

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-094

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A NONBINDING REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE PLACED BEFORE THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2026 STATE OF FLORIDA GENERAL ELECTION; PROVIDING A NONBINDING REFERENDUM QUESTION DETERMINING WHETHER THE CITY OF LAKE CITY OR ITS CONTRACTORS SHALL CONTINUE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS AND CAMERAS THAT COLLECT AND STORE LICENSE PLATE AND OTHER VEHICULAR DATA; PROVIDING FOR REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CITY CLERK; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, automatic license plate readers and cameras that collect and store license plate and other vehicular data ("Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies"), have been deployed in the City of Lake City (the "City") pursuant to contracts between the City and certain third parties; and

WHEREAS, some citizens of the City have expressed concerns regarding possible violations of personal privacy arising from a public entity, such as the City, facilitating the presence of such cameras; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to determine the sense of the City's electors concerning the City's installation and maintenance of Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies, and the City's contractual engagements with third parties installing and maintaining Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies; and

WHEREAS, authorizing and conducting a nonbinding referendum of the City's qualified electors concerning the City's installation and maintenance of Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies, and the City's contractual engagements with third parties installing and deploying Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies is a means of determining the sense of the electors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, being fully advised of the facts and circumstances listed above, hereby finds and determines the following to be the appropriate means for determining the sense of the City's electors concerning the City's installation and maintenance of Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies, and the City's contractual engagements with third parties installing and deploying Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. A nonbinding referendum of the City’s qualified electors is hereby called to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to such electors the nonbinding referendum question, as more particularly set forth below, determining the sense of the electors concerning whether the City should cease installing and maintaining Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies, and cease the City’s contractual engagements with third parties installing and deploying Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies.

Section 2. The question pertaining to whether the City government, on its own or by contract with third parties should maintain or install Automated Mass Surveillance Technologies shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City in substantially the following form which shall be printed on both English language and Spanish language ballots in one of the following forms, as appropriate:

Nonbinding Referendum Concerning Automatic License Plate Readers and Vehicular Data Collection Cameras

Shall the City of Lake City or its contractors continue installation/ maintenance of automatic license plate readers and cameras that collect and store license plate and other vehicular data? Voting “YES” supports such continued installation/ maintenance of cameras and readers. Voting “NO” opposes such continued installation/ maintenance of cameras and readers. This nonbinding referendum of the City of Lake City will not result in any changes to current law without further action.

_____ **YES**

_____ **NO**

[INSERT SPANISH TRANSLATION HERE WHEN OBTAINED]

Section 3. This referendum is nonbinding and shall have no immediate effect except to inform as to the sense of the electors of the City concerning the substance of the question presented.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent they conflict with this Resolution, repealed.

Section 5. It is the declared intent of the City Council that if any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or

66 unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Resolution and the remainder
67 of this Resolution, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall be deemed to be valid.

68 **Section 6.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

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 Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Clay Martin, City Attorney