

**Lee County Board of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No.20031067

**1. REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Conduct a public hearing to consider and adopt amendments to Lee County Ordinance 01-16, relating to the Local Option Tourist Development Act.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** A public hearing is necessary for the Board of County Commissioners to amend County Ordinances.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Allows the Tourist Development Council to appropriate funds, based on Board direction, to the Edison/Ford Estates for maintenance.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:**

COMMISSION DISTRICT # 5:00 #2

**3. MEETING DATE:**

09-23-2003

**4. AGENDA:**

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

**5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:**

(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE 01-16
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

**6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:**

**A. COMMISSIONER**

**B. DEPARTMENT** County Attorney

**C. DIVISION** General Services

**BY:** Andrea R. Fraser

Assistant County Attorney

**7. BACKGROUND:** The Board of County Commissioners adopted the Local Option Tourist Development Tax Ordinance which levied, imposed and set a three percent (3%) tourist tax throughout Lee County. Imposition of the tax is based on Florida Statutes Section 125.0104, the "Local Option Tourist Development Tax."

Recently, the Board of County Commissioners pledged monies to the City of Fort Myers for the maintenance of the Edison/Ford Estates. Those monies were pledged from Tourist Tax dollars. In order to fund the maintenance, the Tourist Tax Ordinance must be amended to include spending of the 13.4% of the receipts of the Tourist Tax being placed in the trust fund to be used for museums. When the Ordinance was originally adopted, museums were not included.

Adoption of the proposed changes would allow for those uses permitted under the Florida Statute.

**8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:**

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<i>Andrea Fraser</i>	OA	OM	RISK	GC	<i>ASOM</i>
					<i>9/18/03</i>	<i>9/18/03</i>	<i>9/18/03</i>	<i>9/18/03</i>	<i>9/23/03</i>

**10. COMMISSION ACTION:**

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

CO. ATTY.  
FORWARDED  
TO CO. ADMIN.  
9/8/03  
2:18 pm

RECEIVED  
COUNTY ADMIN.  
9/8  
3:10 pm  
COUNTY ADMIN  
FORWARDED TO:  
9/12 9:30

**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT STATEMENT  
PROPOSED COUNTY ORDINANCE:**

**AMENDMENT TO TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX ORDINANCE**

II. Fiscal Impact on County Agencies/County Funds (This section to be completed by OBS).

A. What is estimated Demand? (Develop Indicators) N/A

B. What is estimated Workload? (Develop Indicators) N/A

C. What are estimated costs?

	1st Year \$'s		2nd Year \$'s	
	<u>Existing</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>New</u>
Personnel				
Fringe				
Operating				
Capital Outlay				
Total				

D. List the anticipated revenues to cover costs identified in II, C, above. If a fee is to be charged, answer the following:

1. What is the basis (rationale) for the fee? N/A

2. Do the anticipated fees cover the full cost of operation? If not, what percentage of the costs are covered? N/A

E. Give a brief narrative analysis of the information contained in II, A-D, above.

This amendment provides the authority to use tourist tax dollars for acquiring, constructing or improving museums. Specifically, the adoption of the amendment will allow these funds to be used for Edison/Ford Estates improvements.

LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING IN ITS ENTIRETY LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 01-16, AS AMENDED, WHICH LEVIED, IMPOSED AND SET A THREE PERCENT (3%) TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX THROUGHOUT LEE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE "LOCAL OPTION TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ACT", SECTION 125.0104, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR A TITLE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAID TAX, RELATING TO A TAX ON EACH WHOLE AND MAJOR FRACTION OF EACH DOLLAR OF THE TOTAL RENTAL CHARGED EVERY PERSON WHO RENTS, LEASES OR LETS FOR CONSIDERATION ANY LIVING QUARTERS OR ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANY HOTEL, APARTMENT HOTEL, MOTEL, RESORT MOTEL, APARTMENT, APARTMENT MOTEL, ROOMING HOUSE, TOURIST OR TRAILER CAMP, MOBILE HOME PARK, RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK, OR CONDOMINIUM FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) MONTHS OR LESS; PROVIDING THAT THE REVENUES SO RAISED BE UTILIZED TO IMPLEMENT THE LEE COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PLAN, RELATING TO BEACH PARK FACILITIES AND BEACH-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE LEE COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX; PROVIDING FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE LEE COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS, QUALIFICATIONS AND POWERS OF THE MEMBERS OF SAID COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COLLECT THE TAX LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF THE TAX BY REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAX SO AS TO HAVE COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION DUTIES PERFORMED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND TO HAVE THE ENFORCEMENT AND AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES PERFORMED BY THE LEE

