

**DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - \_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING COUNTY STAFF TO APPROVE PLATS AND REPLATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 2025-164, LAWS OF FLORIDA; NAMING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO IMMEDIATELY INITIATE AMENDMENTS TO DIVISION 3 “SUBDIVISION APPROVAL PROCEDURE” OF ARTICLE III “SUBDIVISION PROCEDURES” OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE DESOTO COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 2025-164, LAWS OF FLORIDA; INCORPORATING THE WHEREAS CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2025, the Governor approved Chapter No. 2025-164, Laws of Florida, making it mandatory, effective July 1, 2025, for counties and municipalities to approve plats and replats through an administrative process that does not require action by the local governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2025-164, Laws of Florida, requires, among other things, that the County designate an administrative authority and an administrative official who may be a county administrator, a deputy county administrator, an assistant county administrator, or other high-ranking county department or division director with signature authority for approved plats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s approval of Chapter 2025-164, Laws of Florida, on June 20, 2025 and subsequent effective date of July 1, 2025, leaves inadequate time to amend the DeSoto County Land Development Code, in accordance with established procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to be consistent with the actions of the Florida Legislature, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is necessary and in the public interest to authorize and direct staff to implement the process as provided Chapter 2025-164, Laws of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners further finds that it is appropriate and in the public interest to direct County staff to initiate the necessary amendments to the DeSoto County Land Development Code consistent with Chapter 2025-164, Laws of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** The County Administrator is hereby designated as the Administrative Official with signatory authority for plats and replats as provided in Chapter 2025-164, Laws of Florida. The County Administrator is specifically authorized to name a designee to fulfill these functions.

**Section 3.** County staff is hereby authorized and directed to remove from the record mylar and other documents as appropriate the signature lines for the Board of County Commissioners and replace them with the signature line of the Administrative Official.

**Section 4.** County staff is hereby directed to adhere to the 7 working day acknowledgement and completeness review and notification period as provided in Chapter 2025-164, Laws of Florida.

**Section 5.** Following the 7 working day acknowledgement and completeness review and notification period, the review timelines and process for plats and replats shall be as otherwise provided in the DeSoto County Land Development Code except that all such applications shall be subject to receive administrative approval. The review process and timelines shall be explained in the acknowledgement and completeness review notification letter.

**Section 6.** County staff is hereby directed to immediately initiate amendments to Division 3 "Subdivision Approval Procedure" of Article III "Subdivision Procedures" of Chapter 20 of the DeSoto County Land Development Code, as needed to comply with the provisions of Chapter 2025-164, Laws of Florida.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 22nd day of July, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mandy Hines  
County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JC Deriso, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Vicente  
County Attorney