

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 -109

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT'S
FEE SCHEDULE; CREATING INCENTIVES FOR TIMELY, VOLUNTARY
CODE COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR
THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners ("the Board") has
enacted ordinances and land use regulations to be enforced by the Code Enforcement Department;
and,

WHEREAS, these requirements necessitate actions on the part of the Code Enforcement
Department, the performance of which incur costs to the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has established development requirements that require review and
inspection by the Code Enforcement Department, the performance of which also incur costs to the
County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has not updated the Code Enforcement Department's fee schedule
since 2016; and,

WHEREAS, it is the Board's desire and intent to offset these costs by adopting an updated
fee schedule for the Code Enforcement Department; and,

WHEREAS, it is the Board's further desire and intent to reduce the costs incurred by the Code Enforcement Department by initiating incentives for violators to voluntarily bring their properties back into compliance with the Hernando County Code's requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY:

Section 1. Amendment of Fee Schedule. The fee schedule for the Code Enforcement Department, as authorized by Hernando County Code Chapter 2, shall be as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SCHEDULE

- A. Investigative Cost per hour \$50.00
- B. Technology Fee. \$40.00
- C. Public Nuisance Abatement Special Assessment Lien
(Property Maintenance performed by the County)
Administrative Surcharge when Property Maintenance Fee Is Paid
within 30 days after Certified Notification \$210.00
After 30 days \$300.00 (plus interest)

PERMITTING FEE SCHEDULE

- A. Permanent Alcoholic Beverage License \$250.00
- B. Temporary Alcoholic Beverage License. No Charge
(For events the duration of which do not exceed 3 days)
- C. Temporary Sign Permit. \$50.00
(A separate fee is required for each permitted period)
- D. Billboard Annual Registration Fee (per face). \$100.00
- E. Billboard Replacement Plate. \$25.00

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F. Billboard Replacement Sticker \$15.00

Section 2. Creation of Incentives for Timely, Voluntary Code Compliance. The Board

hereby creates a voluntary code compliance incentive process for the Code Enforcement Department,
as authorized by Hernando County Code Chapter 2, as follows:

CODE ENFORCEMENT - COMPLIANCE INCENTIVES
(For Correctable Violations Only)

1. If a code enforcement officer (“officer”) issues a notice of violation (“NOV”) that gives the violator a set number of days within which it can correct the violation, the violator will not have to pay any civil penalties or fines, and a finding of guilt will be withheld, if an officer’s subsequent inspection reveals that the violator has brought his or her property into compliance within the requisite time period.
2. If the violator fails to voluntarily correct the code violation within the time period set forth in the NOV, or if the violator corrects the violation within the applicable time period but thereafter repeats the offense, the officer will issue a civil violation notice/notice to appear (collectively, a “citation”) to the violator. If the violator voluntarily corrects the code violation within ten (10) days of the issuance of the citation, the violator will not have to pay any civil penalties or fines, but a finding of guilt will be entered against the violator.
3. If the violator voluntarily corrects the code violation between eleven (11) and fifteen (15) days of the issuance of the citation, the violator’s civil penalty will be reduced by fifty percent (50%) and a finding of guilt will be entered against the violator.
4. If the violator voluntarily corrects the code violation between sixteen (16) and twenty (20) days of the issuance of the citation, the violator’s civil penalty will be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) and a finding of guilt will be entered against the violator.
5. If the violator does not voluntarily correct the code violation within twenty-one (21) days of the issuance of the citation, the violator shall not be eligible for any compliance incentives.

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6. The above-stated incentive process shall only apply to NOV's or citations that are issued by the Hernando County Code Enforcement Department.
7. Without regard to whether a finding of guilt was entered against a violator, the Hernando County Code Enforcement Department shall prosecute any subsequent violations committed by the violator as repeat or continuing violations.
8. Participation in the above-delineated incentive program is limited to violators being prosecuted for a particular code violation for the first time.

Section 3. Severability. It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that if any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 4. Conflicting Provisions Repealed. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY in Regular Session this 24th day of June 2025

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest: Hindi Praise, Deputy Clerk
fa DOUGLAS CHORVAT, JR.
Clerk and Comptroller

By: Brian Hawkins
Chairman

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

Jon Jouben
County Attorney