**COUNTY CLERK OF COURT INTERNAL AUDIT  
DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY  
OF ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, CONFLICTS OF  
LAW, CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE AND  
SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, provides for the levy of a local option tourist development tax by any county; and,

WHEREAS, under the provisions of said law, the Board of County Commissioners, Lee County, Florida, did on June 2, 1982, adopt a Resolution establishing and appointing the members of the Lee County Tourist Development Council; and,

WHEREAS, said Tourist Development Council has presented to the Board of County Commissioners its plan for tourist development; and,

WHEREAS it is the intent of this Ordinance that the Tourist Development Tax, if enacted, be used to stabilize the tourist-related economy of Lee County on a year-round basis.

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

**SECTION ONE:                    TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Lee County Tourist Development Ordinance".

**SECTION TWO:                    APPLICATION; DEFINITIONS**

A.     Application - The provisions contained in Chapter 212, as may be amended, apply to the administration of any tax levied pursuant to this Ordinance.

B. Definitions - For purposes of this section:

1. "Promotion" means marketing or advertising designed to increase tourist-related business activities.
2. "Tourist" means a person who participates in trade or recreation activities outside the county of his or her permanent residence or who rents or leases transient accommodations as described in paragraph (3)(a).

**SECTION THREE: TAXABLE PRIVILEGES; LEVY; RATE**

A. There is hereby levied and imposed and set a tourist development tax throughout Lee County, Florida, at a rate of three percent (3%) of each whole and major fraction of each dollar of the total rental charged every person who rents, leases or lets for consideration any living quarters or accommodations in any hotel, apartment hotel, motel, resort motel, apartment, apartment motel, rooming house, tourist or trailer camp, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park or condominium for a term of six (6) months or less. When receipt of consideration is by way of property other than money, the tax shall be levied and imposed on the fair market value of such non-monetary considerations.

B. The Tourist Development Tax shall be in addition to any other tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 212, Florida Statutes, and in addition to all other taxes, fees and the considerations for the rental or lease.

C. The Tourist Development Tax shall be charged by the person receiving the consideration for the lease or rental, and it shall be collected from the lessee, tenant, or customer at the time of payment of the consideration for such lease or rental.

D. The person receiving the consideration for such rental or lease shall receive,

account for, and remit the tax to the Lee County Clerk of the Circuit Court at the time and in the manner provided for persons who collect and remit taxes under Section 212.03, Florida Statutes. The same duties and privileges imposed by Chapter 212, Florida Statutes, upon dealers in tangible property, respecting the collection and remission of tax, the making of returns, the keeping of books, records and accounts, and compliance with the rules of the Florida Department of Revenue in the administration of said chapter shall apply to and be binding upon all persons who are subject to the provisions of this Act.

E. Collections received by the said Clerk less costs of administration of this Ordinance shall be paid and returned, on a monthly basis to Lee County for use by the County in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and shall be placed in the County tourist development trust fund in accordance with the Tourist Development Plan in Section Four hereof.

F. The effective date of the levy and imposition of the additional one percent (1%) of each dollar above the tax rate of two percent (2%) of each dollar, as previously set by Section Three hereof, shall be the first day of March, 1988. The proceeds of the additional levy shall be used for the purposes set forth in Section Four hereof.

**SECTION FOUR:**                    **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

A. The tax revenues received pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used to fund the Lee County Tourist Development Plan, which is hereby adopted as follows:

1. The two percent (2%) Tourist Development Tax was levied throughout Lee County beginning the first day of the month following the referendum. An additional one percent (1%) was levied in March of 1988. The Tourist Development Tax for Lee County is to strengthen our local economy and advance tourism by investing the revenue in the following

priority:

- a) Fifty-three and six-tenths percent (53.6%) of the receipts of the Tourist Development Tax shall be placed into a trust fund to be used for tourist advertising and promotion for Lee County.
- b) Thirteen and four-tenths (13.4%) of the receipts of the Tourist Development Tax shall be placed into the trust fund to be used to acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, operate or promote one or more publicly-owned and operated convention centers, sports stadiums, sports arenas, coliseums, auditoriums or museums within the boundaries of the County and for those other lawful purposes authorized by Section 125.0104(5)(a) and (b), Florida Statutes, except as noted in Subparagraph c) below.
- c) Thirty-three percent (33%) of the receipts of the Tourist Development Tax shall be placed into the trust fund to be used for beach park facilities and beach-related improvements to include but not limited to, beach improvements, fishing piers, maintenance, renourishment, restoration and erosion control, including shoreline protection, enhancement, clean-up or restoration of inland lakes and rivers to which there is public access as those uses relate to the physical preservation of the beach, shoreline, or inland lake or river.

