

1 LEON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO.

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3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
4 COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA,
5 AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE V, SECTION 8-156 OF THE
6 CODE OF LAWS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; ENTITLED
7 AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE;
8 PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR
9 SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; AND
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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13 RECITALS

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15 WHEREAS, Chapter 420, Part VII, Sections 420.907 through 420.9079, Florida Statutes, is
16 known as the “State Housing Initiatives Partnership Act”; and

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18 WHEREAS, in 1993, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the Board)
19 adopted Ordinance No. 93-2, to establish a local State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP)
20 Program; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 2008, and pursuant to Section 420.9076, Florida Statutes, the Board adopted
23 Ordinance No. 08-10, to establish the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; and

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25 WHEREAS, in 2016, and in accordance with legislative amendments to the State Housing
26 Initiatives Partnership Act, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 16-15 to amend the criteria for
27 membership on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; and

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29 WHEREAS, in 2020, and in accordance with legislative amendments to Section 420.9076(2),
30 Florida Statutes, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 20-17 relating to mandatory categories of
31 membership on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; and

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33 WHEREAS, on June 11, 2024, the Board approved the addition of a new membership category
34 for appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to enact an ordinance amending
37 Section 8-156 of the Leon County Code of Laws, relating to adding a non-mandatory membership
38 category on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee;

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40 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON
41 COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

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43 Section 1. Amendments to Code.

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45 Section 8-156 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as
46 follows:

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1 **Sec. 8-156. Affordable housing advisory committee.**
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3 (a) *Creation; membership.* There is hereby created the affordable housing advisory
4 committee, hereinafter referred to as the "AHAC." The AHAC membership shall be composed of at
5 least eight members but not more than 11 members. The AHAC shall consist of one duly appointed
6 County Commissioner and one representative from at least six of the first eleven categories listed
7 below:

- 8 (1) A citizen who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in
9 connection with affordable housing.
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11 (2) A citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in
12 connection with affordable housing.
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14 (3) A citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home
15 building in connection with affordable housing.
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17 (4) A citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection
18 with affordable housing.
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20 (5) A citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing.
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22 (6) A citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing.
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24 (7) A citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with
25 affordable housing.
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27 (8) A citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to F.S. § 163.3174.
28 If the local planning agency is comprised of the governing board of the county or
29 municipality, the governing board may appoint a designee who is knowledgeable in the
30 local planning process.
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32 (9) A citizen who resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the
33 appointments.
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35 (10) A citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction.
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37 (11) A citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing
38 assistance plan.
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40 (12) A citizen who currently benefits from a rental housing assistance program, has benefited
41 from an affordable homeownership program, or has experienced an eviction within the
42 10 years preceding their appointment.
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44 (b) *Terms of membership.* The duly appointed County Commissioner shall serve a term on
45 the AHAC beginning on September 29, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2022. Thereafter, the duly
46 appointed County Commissioner shall be appointed to a two-year term on the AHAC. The terms of the

1 AHAC membership presently appointed shall continue upon the effective date of the ordinance
2 amending this section until the designated expiration dates of membership. Thereafter, the AHAC
3 membership shall be appointed to three-year staggered terms, as set forth in resolution adopted by the
4 Board. Vacancies may be filled at any time by the Board for the unexpired term of a member.
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7 **Section 2. Conflicts.**
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9 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby
10 repealed to the extent of such conflict, except to the extent of any conflicts with the Tallahassee-Leon
11 County 2030 Comprehensive Plan as amended, which provisions shall prevail over any parts of this
12 ordinance which are inconsistent, either in whole or in part, with the said Comprehensive Plan.
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14 **Section 3. Severability.**
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16 If any word, phrase, clause, section, or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of
17 competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and
18 portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.
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20 **Section 4. Applicability.**
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22 This ordinance shall apply to and be effective countywide in the unincorporated and
23 incorporated area of Leon County.
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25 **Section 5. Effective Date.**
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27 This ordinance shall take effect upon being filed with the Florida Department of State.

28 DONE, ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County,
29 Florida, this 17th day of September 2024.
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31 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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34 By: _____
35 Carolyn D. Cummings, Chair
36 Board of County Commissioners
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1 ATTESTED BY:
2 Gwendolyn Marshall Knight, Clerk of
3 Court & Comptroller, Leon County, Florida

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6 By:_____

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9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
10 Chasity H. O'Steen, County Attorney
11 Leon County Attorney's Office

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14 By:_____