

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2023- \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING LOCAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTING LICENSING; DELAYING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE 2021-17 ELIMINATING 12 SPECIALTY CONTRACTING CATEGORIES FOR ONE YEAR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE NUNC PRO TUNC TO JUNE 30, 2023.**

**WHEREAS**, prior to 2021, Hernando County had enacted Hernando County Code § 8-28, which created 24 categories of specialty contracting licenses; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Legislature enacted Chapter 2021-214, Laws of Florida, in which it expressly preempted occupational licensing to the state and provided that any local licensing of an occupation not specifically authorized by general law may not be enforced; provided, that local governments could continue to enforce their preexisting local licensing requirements until July 1, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 2021-214, Laws of Florida, the Hernando County enacted Ordinance No. 2021-17, which deleted 12 categories of specialty contracting licenses from Hernando County Code § 8-28, effective July 1, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has now enacted Chapter 2023-271, Laws of Florida, in which

1 it extends the expiration date for local licensing without general law authority to July 1, 2024, from  
2 July 1, 2023; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners now finds that it is  
4 necessary for it to delay Ordinance No. 2021-17's effective date from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024  
5 in order to maintain Hernando County's continued compliance with the above-referenced state  
6 laws.

7 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**  
8 **COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY:**

9 **Section 1.** Amending Section 5 of Hernando County Ordinance No. 2021-17, § 5, Effective  
10 Date, is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2023~~4~~.

12 **Section 2. Severability.** It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County  
13 Commissioners that if any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or provision of this  
14 ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the  
15 validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

16 **Section 3. Inclusion in the Code.** It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners  
17 of Hernando County, Florida, and it is hereby provided, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall  
18 become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County, Florida. To this end, the

1 sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and that  
2 the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,” or any other appropriate designation.

3 **Section 4. Conflicting Provisions Repealed.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in  
4 conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

5 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect *nunc pro tunc* to June 30, 2023,  
6 upon receipt of official acknowledgment from the office of the Secretary of State of Florida that this  
7 ordinance has been filed with said office.

8 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**  
9 **HERNANDO COUNTY** in Regular Session this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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11 **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
12 **HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
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16 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
17 DOUG CHORVAT, JR.  
18 Clerk

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21 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
22 JOHN ALLOCCO  
23 Chairman

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25 Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

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County Attorney