

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT IN THE EVENT THERE IS NO CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN EFFECT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE (“PBSO”) OR AN ADJOINING MUNICIPALITY, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN THE TOWN WILL BE THE STANDARD LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PBSO; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11(2) of the Town’s Charter provides that law enforcement services will be provided by contract with the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, or contracted with other law enforcement agencies, until the town adopts an ordinance to the contrary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town currently has an agreement for law enforcement services with the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office; and,

**WHEREAS**, Florida law currently limits the options for contractual law enforcement services for a municipality to the Sheriff of the County, or with a law enforcement agency of an adjoining municipality; however, while the Town could legally enter into a law enforcement services agreement with an adjoining municipality, all municipalities adjoining the Town currently have agreements for law enforcement services with the PBSO; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 11(2) of the Town’s Charter also provides that that the town shall not establish a town police department without a referendum; and,

**WHEREAS**, given the budgetary restraints of the Town and other logistical challenges to the Town creating its own law enforcement agency, in the event the Town’s agreement with PBSO is terminated for any reason, the Town will need to rely on the standard law enforcement services of the PBSO that may be provided by PBSO without an agreement with the Town; and,

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The above stated “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** In the event there is no agreement for law enforcement services in effect between the Town and the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office (PBSO) or with an adjoining municipality, the law enforcement services to be provided within the Town will be the standard law enforcement services provided by the PBSO without an agreement with the Town.

**Section 3.** Severability. If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part or application shall be considered eliminated and so not affecting the validity of the remaining portion or applications remaining in full force and effect.

**Section 4.** Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflicts hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** Codification. It is the intention of the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida, that the Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered, and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

**Section 6.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ON FIRST READING, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing ordinance. Councilmember seconded the motion, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

|                                 | <u>Aye</u>               | <u>Nay</u>               | <u>Absent</u>            |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ANITA KANE, MAYOR               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MARGARET HERZOG, VICE MAYOR     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| LAURA DANOWSKI, COUNCILMEMBER   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PHILLIS MANIGLIA, COUNCILMEMBER | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ROBERT SHORR, COUNCILMEMBER     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing ordinance. Councilmember seconded the motion, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

|                                 | <u>Aye</u>               | <u>Nay</u>               | <u>Absent</u>            |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ANITA KANE, MAYOR               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MARGARET HERZOG, VICE MAYOR     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| LAURA DANOWSKI, COUNCILMEMBER   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PHILLIS MANIGLIA, COUNCILMEMBER | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ROBERT SHORR, COUNCILMEMBER     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Anita Kane

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TOWN CLERK

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Vice Mayor Margaret Herzog

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Office of the Town Attorney

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Councilmember Laura Danowski

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Councilmember Phillis Maniglia

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Councilmember Robert Shorr