

ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 2-53 TO ADD A REQUIREMENT THAT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY REGULARLY REVIEW COUNTY ORDINANCES; CREATING ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 2 AND SECTIONS 2-161 THROUGH 2-173 ESTABLISHING STANDARD EXPECTATIONS OF APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, ATTENDANCE, QUORUM, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND SUNSET REVIEW FOR COUNTY BOARDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AREA ENCOMPASSED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 2-53(a) is amended to add paragraph (9) as follows:

(9) Coordinating with the county administrator and various departments and offices of the County to comprehensively review the Code of Ordinances on at least a five year cycle to identify ordinances that are obsolete or inconsistent with current state law; conflicts or redundancies within the Code; and provisions that require clarification or consolidation, and report to the Board of County Commissioners regarding its findings.

SECTION 2. CREATION OF ARTICLE VII. Article VII of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, titled Standards for Creation and Review of Boards Generally, is created with Sections 2-161 through 2-173, as set forth on attached Exhibit 1.

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY.

It is hereby intended that this Ordinance shall constitute a uniform law applicable in all unincorporated areas of Bay County, Florida, and to all incorporated areas of Bay County where there is no existing conflict of law or municipal ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT OF LAWS.

In all instances where Florida law, as evidenced by the Florida Administrative Code, Florida Statutes, applicable case law or otherwise, mandates standards or requirements that are stricter than the provisions of this Ordinance, or where a matter is addressed by Florida law that is not addressed by this Ordinance, then said law shall govern. In situations where this Ordinance addresses a matter in a manner that is stricter than that of Florida law, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

SECTION 6. INCLUSION IN THE BAY COUNTY CODE.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Bay County Code, as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Bay County Code, once established.

SECTION 7. FILING OF ORDINANCE.

In accordance with the provisions of § 125.66, Fla. Stat., a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Florida Department of State.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Florida Department of State.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session this ____ day of _____ 2026.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Bill Kinsaul, Clerk

Clara Y. Pease, Chairman

Approved as to form:

Bay County Attorney's Office