

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ENACTING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION PROHIBITING THE PROCESSING OF CERTAIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS, REZONINGS, AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS TO ALLOW COUNTY STAFF TIME TO THOROUGHLY REVIEW, STUDY, AND PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORANGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (“VISION 2050”) AND THE ORANGE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (“ORANGE CODE”); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(g), Florida Constitution; Section 125.01, Florida Statutes; and the Orange County Charter, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) is authorized to enact ordinances not inconsistent with general law and to establish development and zoning regulations as are necessary for the protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that it is in the best interest of its residents, businesses and visitors to enact sufficient development and zoning regulations to ensure their health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Orange County adopted its original Land Development Code in 1957 and its original Comprehensive Plan in 1991; and

WHEREAS, these Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan guide the decision-making by setting policies for future land use, mobility, and public services and have since been amended to reflect the growth and changing dynamics of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Board supported the initiation and development of Orange Code (“Code”), which prompted various County Departments to study, review, and provide amendments to portions of existing Orange County Code that will result in new land development regulations that focus on placemaking standards and context-based regulations; and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing on July 25, 2023, the Board approved transmittal of Amendment 2023-1-C-CP-1, Vision 2050: Orange County Comprehensive Plan (“Vision

2050”), to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (“DEO”) and other State agencies,
44 consistent with Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in recognition that Vision 2050 will largely be implemented through the
46 adoption of Orange Code and the pending changes to various aspects of certain land development
48 regulations, a temporary suspension on the processing of certain comprehensive plan text and map
50 amendments, rezonings, and special exceptions will provide County staff with time to inspect,
analyze, and draft the necessary provisions to complete both updates and contemplate the
consideration of these revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is essential to protect the health, safety and welfare of
52 the County and its citizenry, that it is in the County’s best interest, and that it is consistent with the
54 Comprehensive Plan for the County to study and evaluate the development potential of these areas
and to place a temporary suspension on the processing of certain comprehensive plan text and map
56 amendments, rezonings, and special exceptions in the unincorporated areas of Orange County for
a period not to exceed six (6) months.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
60 ORANGE COUNTY:**

Section 1. Enactment of Zoning in Progress Ordinance. A new Zoning in Progress
62 Ordinance is enacted to read as follows:
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Section 2. Purpose and Intent. The recitals, as set forth above, are incorporated herein
66 and are hereby found true and correct. The purpose of this Ordinance is to enable Orange County
sufficient time to review, study, hold public hearings, and prepare and adopt an amendment or
68 amendments to the Orange County Comprehensive Plan and/or Code of Ordinances as a part of
Vision 2050 and Orange Code.

Section 3. Temporary Suspension of Certain Processes. Orange County hereby
72 imposes a temporary suspension of six (6) months from the effective date of this Ordinance, unless
rescinded sooner, in which the County will not process certain Comprehensive Plan text and map
74 Amendments, Rezonings, and Special Exceptions. During this suspension, the County will not
accept any applications for any of the land development approvals as described herein. This will
76 allow County Staff time to thoroughly review, study, and prepare amendments for Vision 2050 and
Orange Code.

Section 4. Existing Businesses and Exceptions. This temporary suspension shall not
80 affect any business lawfully operating within the unincorporated area of the County, as of the
effective date of this Ordinance, pursuant to valid permits and approvals if the existing business is
82 compliant with all applicable County, State and Federal laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations
and policies.

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Development approvals occurring inside the Master Planned Communities, identified
86 below, will not be included in the temporary suspension:

- 88 1) Horizons West;
2) Lake Pickett;
90 3) Avalon Park;
4) Innovation Way;
92 5) International Drive District.

94 **Section 5. Conflicts of Law.** Whenever the requirements or provisions of this
Ordinance conflict with the requirements or provisions of any other lawfully adopted Orange
96 County Code provision or Florida Statute, the more restrictive requirement shall apply.

98 **Section 6. Severability.** It is the intent of the Board that if any section, subsection,
clause, phrase, portion, or provision of this Ordinance is deemed invalid or found unconstitutional
100 by a court of competent jurisdiction, such part, section, subsection, clause, phrase, portion, or other
provision shall be severable, and the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and all applications
102 thereof, not having been declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid, shall remain in full force and
effect.

104 **Section 7. Non-Codification.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall not be included
and incorporated with the Orange County Code.

108 **Section 8. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect on May 21, 2024.

110 ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

112 ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

114 By: _____
116 Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

120 ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

122 By: _____
124 Deputy Clerk