

ORDINANCE NO. 23- 01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING SERVICE AWARDS AND PROMOTION EVENTS; AMENDING SECTION 2.216 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING PURPOSE; AMENDING SECTION 2.127 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED; AMENDING SECTION 2.218 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT OF RULES AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR FILING AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(g) of the Florida Constitution and section 125.66, Florida Statutes, Wakulla County (the "County") possesses the authority to enact ordinances that serve a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, in Section 2.125 of the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances, it is found and determined that the expenditure of public funds in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 2 of the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances, governing Service Awards and Promotional Events, can serve a proper and valid public purpose and that the requirements set forth therein provide appropriate fiscal oversight and related management controls to guard against abuse and ensure accountability to the taxpayers and the public; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to make certain amendments to these provisions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2.126 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2.126 of the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances, entitled Purpose, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2.126. Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to provide a more efficient and responsive local government to serve the needs of the people of the county by the development of programs to provide for one or more of the following, within approved and existing budgetary constraints:

(1) To recognize and appropriately award county employees whose performance exceeds standards for their positions.

~~(2) To recognize and reward community service groups and volunteers for outstanding contributions to the community.~~

~~(3)~~—To recognize and reward individuals for their service to county government and the community as professionals, as volunteers, as members of advisory boards, councils, committees, and as corporate sponsors of county programs for programs of service to the community.

~~(4)~~ To promote and coordinate events open to the public that, ~~make known and engender goodwill,~~ participation and cooperation of individuals, groups and organizations in the activities, services, and programs of the county.

~~(5)~~ (4) To promote efficiency and productivity and enhance the performance of duties by employees and volunteers in a structured and appropriate manner.

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SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2.127 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2.127 of the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances, entitled Expenditures Authorized, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2.127. Expenditures authorized.

Upon determination that an expenditure of existing and otherwise unencumbered budgeted funds would accomplish one or more of the purposes stated in section 2.126 and in accordance with the requirements

of section 2.128 and ~~adequate unencumbered budgeted funding for same,~~ the expenditure of funds for any of the following is hereby authorized as provided for within this division:

(1) Nonalcoholic refreshments at any county-related functions ~~that shall be made open to the public upon request.~~

(2) All or a portion of the cost of meals or banquet expenses, including catering services and rentals, printed materials such as invitations, programs, and announcements, in connection with special meetings, educational programs, recognition and awards ceremonies, seasonal or holiday gatherings and other similar special events ~~that shall be made open to the public upon request.~~

(3) Meals and nonalcoholic refreshments in connection with recruitment proceedings for managerial employees.

(4) Frames, plaques, certificates, trophies, pins, paperweights, and other similar and suitable tokens of recognition of service or achievement to acknowledge significant contributions.

(5) Souvenirs and other tokens commemorating and or promoting programs, events, and undertakings of the county.

(6) Additional vacation time or paid time off beyond the standard provisions of the personnel policies of the county or ~~one~~ the personnel policies of its officers or other common system of bonuses as a part of an standard awards and incentives program established by resolution of the board of county commissioners in accordance with Section 215.425, Florida Statutes.

(7) Flowers and other suitable tokens of sympathy for illness and/or death of individuals who have provided services to the county or their immediate family members ~~as professionals, volunteers, members of advisory boards, councils, or committees~~ not to exceed \$5075.00 in each specific case.

(8) Other expenditures specifically approved by the county administrator ~~board of county commissioners~~ whether similar or dissimilar to the nature of expenditures authorized herein, provided that the expenditure is approved in advance ~~at a regular or special meeting of the board of county commissioners.~~

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SECTION 4. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2.128 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY

CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2.128 of the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances, entitled Establishment of Programs and Development of Rules and Procedures, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2.128. Establishment of programs and development of rules and procedures.

(a) Any employee awards and incentives providing any bonus or extra compensation shall only be provided in accordance with the terms of a standard awards and incentives program established by resolution of the board of county commissioners in accordance with Section 215.425, Florida Statutes.

(ab) All requests for approval shall be presented in writing to the county administrator or their designee deputy county administrator ~~(in the administrator's absence)~~ for approval and shall must identify one or more of the purposes to be served as authorized in section 2.126, an estimate of the expenditures to be made as provided in section 2.127, along with a statement describing the manner in which the expenditure will accomplish the purpose of this division, a specific description of those who will be eligible beneficiaries of the program, and all other details as appropriate. The county administrator's ~~office,~~ or his their designee office ~~(such as the office of management and budget),~~ shall maintain a file of all such processed requests for expenditure, including all approved or disapproved requests.

(bc) All expenditures shall come from monies designated or approved for accomplishing the purposes of this division by the board of county commissioners at the time of adoption of the county budget. Nothing herein shall prohibit the use of personal property, goods or services donated to the county to fulfill the purposes of this division. Any programs approved prior to the enactment of this division shall identify the source of funds that will be used.

(ed) Expenditures authorized under this division shall be approved by the county administrator in advance of processing for payment. None of these expenditures shall be over \$5000.00 for a specific case or event, ~~in any case,~~ without prior approval by the board of county commissioners ~~during a regular meeting of the board.~~

(de) The provisions of this section shall not apply to expenditures authorized pursuant to other provisions of the law including other county ordinances, to vacation, sick leave, compensated holidays, health care, and retirement benefits, or conditions of employment provided as a part of the county's personnel policies or employment contracts, or, to other programs previously authorized by the board of county commissioners. ~~However, the provisions of this section shall apply to the promotion of other community projects as reflected in Laws of Fla. ch. 65-1886. The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall apply to expenses incurred under section 2.127(6).~~


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SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision shall be deemed severable and shall not be construed to render the remaining provisions of this ordinance invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. FILING OF ORDINANCE AND EFFECTIVE DATE. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State within 10 days after its enactment by the Board and shall take effect as provided by law.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of Jan., 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA



Ralph Thomas, Chairman


ATTEST:



Greg James, Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Heather Encinosa, Esq.
County Attorney