

ORDINANCE  
NUMBER 2026 -

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2-1, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-1-36, OF THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA: "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE CREATED"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT WITH OTHER ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-1-36 of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Charlotte County, Florida ("Code"), the Office of Emergency Management ("OEM"), was established as a division in the Department of Public Safety, to act in accordance with and in support of the state Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida, now intends to establish the OEM as a department separate and independent from the Department of Public Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida, that:

Section 1. Approval. Chapter 2-1, Article III, Section 2-1-36 of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Charlotte County Florida, is hereby amended as follows (underlined language is to be added; ~~stricken~~ language is to be deleted):

Sec. 2-1-36. - Emergency Management Office Created.

The board establishes the office of emergency management ("OEM") as a ~~division in the department of public safety~~ to act in accordance with and in support of the state division of emergency management and the state comprehensive emergency management plan and programs. The OEM shall be Charlotte County's "local emergency management agency" as that term is defined in F.S. § 252.34(6). The OEM shall also perform other functions, including advising the county administrator and the board on emergencies and

disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, and assisting the board and county administration in the development and management of any county emergency management plans, programs, or activities designed to save lives, reduce suffering and protect property of the citizens of the county.

Section 2. Conflict with Other Ordinances. The provisions of this Ordinance shall supersede any provision of existing ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of said conflict.

Section 3. Severability. If any 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 remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

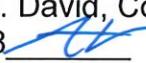
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman

ATTEST:  
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of Circuit  
Court and Ex-officio Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas M. David, County Attorney  
LR25-1218 

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