

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SPECIAL MAGISTRATE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AND KEITH W. DAVIS, ESQ., AS SET FORTH HERETO IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City is in need of special magistrate code enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-141 of the City of Pahokee's Code of Ordinances, entitled "*Special Master; Qualifications, appointment, removal, and term.*" The special master process (Special Magistrate) "is designed as an enforcement process pertaining to homeowners and businesses of building, structural, zoning, licensing, and life safety type cases for which corrective action has not been taken. It is an expeditious and inexpensive method to resolve violations which have not been corrected after notice has been provided by the city"pursuant to F.S. Ch. 162,"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-141 of the City of Pahokee's Code of Ordinances, appointments shall be made by the city commission for a term of one (1) year. Special masters (magistrates) may be reappointed or removed at the discretion of the mayor, subject to ratification by the city commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-141 of the City of Pahokee's Code of Ordinances specifies that "special masters shall not be residents of the city and shall possess outstanding reputations for civic pride, interest, integrity, responsibility and business or professional ability."; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 2-141 of the City's Code of Ordinances, a special magistrate shall be a member of the Florida Bar with five (5) years' experience as an attorney; the special magistrate shall be compensated at a rate to be determined by the city commission for time spent and preside over code enforcement matters once a month, or more often if necessary.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-272 of the City of Pahokee's Code of Ordinances certain professional services are excluded from normal procurement requirements but "shall be by contract approved and authorized, executed by the city commission from time to time in the manner required by law"; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to maintain the services of Special Magistrate, Keith W. Davis, Esq. at a rate of \$200.00 an hour; and

WHEREAS, Keith W. Davis Esq., has served as the Special Magistrate for the City of Pahokee since November 2016 and is familiar with all relevant city ordinances pertaining to code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Pahokee desires to authorize the execution of a Special Magistrate Professional Services Contract to be executed by the Mayor as in the best interests of the City of Pahokee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Representations. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Approval and Authorization. The City Commission of the City of Pahokee hereby authorizes the execution of a Special Magistrate Professional Services Contract between the City of Pahokee and Keith W. Davis, Esq. upon the terms and conditions set for in the contract attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

Section 3. Conflict. All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby and expressly repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2026.

Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.
City Attorney

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Babb	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor McDonald	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Cowan-Williams	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner McPherson	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Scott	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)

EXHIBIT "A"

**CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CITY OF PAHOKEE AND KEITH W. DAVIS, ESQ.**

(ATTACHED)