

RESOLUTION NO 2025 - 095

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING SUPPORT FOR A “MAKERSPACE” -- A PHYSICAL WORKSPACE EQUIPPED WITH TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO FACILITATE HANDS-ON LEARNING, CREATION, AND INNOVATION FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES TO DESIGN, EXPERIMENT, AND INVENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND INSPIRED LEARNING; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT THEREOF; IDENTIFYING A SITE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A PRIVATELY MANAGED MAKERSPACE; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM INTERESTED CHARITABLE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PRIVATELY UTILIZE SUCH SITE FOR A MAKERSPACE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO INCLUDE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT GUIDELINES FOR RESPONDENTS TO SAID SOLICITATION; REPEALING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, community-sponsored makerspaces make a significant contribution to the civic, educational, and cultural life of communities by creating gathering places that bring people together to facilitate hands-on learning, creation, and innovation opportunities for students of all ages; and

WHEREAS, community-sponsored makerspaces provide access to tools and resources for people of all economic backgrounds, allowing residents to learn, create, and innovate for the purpose of workforce development and inspired learning; and

WHEREAS, community-sponsored makerspaces provide a space for individuals to explore their interests, develop skills, and pursue their creative ideas without rigid constraints; and

WHEREAS, community-sponsored makerspaces serve as hubs for communities of makers, fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose; and

WHEREAS, research studies indicate students who participate in makerspaces tend to use creativity to problem-solve, are communicative and collaborative with other makers, and tend

to use critical thinking skills when presented with an obstacle; and

WHEREAS, community-sponsored makerspaces, among other things, require students to develop employability skills, lead to better academic outcomes, are an investment in workforce development, and foster community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City ("City") desires to create opportunities for a community-sponsored makerspace; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a location generally identified as the former customer service lobby on the ground floor of City Hall as suitable for a community-sponsored makerspace; and

WHEREAS, the City finds such a community-sponsored makerspace, and the programs related thereto would be best managed by a private, charitable, non-profit entity, or a public/governmental entity which entity's purpose aligns with the City's findings and desires set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City finds an open, competitive process of solicitation and selection of such a private, charitable, non-profit entity, or a public/governmental entity to manage said makerspace and its related programs is the most transparent means of identifying such an organization in a manner fair to all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager via the City's office of procurement is best equipped to prepare and manage the solicitation of proposals from private, charitable, non-profit entities, and public/governmental entities via a request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, identifying and selecting such a private, charitable, non-profit, or public/governmental entity to manage said makerspace and its related programs is in the public interest and in the interests of the City; now therefore

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

1. Identifying and selecting a private, charitable, non-profit, or public/governmental entity to manage a community-sponsored makerspace is in the public or community interest and for public welfare; and

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2. In furtherance thereof, the City Manager is directed to develop criteria for, and prepare and manage the solicitation of proposals from private, charitable, non-profit, and public/governmental entities via a request for proposals; and
 3. The City Manager is directed to evaluate any responses to such solicitation and, provided a qualified organization provides a response to the solicitation which is complete and reasonably meets the criteria of the solicitation, identify such entity to the City Council accompanied by a management agreement with such entity, and any other such documents as are necessary and proper to document the relationship between the successful respondent and the City for consideration by the City Council; and
 4. 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
 5. 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 July, 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