B. The above and foregoing Tourist Ordinance may be enacted by an affirmative vote of a majority plus one additional member of the Board of County Commissioners.

C. The Plan and Tax shall continue until amended or repealed according to this Ordinance and Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes. Appropriations of the Tourist Development Tax shall be budgeted and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

D. The revenues to be derived from the Tourist Development Tax may be used as authorized herein and Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes. In the event bonds are issued by the County for any of the purposes enumerated by the Tourist Development Plan, the amount of Tourist Development Tax receipts used to pay debt service on such bonds may exceed the percentages provided for the purpose for which such bonds were issued; provided, however, the maximum annual debt service on such bonds, together with any other obligations of the County which were issued to finance improvements for the same purpose and which are secured by the Tourist Development Tax, must not exceed the stated percentage of Tourist Development Tax receipts provided in the Tourist Development Plan for such purpose, as calculated as of the date of sale of such bonds. For purposes of performing the calculations described in this paragraph, the amount of Tourist Development Tax receipts shall be assumed to be the amount provided as such in the County's immediately preceding annual audit, plus, if the levy of such tax was increased subsequent to the beginning of the period which was audited, an amount equal to the estimate by the County Manager of the monies the County would have received if the tax increase had been in effect during the entire audit period.

**SECTION FIVE: THE LEE COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

A. There is hereby established, pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.0104,



Florida Statutes, an advisory council to be known as the "Lee County Tourist Development Council". The Council shall be composed of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or any member of the Board as designated by the Chairman shall serve on the Council. Two members of the Council shall be elected municipal officials, at least one of whom shall be from the most populous municipality in the County or sub-County special taxing district in which the tax is levied. Six members of the Council shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, of which members, not less than three or more than four shall be owners or operators of motels, hotels or tourist accommodations in Lee County. All members of the Council shall be electors of the County. The governing Board of the County shall have the option of designating the Chairman of the Council or allowing the Council to elect a Chairman. The Chairman shall be appointed or elected annually and may be re-elected or reappointed. The members of the Council shall serve for staggered terms of four (4) years.

B. The Council hereby established shall, from time to time, make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for the effective operation of the special projects or uses of the Tourist Development Tax revenue raised by the tax hereby levied and may perform such other duties or functions as hereinafter may be prescribed by Ordinance or Resolution.

C. The Council shall continuously review all expenditures of revenue raised by the tax hereby levied, receive at least quarterly expenditure reports from the Board of County Commissioners all expenditures of said revenue believed to be unauthorized. The Board of County Commissioners shall review the Council's findings and take such administrative or

judicial action as it sees fit to insure compliance with this Ordinance and the provisions of Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes.

D. The members of the Council may be appointed or reappointed as authorized by Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, by duly adopted Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Until the Board of County Commissioners elects to adopt such Resolution, the existing membership shall stand as constituted by Lee County Ordinance No. 82-33, as further amended. The changes in the composition of the membership of the Tourist Development Council, as mandated by Chapter 86-4 and Chapter 96-397, Laws of Florida, shall not cause the interruption of the current term of any person who was a member of the Council on October 1, 1996.

**SECTION SIX: LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAX**

A. Notwithstanding any provisions hereof to the contrary, it is the intent of the County to be exempt from those requirements of Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, that the tax collected be remitted to the Department of Revenue before being returned to the County. It is the intent of the County to provide for the collection and administration of the tax on a local basis.

B. Collection of the tax shall continue to be made in the same manner as the tax imposed under Part I of Chapter 212, and as the applicable statute may be subsequently amended from time to time. Lee County, in assuming such responsibility, agrees it shall be bound by all rules promulgated by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 125.0104, as well as those rules pertaining to the sales and use tax on transient rentals imposed by Section 212.03. The County may use any power granted in this Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, to the department to determine the amount of tax, penalties, and interest to be paid by each dealer and to enforce

payment of such tax, penalties, and interest.

