

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF AN UPDATED BUILDING DIVISION FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BUILDING DIVISION FEE SCHEDULE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) is the governing body in and for Hernando County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State; and,

WHEREAS, under the Florida Building Codes Act, Fla. Stat. Chapter 553, Hernando County is a “local enforcement agency” that is required to make inspections of buildings and to enforce the codes which establish standards for design, construction, erection, alteration, repair, modification, or demolition of public or private buildings, structures, or facilities as well as the plumbing, mechanical, structural, and electrical systems associated with such buildings and structures; and,

WHEREAS, Fla. Stat. § 553.80(7)(a), as it may be amended, authorizes local enforcement agencies to adopt and collect fees to enforce the Florida Building Code, and any local amendments thereof; and,

WHEREAS, Fla. Stat. § 125.56, as it may be amended, authorizes counties to enforce both the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code, adopt local technical amendments thereto, and to adopt a schedule of fees to offset the cost of enforcing said codes; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has duly adopted Hernando County Code § 8-36, as it may be amended, authorizes the Board to adopt, by resolution, a schedule of fees to be charged by the Building Division in order to offset the costs that it incurs in its enforcement of the above-referenced codes; and,

WHEREAS, as required by Fla. Stat. §§ 125.56 and 553.80, the Board endeavors for the Building Division's enforcement of the above-referenced codes to be self-supporting through its collection of fees for permits, plan reviews, inspections, licensing, fines, and penalties; and,

WHEREAS, the Board adopted two resolutions, Resolution Nos. 2022-115 and 2024-207, that together establish the schedule of fees charged by the Building Division; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that requiring the Building Department's customers to cross-reference two resolutions in order to determine their fees causes unnecessary confusion; and,

WHEREAS, the Board hereby consolidates Resolution Nos. 2022-115 and 2024-207's separate fee schedules into the single fee schedule that is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and,

WHEREAS, the Board's adoption of the fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "A" does not alter the fees set in Resolution Nos. 2022-115 and 2024-207, except that it (1) updates the technology fee to offset the cost of the new permitting and licensing software that the Building Division will begin to use in March 2026, (2) increase the unlicensed contractor surcharge, and (3) includes a schedule of fire-related review fees.

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

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference as the Board's findings of fact.

Section 2. Adoption of Fee Schedule. The fee schedule that is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby enacted as the "Hernando County Building Division Fee Schedule."

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. The fees and charges set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto shall become effective on March 3, 2026, and will be applied prospectively to building permit applications received, services provided, licensing applications received, and fines and penalties imposed on or after March 3, 2026.

ADOPTED at a public meeting in Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida in Regular Session on the _____ day of _____, 2026 A.D.

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest: _____
Doug Chorvat, Jr.
Clerk

By: _____
Jerry Campbell
Chairperson

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

Melissa Tartaglia
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