

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

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 as 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.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida on _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

STACY M. BUTTERFIELD
CLERK OF THE BOARD

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Martha Santiago, Ed. D., Chair

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