C. The Lee County Clerk of Court, Finance Department shall be responsible for the collection and administration of the tax. The person receiving the consideration for such rental or lease shall receive, account for, and remit the tax to the Lee County Clerk of Court. The Clerk of Court, Finance Department, or their successor department or division, shall keep appropriate records of said funds. The same duties and privileges imposed by Chapter 212, Florida Statutes, and as the applicable statute may be subsequently amended from time to time, upon dealers in tangible property, respecting the collection and remission of tax, the making of returns, the keeping of books, records and accounts, the payment of a dealer's credit in compliance with the rules of the Lee County Clerk of Court in the administration of said Chapter shall apply to and be binding upon all persons who are subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

D. The Clerk of Court may promulgate rules, prescribe and publish the forms necessary to effectuate this Ordinance. The rules may include guidelines for registration and reporting requirements that are consistent with the provisions of Chapter 212, Florida Statutes.

E. In accordance with Chapter 125.0105, Florida Statutes, the Clerk of Court may adopt a service fee not to exceed the service fees authorized under Section 832.08(5) or five percent (5%) of the fact amount of the check, draft, or order, whichever is greater, for the collection of a dishonored check, draft, or other order for the payment of tax under this Ordinance. The service fee shall be in addition to all other penalties imposed by law. Proceeds from this fee, if imposed, shall be retained by the Lee County Clerk of Court.

F. The Lee County Clerk of Court, Internal Audit Department, or their successor department or division, shall perform the enforcement and audit functions associated with the

collection and remission of this tax, including, without limitation, the following:

1. For the purpose of enforcing the collection of the tax levied by this Chapter, the Internal Audit Department of the Clerk of Courts is hereby specifically authorized and empowered to examine at all reasonable hours the books, records, and other documents of all dealers, or other persons charged with the duty to report or pay a tax under this Ordinance, in order to determine whether they are collecting the tax or otherwise complying with this Ordinance. In the event said dealer refuses to permit such examination of its books, records, or other documents by the department as aforesaid, it is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in Section 775.082 or Section 775.083, Florida Statutes. The Clerk shall have the right to proceed in Circuit Court to seek a mandatory injunction or other appropriate remedy to enforce its right against the offender, as granted by this section, to require an examination of the books and records of such dealer.
2. Each dealer, as defined in Section 212.06, Florida Statutes, shall secure, maintain, and keep for a period of three (3) years a complete record of rooms or other lodging, leased or rented by said dealer, together with gross receipts from such sales, and other pertinent records and papers as may be required by the Clerk of Court for the reasonable administration of this Ordinance; and all such records which are located or maintained in this state shall be open for inspection by the Internal Audit Department of the

Clerk of Courts at all reasonable hours at such dealer's place of business located in the County. Any dealer who maintains such books and records at a point outside this County must make such books and records available for inspection by the Internal Audit Department of the Clerk of Courts in Lee County, Florida. Any dealer subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, who violates these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in Section 775.082 or Section 775.083, Florida Statutes.

3. The Internal Audit Department of the Clerk of Courts shall send written notification, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date an auditor is scheduled to begin an audit, informing the dealer of the audit. The Internal Audit Department of the Clerk of Courts is not required to give thirty (30) days prior notification of a forthcoming audit in any instance in which the dealer requests an emergency audit.
4. Such written notification shall contain:
  - a) The proximate date on which the auditor is scheduled to begin the audit.
  - b) A reminder that all of the records, receipts, invoices, and related documentation of the taxpayer must be made available to the auditor.
  - c) Any other requests or suggestions the Internal Audit Department may deem necessary.

5. Only records, receipts, invoices and related documentation which are available to the auditor when such auditor begins shall be deemed acceptable for the purposes of conducting such audit.

