

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2024-69**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THAT LEVY COUNTY MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR REDUCTION OR WAIVER OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PERMIT PROCESSING FEES; REQUESTING SAME; AND DIRECTING TRANSMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PERMITTING ENTITIES.

WHEREAS, Section 218.075, Florida Statutes, requires the Department of Environmental Protection and Water Management Districts to reduce or waive permit processing fees for any county with a population of 50,000 or less on April 1, 1994, until such counties exceed a population of 75,000; provided the county certifies that the cost of the permit processing fees are a fiscal hardship due to at least one of the factors listed in the statute;

WHEREAS, Levy County has a current population of 45,283 based on information provided by the Florida Department of Revenue dated April 1, 2024 (a copy of which is attached to this Resolution); and

WHEREAS, the Levy County Board of County Commissioners adopts this Resolution for purposes of qualifying for the reduction and/or waiver of permit processing fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, that:

1. Pursuant to Section 218.075, Florida Statutes, and based on information provided by the Florida Department of Revenue dated April 1, 2024 (a copy of which is attached to this Resolution), Levy County hereby certifies that, for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 ("FY24-25"), the cost of permit processing fees are a fiscal hardship due to three of the factors listed in the Statute:

- a) Levy County's per capita taxable value of \$62,271 is less than the statewide average of \$129,717 for the current fiscal year; and
- b) Levy County's percentage of assessed property value that is exempt from ad valorem taxation of 26.77% is higher than the statewide average of 17.13%; and

- c) Levy County's ad valorem operating millage rate of 8.25 for FY24-25 is greater than 8 mills.

2. Levy County does hereby request that the Department of Environmental Protection, Suwannee River Water Management District, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District waive their permitting fees for Levy County for public purpose projects or reduce their permitting fees to an amount not to exceed \$100 per permit for FY24-25.

3. The County Manager, or designee, is hereby directed to transmit a recorded copy of this resolution to the Department of Environmental Protection, the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

DULY ADOPTED on November 5, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST
Clerk of the Circuit Court and
Ex-Officio to the Board

Desiree Mills, Chair

Danny J. Shipp

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

Nicolle M. Shalley, County Attorney



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April 1, 2024

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LEVY COUNTY

The table below shows the requested information related to per capita taxable value and the percentage of assessed property that is exempt from ad valorem taxation.

	<u>Levy County</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
Total Just Value	7,934,993,861	4,875,440,850,586
Total Assessed Value	3,850,453,764	3,526,956,120,754
Taxable Value	2,819,809,663	2,922,616,867,844
Exempt Amount	1,030,644,101	604,339,252,910
Population	45,283	22,530,738
Per Capita Taxable Value Average	62,271	129,717
Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation	26.77%	17.13%
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Sources: "Ad Valorem Data Book 2023" (DOR) and "Florida Estimates of Populations 2023" (BEBR)		

Please contact either Lizette Kelly at 850-617-8865 or Lizette.Kelly@floridarevenue.com or Allison Kever at 850-617-8925 or Allison.Keever@floridarevenue.com if you have any questions. Thank you.

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