

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, on September 17, 2024 at 3 P.M. or soon thereafter, at the Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579, in the Board of County Commissioner Chambers, will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance, the title and substance of said proposed ordinance being:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA CREATING AND AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES: CREATING SECTION 1-19 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLED “PROHIBITION OF PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING WITHIN COUNTY BUILDINGS OR ITS GROUNDS”; CREATING SECTION 19-2 OF ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 19, TITLED “PROHIBITION OF PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING ON COUNTY STREETS, SIDEWALKS, RIGHT-OF-WAY AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS”; AMENDING SECTION 16-41, ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 16 PROVIDING FOR A DEFINITION OF “PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING”; AMENDING SECTION 16-43(A), ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 16, TITLED “OVERNIGHT CAMPING”; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Offices of the County Commission located at Suite 100, Okaloosa County Administrative Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida 32579 and at Suite 302, 302 N. Wilson Street, Crestview, Florida 32536. Those offices can be contacted by telephone at 850-651-7105.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these hearings, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Okaloosa County adheres to the Americans With Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to these hearings upon request. Requests may be made to the County Commission Offices at the above address, and must be made at least 48 hours in advance of the hearings in order to provide the requested service.