G. All taxes collected under this Ordinance shall be remitted to the Finance Department of the Clerk of Court. In addition to criminal sanctions, the Clerk is empowered, and it shall be its duty, when any tax becomes delinquent or is otherwise in jeopardy under this Ordinance, to issue a warrant for the full amount of the tax due or estimated to be due, with the interest, penalties, and cost of collection, directed to all and singular the sheriffs of the state, and shall record the warrant in the public records of the County, and thereupon the amount of the warrant shall become a lien of any real or personal property of the taxpayer in the same manner as a recorded judgment. The Internal Audit Department of the Clerk may issue a tax execution to enforce the collection of taxes imposed by this Ordinance and deliver it to the Sheriff. The Sheriff shall thereupon proceed in the same manner as prescribed by law for executions and shall be entitled to the same fees for his services in executing the warrant to be collected. The Clerk may also have a writ of garnishment to subject any indebtedness due to the delinquent dealer by a third person in any goods, money, chattels, or effects of the delinquent dealer in the hands, possession, or control of the third person in the manner provided by law for the payment of the tax due. Upon payment of the execution, warrant, judgment, or garnishment, the department shall satisfy the lien of record within thirty (30) days.

H. Tax revenues may be used only in accordance with the provision of Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes.

I. A total of three percent (3%) of said tax collected each month herein shall be

retained by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for costs of administration by the Clerk of Courts. The remainder of the tax collected shall be distributed to the County on a monthly basis.

J. The County assumes responsibility for auditing the records and accounts of dealers and assessing, collecting, and enforcing payment of delinquent Tourist Development Taxes. The County adopts any and all powers and authority granted to the State of Florida in Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 212, Florida Statutes, and as further amended or incorporated therein to determine the amount of the tax, penalties and interest to be paid by each dealer and to enforce payment of such tax, penalties, and interest by, but not limited to, distress warrants, writ of garnishments and criminal penalties as provided in Chapter 212, Florida Statutes.

K. An action may not be brought to contest an assessment of any tax, interest or penalty assessed under this Ordinance more than sixty (60) days after the date the assessment becomes final. An action may not be brought to contest a denial of refund of any tax, interest or penalty paid under this Ordinance more than sixty (60) days after the date the denial becomes final.

**SECTION SEVEN: PERSONAL LIABILITY**

Any person who exercises a taxable privilege hereunder and who fails or refuses to charge and collect from the person paying any rental or lease the taxes herein provided, either by himself or through his agents or employees, shall be, in addition to being personally liable for the payment of the tax, guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in Section 775.082, Section 775.083, or Section 775.084, Florida Statutes.

**SECTION EIGHT:            REFUSAL TO COLLECT TAX**

No person shall advertise or hold out to the public in any manner, directly or indirectly, that he will absorb all or any part of the tax, or that he will relieve the person paying the rental of the payment of all or any part of the tax, or that the tax will not be added to the rental or lease consideration, or when added, that it or any part thereof will be refunded or refused, either directly, or indirectly, by any method whatsoever. Any person who willfully violates any provision of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in Section 775.082, Section 775.083, or Section 775.084, Florida Statutes.

**SECTION NINE:            TAX LIENS**

The tax hereby levied shall constitute a lien on the property of the lessee, customer or tenant in the same manner as, and shall be collectible as are, liens authorized and imposed in Sections 713.67, 713.68, and 713.69, Florida Statutes.

**SECTION TEN:            SEVERABILITY**

Upon petition of fifteen percent (15%) or more of the electors of Lee County, the Board of County Commissioners shall cause an election to be held for the repeal of this Ordinance and the Tourist Development Tax levied subject only to any outstanding revenue bonds for which the tax has been pledged.

**SECTION ELEVEN:            INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL SECTIONS**

It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining



portions thereof. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provisions not been included herein.

**SECTION TWELVE: CONFLICTS OF LAW**

Whenever the requirements or provisions of this Ordinance are in conflict with the requirements or provisions of any other lawfully adopted ordinance or statute, the most restrictive requirements shall apply.

**SECTION THIRTEEN: CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS**

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Lee County code; and that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other such appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention; and regardless of whether such inclusion in the code is accomplished, sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and typographical errors which do not affect the intent may be authorized by the County Manager or his designee, without need of public hearing, by filing a corrected or recodified copy of same with the Clerk of Circuit Court.

**SECTION FOURTEEN: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance will take effect upon its filing with the Office of the Secretary of the Florida Department of State, with a certified copy hereof being furnished to the State of Florida, Department of Revenue.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

BOB JANES \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUGLAS ST. CERNY \_\_\_\_\_  
RAY JUDAH \_\_\_\_\_  
ANDREW COY \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN ALBION \_\_\_\_\_

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

ATTEST: CHARLIE GREEN  
CLERK OF THE COURT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Attorney