

RESOLUTION NO 2024-144

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CITY OF LAKE CITY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2026 SESSION OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CITY CLERK; REPEALING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, each year, the City of Lake City (the “City”) develops a legislative agenda to guide City staff and government affairs consultants as they assist legislators and monitor legislation to achieve the City’s legislative priorities for the benefit of the City of Lake City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, assisting legislators by communicating the positive and negative impacts of proposed legislation on the City and its residents creates an atmosphere of collaboration as legislators consider changes to Florida’s laws; and

WHEREAS, the exhibit attached hereto identifies the City’s major priorities for the 2026 session of the Florida legislature; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the City Manager, the City Manager’s designees, and the City’s retained legislative affairs consultants shall coordinate the City’s efforts to assist legislators by communicating the positive and negative impacts of proposed legislation on the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, in coordinating such efforts of the City, the City Manager, the City Manager’s designees, and the City’s retained legislative affairs consultants shall, as appropriate, engage, among others, the Florida League of Cities, the Mayor, members of the City Council, and other such employees and officers of the City and Columbia County to maximize the City’s communications efforts with members of the legislature;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest and in the interests of the City to adopt legislative priorities, assist legislators by communicating the positive and negative impacts of proposed legislation, and coordinate the efforts of the City and its personnel to further the City’s communications efforts with legislators and legislative staff; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida:

1. It is in the public or community interest and for public welfare that the City adopt legislative priorities, assist legislators by communicating the positive and negative impacts of proposed legislation, and coordinate the efforts of the City and its personnel to further the City’s communications efforts with legislators and legislative staff; and

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2. In furtherance thereof, the legislative agenda, attached as an exhibit hereto is adopted and approved; and
 3. The City Manager is directed to coordinate the efforts of the City Manager's designees, and the City's retained legislative affairs consultants to guide the City's efforts to assist legislators by communicating the positive and negative impacts of proposed legislation on the City and its residents; and
 4. The City Manager is further authorized and encouraged to engage City personnel, the City's retained legislative affairs consultants, and, as appropriate, among others, the Florida League of Cities, the Mayor, members of the City Council, and other such employees and officers of the City and Columbia County to maximize the City's communications efforts with members of the legislature; and
 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed, with the advice of the City Manager and the City's retained legislative affairs consultants, to communicate the City's 2026 legislative priorities in writing to Senator Jennifer Bradley and Representative Charles "Chuck" Brannon, the Northeast Florida League of Cities, the Suwannee River League of Cities, and the Florida League of Cities; and
 6. All prior resolutions of the City Council of the City of Lake City in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and
 7. This resolution shall become effective and enforceable upon final passage by the City Council of the City of Lake City.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, at a regular meeting, this ____ day of October, 2025.

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



City of Lake City, Florida

2026 Legislative Priorities

MAYOR-COUNCIL MEMBER

NOAH WALKER

COUNCIL MEMBERS

JAMES CARTER

TAMMY HARRIS

RICKY JERNIGAN

CHEVELLA YOUNG

CITY MANAGER

DON ROSENTHAL

CITY CLERK

AUDREY SIKES

CITY ATTORNEY

CLAY MARTIN

Appropriations

- Support Fire Engine Replacement (~\$900k)
- Support Clean Water, Waste Water, or Storm Water Enhancements
- Support Restoration of City Hall Historic Building (~\$967k)
- Support Repair/Replacement of Taxiway Lighting at Lake City Gateway Airport
- Support Increases in Funding for Reclaimed Water Projects
- Support Water Restoration Funding within DEP to Assist with Septic to Sewer Conversions

Public Safety

- Support a More Thorough Statutory Framework for Code Enforcement Body Camera Usage
- Clarify the applicability of Subsection 790.06(12)(a), *Florida Statutes*, in light of the decision of the First District Court of Appeal in *McDaniels v. State of Florida*, 50 Fla. L. Weekly D2025 (Fla. 1st DCA Sept. 10, 2025).

Community Development

- Protect and Support Community Redevelopment Agencies