along the West line of said NW 1/4 of the Northwest
55 1/4 of Section 30, a distance of 20.50 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence
56 continue North 00°23'36" West, sill along said West line, 162.14 feet to the
57 Southwesterly right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 75 (State Road 93);
58 thence South 41°09'12" East, along said Southwesterly right-of-way line, 77.31
59 feet; thence South 25°35'04" West 115.23 feet to the Point of Beginning.

60 All said lands containing 0.81 acre, more or less.

61 2. The City Council finds the petition bears the signatures of all owners of said Real Property in
62 the area proposed to be annexed.

63 3. The City Council finds said Real Property meets the criteria established by Chapter 171,
64 Florida Statutes, as amended, and said ISBA between the County, and the City, and should

65 be annexed to the boundaries of the City.

66 4. Said Real Property is hereby annexed to the boundaries of the City, and in every way is a part
67 of the City.

68 5. The boundaries of the City are hereby redefined to include said Real Property.

69 6. Annexation. Said Real Property shall continue to be classified as follows: HIGHWAY
70 INTERCHANGE under the land use classifications as designated on the Future Land Use Plan
71 Map of the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan and classified as COMMERCIAL, HIGHWAY
72 INTERCHANGE (CHI) under the zoning districts as designated on the Official Zoning Atlas of
73 the Columbia County Land Development Regulations until otherwise changed or amended
74 by appropriate ordinance of the City.

75 7. Effective January 1, 2027, all real property lying within the boundaries of the City, as hereby
76 redefined, shall be assessed for payment of municipal ad valorem taxes, and shall be subject
77 to all general and special assessments.

78 8. All persons who have been lawfully engaged in any occupation, business, trade or profession,
79 within the area, described in Section 1 above, upon the effective date of this Ordinance
80 under a valid license or permit issued by the County and all other necessary state or federal
81 regulatory agencies, may continue such occupation, business, trade or profession within the
82 entire boundaries of the City, as herein defined, upon securing a valid occupational license
83 from the City, which shall be issued upon payment of the appropriate fee, without the
84 necessity of taking or passing any additional examination or test which otherwise is required
85 relating to the qualification of such occupations, businesses, trades or professions.

86 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file, within seven (7) days following the effective date of
87 this ordinance, a certified copy of this ordinance with the following:

88 a) Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida;

89 b) Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Tallahassee, Florida;

90 c) Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia County, Florida;

91 d) Chief Administrative Officer of Columbia County, Florida;

92 e) Property Appraiser of Columbia County, Florida;

93 f) Tax Collector of Columbia County, Florida; and

94 g) All public utilities authorized to conduct business within the City.

95 10. Severability. It is the declared intent of the City Council that if any section, sentence, clause,
96 phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be
97 unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such
98 holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this
99 Ordinance and the remainder of this Ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts,
100 shall be deemed to be valid.

101 11. Conflict. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to
102 the extent of such conflict.

103 12. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective on the date of final adoption by the City
104 Council.

APPROVED, UPON FIRST READING, by the City Council, at a regular meeting, on the _____ day
of _____, 2026.

PUBLICLY NOTICED, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, by the City Clerk of the City
on the 22nd of January 2026 and 28th day of January 2026.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED UPON SECOND READING, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a
quorum present of the City Council, at a regular meeting this _____ day of _____, 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 E. Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Clay Martin, City Attorney

Schedule A: Location Map

