

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-2369

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING**
2 **CITY CODE CHAPTER 86 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC**
3 **PLACES, ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL, ADDING A NEW SECTION 86-2**
4 **ENTITLED “RECREATIONAL STREET CLOSINGS AUTHORIZED” FOR THE**
5 **PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TEMPORARILY**
6 **CLOSE STREETS TO MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE**
7 **NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES; PROVIDING FOR**
8 **CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR**
9 **CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 **WHEREAS**, the City of Lake City (the “City”) desires that public spaces, including streets and roads,
11 be available to the public for recreational purposes; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the use of streets and roads for recreational purposes must be
13 managed in a way to balance the recreational needs of the public with the private rights of access
14 to private property by property owners, and with the dangers posed by motor vehicles using the
15 City’s streets and roads; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the City recognizes establishing an application process is necessary to balance the
17 competing needs and uses of the public for the City’s streets and roads; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to establish such an application process to accomplish such
19 purposes and to amend the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances (the “Code”) accordingly; and

20 **WHEREAS**, amending the Code in the foregoing form and substance is in the public interest and
21 in the interests of the City; now, therefore:

22 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:**

23 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF RECREATIONAL STREET CLOSINGS ESTABLISHED.**

24 Chapter 86, Article I, Section 86-2 of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances is hereby
25 created as follows:

26 **Sec. 86-2. RECREATIONAL STREET CLOSINGS AUTHORIZED.**

27 The City Manager is authorized temporarily to close streets in the City to motor
28 vehicular traffic for the purpose of providing neighborhood recreational
29 opportunities for citizens and children, in accordance with the following standards

30 and conditions:

- 31 1. No intersection of two or more streets may be closed.
- 32 2. The closed street must be located in a residential area in which available
33 recreational facilities are limited.
- 34 3. The street may be closed only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
35 daily.
- 36 4. The street may be closed only upon the written consent of at least 60 percent
37 of the occupants of all property as to which the closed portion of the street is
38 the only means of vehicular ingress and egress. For this purpose, the consent
39 of one member of a family unit or of one representative of any other definite
40 group of occupants shall be prima facie consent of all members of the group.
- 41 5. Prior to the closing, the City Manager shall obtain a written evaluation and
42 recommendation from the City Public Works Director as to the effect of the
43 closing on traffic flow in the area.

44 **SECTION 2: RESERVATION OF SECTIONS**

45 Chapter 86, Article 1, Section 86-3 through Section 86-30 of the City of Lake City Code of
46 Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

47 **Sec. ~~86-2~~ 86-3 – 86-30. RESERVED.**

48 **SECTION 3: PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION**

49 It is the intention of the City Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be
50 made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake City, Florida. The Sections of this
51 Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to
52 "Section", "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention. The
53 correction of typographical errors which do not affect the intent or substance of the ordinance
54 may be authorized by the City Clerk or the City Clerk's designee with the consent of the City
55 Attorney without public hearing, by filing a corrected or re-codified copy of the same with the
56 City.

57 **SECTION 4: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY**

58 If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held in any court of
59 competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part or
60 application shall be considered as eliminated and shall not affect the validity of the remaining
61 portions or applications which shall remain in full force and effect.

62 **SECTION 5: PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT**

63 All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are
64 hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

65 **SECTION 6: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

66 This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise provided.

67 **APPROVED, UPON FIRST READING**, by the City Council of the City of Lake City at a regular
68 meeting on the ____ day of April, 2026.

69 **PUBLICALLY NOTICED**, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lake City, Florida, by
70 the City Clerk of the City of Lake City, Florida, on the ___ day of April, 2026.

71 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED UPON SECOND READING**, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a
72 quorum present of the City Council of the City of Lake City, at a regular meeting this ____ day of
73 May, 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