

**LEON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 24-12**

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

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, in 1993, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 93-2, to establish a local State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to enact an ordinance amending Section 8-156 of the Leon County Code of Laws, relating to membership on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee;

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

**Section 1. Amendments to Code.**

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

**Sec. 8-156. Affordable housing advisory committee.**

(a) *Creation; membership.* There is hereby created the affordable housing advisory committee, hereinafter referred to as the "AHAC." The AHAC membership shall be composed of at least eight members but not more than 11 members. The AHAC shall consist of one duly appointed

County Commissioner and one representative from at least six of the first eleven categories listed below:

- (1) A citizen who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing.
- (2) A citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing.
- (3) A citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing.
- (4) A citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing.
- (5) A citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing.
- (6) A citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing.
- (7) A citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.
- (8) A citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to F.S. § 163.3174. If the local planning agency is comprised of the governing board of the county or municipality, the governing board may appoint a designee who is knowledgeable in the local planning process.
- (9) A citizen who resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments.
- (10) A citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction.
- (11) A citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan.
- (12) A citizen who currently benefits from a rental housing assistance program, has benefited from an affordable homeownership program, or has experienced an eviction within the 10 years preceding their appointment.

(b) *Terms of membership.* The duly appointed County Commissioner shall serve a two-year term on the AHAC expiring on December 31. The remaining AHAC membership shall continue to be appointed to three-year staggered terms, as set forth in resolution adopted by the Board. Vacancies may be filled at any time by the Board for the unexpired term of a member.

**Section 2. Conflicts.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, except to the extent of any conflicts with the Tallahassee-Leon County 2030 Comprehensive Plan as amended, which provisions shall prevail over any parts of this ordinance which are inconsistent, either in whole or in part, with the said Comprehensive Plan.

**Section 3. Severability.**

If any word, phrase, clause, section, or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Applicability.**

This ordinance shall apply to and be effective countywide in the unincorporated and incorporated area of Leon County.

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall take effect upon being filed with the Florida Department of State.

DONE, ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Carolyn D. Cummings, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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Gwendolyn Marshall Knight, Clerk of  
Court & Comptroller, Leon County, Florida

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chasity H. O'Steen, County Attorney  
Leon County Attorney's Office

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