

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2279

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE I SECTION 70-2 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City, Florida (hereinafter “City”) through Ordinance No. 98-832 amended the Code of the City of Lake City (hereinafter the “Code”), to provide that certain City employees who are heads of certain departments must be permanent residents of and reside in Columbia County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City administration desires to amend the Code to include a wider range of applicants for certain positions within the City by removing the residency requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City to amend the Code by removing certain City employees from the restriction of residency within Columbia County, Florida.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are true and accurate and adopted and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Article I (“Residency requirements; applicability”) of the Charter is amended as follows (words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions):

Section 70.2 Residency requirements; applicability.

No person may be employed by the City in the capacity of Police Chief, Fire Chief, Director of Gas Services, Director of Public Works, Water Treatment Plant Manager, Wastewater Facilities Manager, Recreation Director, Assistance City Manager, Airport Manager, Growth Management Director, Director of Customer Service, Data Processing Manager, Spray Field Facilities Manager, Safety/Risk Management Director, City Treasurer, City Clerk, and City Manager, ~~and City Attorney~~, unless such employee is a permanent resident of and resides in Columbia County, at the time he is employed, or if not a permanent resident at the time of such employment, that he becomes a permanent resident by no later than the termination date of the probationary period of his employment.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other provision of this ordinance be held invalidity 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 4. 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 Charter of the City of Lake City, Florida.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED upon first reading this _____ day of _____ 2024.

NOTICE PUBLISHED on this _____ day of _____ 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the second and final reading this _____ day of _____ 2024.

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

By: _____
Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

By: _____
Thomas J. Kennon, III,
City Attorney