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5 **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-1**
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7 **AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA,**
8 **AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF LEVY**
9 **COUNTY, FLORIDA TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL**
10 **COUNTY SEAL AND PROVIDE FOR ITS USAGE;**
11 **PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A**
12 **REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN**
13 **THE CODE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK**
14 **AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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16 **WHEREAS**, Section 165.043, Florida Statutes, authorizes the County Commission
17 to designate an official County seal by adoption of an ordinance for that purpose;
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19 **WHEREAS**, the Levy County Commission has generally used a particular county
20 seal for many years; however, County staff could not find record of that seal being officially
21 designated by ordinance; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, at least ten (10) days' notice has been given once by publication in a
24 newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a
25 public hearing in the Levy County Government Center in Bronson, Florida.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners,
28 of Levy County, Florida, that:
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30 **SECTION 1.** A new Sec. 2-1 titled "County Seal" is created to read as follows.
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32 **CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION**
33 **ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL**
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35 **Sec. 2-1. - County Seal**
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37 (a) The seal depicted below is hereby designated and adopted as the official
38 seal of Levy County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

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- (b) The manufacture, use, display, or other employment of any facsimile or reproduction of the official county seal, except by county officials or employees in the performance of their official duties, without the express approval of the board of county commissioners is unlawful and punishable as a second degree misdemeanor in accordance with section 165.043, Florida Statutes.
- (c) In accordance with Section 28.12, Florida Statutes, the clerk of the circuit court, as ex officio clerk to the board of county commissioners shall have custody of the official seal and is authorized to affix same to any county document as required by law.
- (d) For the purpose of certifying or attesting any county ordinance, resolution, record, or other document in the custody, keeping and care of the clerk, the clerk may use the seal(s) of their office in lieu of the official county seal.
- (e) Nothing in this section is intended or shall be construed to prohibit or limit the county from adopting policies or procedures regarding use of the county seal and authorizing the use of county logos and other branding design elements in county communications.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, portion or provision of this ordinance is for any reason declared or held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, portion or provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be not affected by such declaration or holding.

SECTION 3. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances and all resolutions or parts of resolutions of Levy County that are in conflict with this ordinance are, to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

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SECTION 4. Inclusion in the Code. The provisions of Section 1 of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Levy County Code, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,” “regulation,” or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish the codification.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. In accordance with Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners is directed to file this ordinance with the Florida Department of State within 10 days after adoption and upon such filing, this ordinance shall become effective.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED on March 18, 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Desiree Mills, Chair

ATTEST: Clerk of the Circuit Court
and Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners

Matt Brooks, Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

Nicolle M. Shalley, County Attorney

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