

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2023-74**

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 44,288 based on information provided by the Florida Department of Revenue dated April 1, 2023 (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, 2023 (a copy of which is attached to this Resolution), Levy County hereby certifies that, for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 ("FY23-24"), 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 \$56,545 is less than the statewide average of \$116,192 for the current fiscal year; and
- b) Levy County's percentage of assessed property value that is exempt from ad valorem taxation of 27.84% is higher than the statewide average of 18.03%; and

- c) Levy County's ad valorem operating millage rate of 9.0000 for FY23-24 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 FY23-24.

3. The County Coordinator, 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 21, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

Matt Brooks, Chairman

Danny J. Shipp

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

Nicolle M. Shalley, County Attorney