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Subject: RE: Hernando County Ordinance No. 2026-09 - Adopted on April 7, 2026
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Good afternoon,

Attached is the acknowledgement letter for Hernando County Ordinance 2026-09.

Thank you,

David Parrish

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Sender Full Name:	Nienke Osinga
Sender Phone number:	352-754-4201
County Name:	Hernando
Ordinance Number:	2026-09

Thank You,

Nienke Osinga

Administrative Services | Administrative Services Clerk I
Office of Doug Chorvat Jr., Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller
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April 8, 2026

Doug Chorvat, Jr.
County Clerk
Hernando County
20 North Main Street, Rm. 362
Brooksville, Florida 34601

Dear Doug Chorvat Jr.,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your electronic copy of Hernando County Ordinance No. 2026-09, which was filed in this office on April 7, 2026.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Leijon
Administrative Code and Register Director

AL/dp

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ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II, SECTION 10-29 OF THE HERNANDO COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL LOT LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS FOR VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOTS/PARCELS; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF THE THIRTY (30) DAY COMPLIANCE PERIOD FOR COMPLETION OF REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR COMPLETION OF REQUIREMENTS TO OCCUR PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPANCY; PROVIDING FOR SITE INSPECTION BY THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION RATHER THAN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE; PROVIDING FOR SITE INSPECTION TO OCCUR AT FINAL INSPECTION AND PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPANCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Amendment of Hernando County Residential Lot Landscaping Requirements Pertaining to Compliance Inspections for Vacant Residential Lots/Parcels.

Hernando County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10-29, Paragraph (a), Subsection (7) is amended to read as follows:

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1 (a) *Vacant residential*: For the development of vacant single-family residential lot/parcels,
2 two-family residential lot/parcels, and mobile home lot/parcels:

3 ...

4 (7) *Compliance inspection*: All landscaping, ground cover, water use, and tree
5 placement requirements must be completed ~~within thirty (30) days from~~ prior to the
6 issuance of the certificate of occupancy. The ~~county administrator or designee~~
7 Development Services Division shall inspect the site ~~for compliance when the thirty~~
8 day period has elapsed upon final inspection and prior to the issuance of the
9 certificate of occupancy. Failure to comply with this section shall be cause to notify
10 the code enforcement division for action to ensure compliance.

11 ...

12 **Section 2. Severability.** It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County
13 Commissioners that if any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or provision of this
14 ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect
15 the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

16 **Section 3. Inclusion in the Code.** It is the intention of the Board of County
17 Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, and it is hereby provided, that the provisions of this
18 Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County,
19 Florida. To this end, the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish
20 such intention, and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or any other
21 appropriate designation.

22 **Section 4. Conflicting Provisions Repealed.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in

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conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon receipt of official acknowledgment from the office of the Secretary of State of Florida that this ordinance has been filed with said office.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY in Regular Session this 7th day of April 2026.



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

Attest: *Unenke Ganga, Deputy Clerk*
Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: *Jerry Campbell*
Jerry Campbell
Chairman

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

Natasha López Perez
County Attorney's Office