

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-__

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE III (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING), SECTION 20-45 (CIVIL PENALTIES) OF THE HERNANDO COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGE IN CIVIL PENALTY AMOUNT FOR VIOLATIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (a) and (d); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County (the County) desires to amend Chapter 20, Article III (Stopping, Standing and Parking), Section 20-45 (Civil Penalties), to change the civil penalty for subsections (a) and (d); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to amend the Hernando County Ordinance as shown herein; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing on the matter of amending this ordinance was properly and timely published; and

WHEREAS, the County has considered the record of the public hearing.

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

Section 1. Chapter 20, Article III (Stopping, Standing and Parking), Section 20-45 (Civil Penalties), of the Hernando County Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 20-45. - Civil penalties.

(a.) Any person who stops, parks or stands a vehicle in violation of the terms of section 20-40 or 20-42, but specifically excluding subsection 20-40(a)(9), (13), and (14) shall be deemed to be charged with a noncriminal violation and shall be assessed a civil penalty of ~~eleven dollars (\$11.00).~~ one hundred and one dollars (\$101.00).

(b) Any person who stops, parks or stands a vehicle in violation of the terms of section 20-40 or 20-42 on county right-of-way or other property owned or leased by the county where a no-parking zone is additionally marked by "TOW-AWAY ZONE" signs conforming to the manual and specifications of the Florida Department of Transportation shall be deemed to be charged with a noncriminal violation and shall be assessed a civil penalty of one hundred one dollars (\$101.00).

(c) Any person who stops, parks or stands a vehicle in violation of the terms of section 20-41 shall be deemed to be charged with a noncriminal violation and shall be assessed a civil penalty of one hundred one dollars (\$101.00).

(d) Any person who stops, parks or stands a vehicle in violation of the terms of subsection 20-40(a)(13), regarding parking in any pay-designated parking space without paying the required fee, or subsection 20-40(a)(14), regarding stopping, standing and parking a vehicle in the vicinity of a school entrance, shall be deemed to be charged with a noncriminal violation and shall be assessed a civil penalty of ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00).~~ one hundred and one dollars (\$101.00).

(e) Each day any violation occurs or continues shall be a separate offense.

(f)The amount of any civil penalty specified in this section shall be increased by sixteen dollars (\$16.00) if payment is not received by the county within the described thirty-day period after the parking ticket.

(g)The owner of a vehicle is responsible and liable for payment of any parking ticket violations, except that the owner of a vehicle is not responsible for any parking ticket violations if the vehicle involved was reported as stolen at the time.

Section 2. 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 ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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

Section 4. Conflicting Provisions Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in 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 ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

HERNANDO COUNTY in Regular Session this _____ day of _____ 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest: _____
DOUGLAS CHORVAT, JR.
Clerk and Comptroller

By: _____
JERRY CAMPBELL
Chairman

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

Michael Cowan
County Attorney's Office