

**RESOLUTION 2020-116
TOWN OF LADY LAKE, FLORIDA**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LADY LAKE, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ADOPTING A POLICY STATEMENT TO EXPAND THE USE OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAXES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES, DESIGN AND ENGINEERING COSTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in August 2020, the Lake County Board of County Commissioners submitted a proposed policy statement to the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy statement recommended that FAC support an amendment to Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, to expand the use of the Tourist Development Tax to pay for feasibility and Planning, Design and Environment (PD&E) studies for eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Florida Legislature amended Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, to include as an allowable use design and engineering costs and other professional fees to bring public facilities into service but only for counties that received more than \$10,000,000 in tourist development funding; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would provide the same ability for counties that receive less than \$10,000,000 in tourist development funding to cover the costs for planning studies needed to bring public facilities into service such as multi-use trails; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lady Lake, Lake County, Florida, supports the FAC adopting the Tourist Development Tax policy statement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Commission of the Town of Lady Lake, Lake County, Florida:

Section 1. The above going recitals are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Town of Lady Lake supports the Florida Association of Counties adopting the Tourist Development Tax policy statement which proposes an amendment to Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, to allow as an eligible expense feasibility studies and design and engineering costs to bring eligible public facilities into service.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of **December, 2020**, in Lady Lake, Florida, by the Lady Lake Town Commission.

Town of Lady Lake, Florida

Ruth Kussard, Mayor

Attest:

Nancy Slaton, Interim Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

Derek Schroth, Town Attorney