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**Subject:** RE: Hernando County Ordinance No. 2023-15 - Adopted on November 28, 2023  
**Date:** Thursday, November 30, 2023 11:45:09 AM  
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Good morning,

Please find the attached acknowledgment letter for Hernando County Ordinance No. 2023-15, which was filed in this office on November 29, 2023.

Best,

County Ordinances  
Florida Administrative Code and Register  
Room 701 The Capitol | Tallahassee, Florida

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**From:** Ordinances <ord@hernandoclerk.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 3:36 PM  
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**Subject:** Hernando County Ordinance No. 2023-15 - Adopted on November 28, 2023

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Sender Full Name:	Heidi Kurppe
Sender Phone number:	352-754-4970
County Name:	Hernando
Ordinance Number:	2023-15

Thank You,

Heidi Kurppe  
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Secretary of State

November 30, 2023

Honorable Doug Chorvat, Jr.  
Hernando County Clerk's Office  
20 North Main Street, Rm. 362  
Brooksville, Florida 34601

Attention: Heidi Kurppe

Dear Honorable Doug Chorvat Jr.,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your electronic copy of Hernando County Ordinance No. 2023-15, which was filed in this office on November 29, 2023.

Sincerely,

Anya Owens  
Administrative Code and Register Director

ACO/wlh

ORDINANCE NO.: 2023-15

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3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, OF THE  
4 HERNANDO COUNTY CODE, CODE ENFORCEMENT TO REVISE THE  
5 PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE PROSECUTION OF CODE  
6 ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS; AMENDING SEC. 2-46, DEFINITIONS;  
7 RENUMBERING SPECIFIED CODE SECTIONS; CREATING A NEW SEC. 2-55,  
8 NOTICES TO APPEAR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR  
9 INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF  
10 CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
13 COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY:

14 **Section 1. Amendment of Hernando County Code Section 2-46.** Hernando County Code  
15 § 2-46, Definitions, is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 2-46. Definitions.

17 The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article shall have  
18 the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly  
19 indicates a different meaning:

20 Civil penalty means the amount of money that a violator can choose to pay  
21 in lieu of contesting a civil violation notice. A violator who contests a civil violation  
22 notice automatically waives the option of paying the civil penalty.

23 Code officer shall mean all law enforcement officers and those employees or  
24 other agents of the county duly authorized and appointed by the county administrator  
25 whose duty it is to assure compliance with county codes.

1 Codes shall mean the Hernando County Code of Ordinances and all codes and  
2 statutes adopted by reference within the Code of Ordinances, as now existing or as  
3 may be amended by ordinance from time to time.

4 Continuing violations are those violations which remain uncorrected beyond  
5 the prescribed time period for correction contained in the civil violation notice. For  
6 each day of continued violation after the time period for correction has run, an  
7 additional penalty in the same amount as for the original violation shall be added.

8 Fine shall mean a monetary penalty that the special master orders a violator  
9 to pay as punishment for a violation of the Codes following either an administrative  
10 hearing or the violator's default.

11 Law enforcement officer shall have the same meaning as is provided for in  
12 Fla. Stat. § 943.10, as it may be amended.

13 Notice to appear means a written notice issued by a code officer that requires  
14 a violator to appear before the special master at a specified date and time.

15 Repeat violation shall mean a violation of a provision of the Code of  
16 Ordinances by a person who has been previously found to have violated the same  
17 provision within five (5) years prior to the violation, notwithstanding the violations  
18 occur at different locations.

1                   Violator shall mean the person responsible for the code violation, which, in  
2                   the appropriate circumstances, shall either be the perpetrator of the violation or the  
3                   owner of the real property upon which the violation occurred.

4                   **Section 2. Renumbering Specified Code Sections.** Hernando County Code Sections 2-55  
5                   through 2-58 are renumbered as Sections 2-56 through 2-59 thereof, respectively.

6                   **Section 3. Creating Hernando County Code Section 2-55.** Hernando County Code § 2-  
7                   555, Notices to Appear, is hereby created to read as follows:

8                   Sec. 2-55. Notices to Appear.

9                   As an alternative to the procedures set forth in Hernando County Code §§ 2-  
10                   51(g)(7), 2-51(g)(10)-(11), and 2-52, a code officer may serve a violator with a notice  
11                   to appear at a previously-scheduled hearing before the special master; provided, that  
12                   the code officer, based upon personal investigation, has reasonable cause to believe  
13                   that a violation of the Hernando County Code has occurred. A notice to appear shall  
14                   include, at a minimum, all of the items listed in Hernando County Code § 2-54(a),  
15                   as it may be amended, and may provide for a civil penalty.

16                   **Section 4. Severability.** It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County  
17                   Commissioners that if any section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase, or provision of this  
18                   ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the  
19                   validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

