

RESOLUTION NO. 25-_____

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATES AND
CODE ENFORCEMENT APPELLATE SPECIAL MAGISTRATES AS ANIMAL
CONTROL AND ANIMAL SERVICES HEARING OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, Polk County adopted Polk County Ordinance 18-068, Polk County Animal Control and Animal Services Ordinance (“Animal Control Ordinance”) which provides, inter alia, the Board of County Commissioners appoint a hearing officer by resolution to serve for a term of one year; and

WHEREAS, the hearing officer presides over dangerous dog hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Ordinance requires the hearing officer to be an attorney and/or judge who is a member in good standing with the Florida Bar and a resident of Polk County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Special Magistrates and Appellate Code Enforcement Special Magistrates meet the requirements of the Animal Control Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, appointing separate hearing officers to preside over dangerous dog hearings creates unnecessary duplication and increase of costs to the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

1. Code Enforcement Special Magistrates, Appellate Code Enforcement Special Magistrates, Alternate Code Enforcement Special Magistrates and Alternate Appellate Code Enforcement Special Magistrates are hereby appointed hearing officers to preside over hearings held pursuant to Polk County Ordinance 18-068, Polk County Animal Control and Animal Services Ordinance.
2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL,
2025.**

**ATTEST:
STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CLERK**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
T.R. Wilson, Chairman