

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-\_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS this matter came before the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) on March 24, 2026, for a quasi-judicial hearing on the NOTICE OF PUBLIC NUISANCE VESSEL REGISTRATION #FL1693LJ, DECAL #08029041, which the County Administrator issued to the owner of the vessel, Jahson Morrison Imgrund.

### I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

On February 13, 2026, Jahson Morrison Imgrund (“Petitioner”) timely filed a petition challenging the County Administrator’s Notice of Public Nuisance Vessel (the “Notice”), dated January 21, 2026, advising Petitioner that a vessel owned by him (the “vessel”), described as:

Make and Model: 46' Bertram Yachts Sportfish, built 1987  
Hull #: BERP0978K687  
Registration #: FL1693LJ  
Decal #: 08029041 (expired)  
Vessel Name: "Eighty"

was in a derelict condition on waters of Hernando County, to-wit: the vessel is unlawfully moored (or grounded) in the Chassahowitzka Bay, just south of Marker 22, and, as cited in the Notice, “the vessel is derelict in that it lacks functioning motors; transom scuppers are taped up with crab trap buoys; all hull fittings appear to be taped up; rear door leading into galley is open and contents inside the vessel appear scattered throughout; engine covers are off and in different stages of possible repair; port side windows are broken allowing rain inside; blinds are stained; in two upper stations it appears all electronics have been removed.” The Notice further advised Petitioner that Hernando County would remove, destroy and dispose of the vessel unless Petitioner repaired or removed the vessel within 20 days of the date of the Notice, and advised Petitioner of his right to request a hearing.

### II. STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

Whether the Board should enter a resolution upholding the County Administrator’s determination in the Notice that the above-described vessel is a public nuisance pursuant to Hernando County Code § 7-100; and if so, whether the Board is authorized to remove, destroy and dispose of the subject vessel pursuant to Hernando County Code § 7-100, and whether Petitioner, as the owner of the subject vessel, is liable for costs incurred by the Board to remove, destroy and dispose of the subject vessel, less any salvage value obtained from disposal of the vessel, as provided for in Hernando County Code § 7-100.

### III. STATEMENT OF THE STANDARD OF REVIEW

Petitioner bears the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence that either the conditions alleged in the Notice do not exist or that such conditions do not constitute a public nuisance.

IV. FINDINGS OF FACT

A. Deputy Steven Snell is a sworn law enforcement officer with the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office. As part of his assignment, he patrols waters of Hernando County and investigates alleged public nuisance vessels. Deputy Snell has received training in identifying and investigating public nuisance vessels in County navigable waters and the relevant portions of Florida law.

B. Deputy Snell testified under oath and corroborated the factual determinations that the County Administrator made in the Notice.

C. Petitioner testified under oath. He did not contest either the existence of the conditions alleged in the Notice or that such conditions constitute a public nuisance. Instead, he testified that the vessel had been stolen and that circumstances beyond his control had prevented him from timely abating the nuisance.

BASED UPON THE ABOVE-STATED FACTUAL FINDINGS, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The vessel is a “public nuisance vessel,” as defined in Hernando County Code § 7-100(a);
2. The Board is authorized to remove, dispose of and destroy the vessel pursuant to Hernando County Code § 7-100(d);
3. Petitioner is the owner of the subject vessel;
4. Petitioner shall abate the public nuisance by removing the vessel from the waters of Hernando County on or before April 30, 2026;
5. If Petitioner fails to abate the public nuisance within the requisite time period, the County shall abate the nuisance pursuant to Hernando County Code § 7-100(d) without further notice to Petitioner; and,
6. If the County abates the public nuisance, Petitioner will be liable to the County for all costs related to removal, transportation, storage, destruction, and disposal of the subject vessel, less any salvage value obtained by disposal of the vessel, in accordance with Hernando County Code §§ 7-100(d) and (e).

ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.  
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Campbell  
Chairman

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

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