

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, INCORPORATING WHEREAS CLAUSES; AMENDING THE WELL HEAD PROTECTION AREAS' ~~(WHPA'S)~~ AND SPECIAL PROTECTION AREAS ~~(SPA'S)~~ MAP; AMENDING THE LOCATION OF THE WELLHEAD PROTECTION AND SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA MAPS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on June 27, 1994, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County adopted Ordinance No. 94-8, which is codified as Article VII of Chapter 28 of the Hernando Code of Ordinances, entitled Groundwater Protection and Siting; and

WHEREAS, on _____, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. _____, which amended Section 28-265 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, entitled Groundwater Resource, Wellhead and Special Protection Areas; and

WHEREAS, Hydrogeological modeling was completed and adopted by the Board in 1994 to establish well head protection areas (WHPA) and Special Protection areas (SPA) to ensure integrity and safety of Hernando County's drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the WinFlow hydraulic model with up to date technology has been developed and was approved for use by Hernando County Planning Department in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Hernando County Utilities Department hired a hydrogeological firm to upgrade its WHPAs and SPA's in conjunction with the 2021 Potable Water Master Plan utilizing an updated model which resulted in changes to the sizes and shapes of the WHPA's; and

WHEREAS, the based on the updated Model, HCUD recommends~~County has determined that~~ a change to the ~~wellhead protection area~~ County's WHPA and SPA map ~~is necessary for~~ to reflect updated well data, to address specific development concerns, and to align with state regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County's ~~wellhead protection area~~ WHPA and SPA maps, as currently adopted, ~~is~~ are located at the County's Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, ~~the County has conducted a review of the proposed changes, including public notice and comment periods; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the critical importance of protecting groundwater resources and drinking water supplies within designated WHPAs and SPAs; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the current notice requirements under Chapter 28, Article VII., Section 28-265 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances may not adequately inform stakeholders of activities that could impact these sensitive areas; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the County seeks to enhance transparency, ensure public participation, and align with best practices in groundwater protection;~~

WHEREAS, the County has conducted a review of the proposed changes, including public notice and comment periods; and

WHEREAS, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners finds that the WHPA and SPA maps are updated in a manner consistent with the changes in technical knowledge, and the methodology and standards established within Section 28-265 of the Code.

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

SECTION 1. Recitals. The ~~Whereas clauses~~recitals above are
~~contained in this Resolution are~~ true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Findings. Pursuant to Chapter 28, Article VII, Section 28-265 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, the Board of County Commissioners ~~of Hernando County~~ hereby finds amends the the new updated WHPA and SPA maps, by adding to reflect the the existence of such WHPAs and changes in SPAs as indicated latest information provided by in the hydrologist and the water flow model, and attached hereto as Exhibit A, and made a part hereof, and adopts the Wellhead and Special Protection Area Maps, based on the latest hydrogeological data and modeling, as reviewed and approved by the County.

SECTION 3. The WHPA and SPA maps shall be placed on file at the County's Planning Division of the Development Services Department, Utilities Department, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) office, and shall be made available for in-person viewing at the County's Utilities

Administration Building. No photographs, copies or digital reproductions of the WHPA or SPA maps shall be permitted.

SECTION 4. [Severability.](#) In the event that any provision, portion or section of this Resolution is determined to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall in no manner affect the remaining provisions, portions or sections of this Resolution which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. [Effective Date.](#) This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this ____ day of _____, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller [Chairman](#)

By: _____
Brian Hawkins, ~~Chairman~~

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APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _____
County Attorney's Office