

RESOLUTION 2025-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
LEESBURG, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS CURRENT POSITION
REGARDING RESIDENTIAL ANNEXATIONS AND REZONINGS;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS the City of Leesburg ("City") currently has over thirty thousand undeveloped, approved single-family residential lots within its city limits; and

WHEREAS the City's planning department has recently been inundated with an influx of applications for approvals at various stages of residential development on these existing lots, and

WHEREAS, at the same time, the City has been receiving inquiries regarding annexations of additional property for residential development as well as potential rezonings from non-residential uses to residential, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that a vibrant and sustainable community should maintain a mix of uses to meet the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is concerned that the balance of the City's growth has shifted too far towards residential development and seeks to provide its residents with more local options so that they may work, shop, and recreate at home by promoting non-residential development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to cultivate a community that does not rely solely on residential growth but instead is sustainable through a balanced mix of uses within the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that growth should not only pay for itself but enhance the overall well-being of its residents, and

WHEREAS, temporarily pausing new residential annexations or rezoning would allow staff to focus on existing projects, promote non-residential growth, and enable infrastructure—such as schools, roads, and utilities—to develop concurrently with new development; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to slow the pace of growth by providing this resolution of the City

Commission's current position regarding new residential annexations or rezonings from non-residential to residential uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission will consider any application for residential annexation or rezoning during this period; however, outside of extremely compelling circumstances, the City Commission wishes to notify applicants of its current position so as to potentially save them the time, resources, and expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Resolution of Intent. The City Commission of the City of Leesburg hereby expresses its position to place a temporary pause on: a) residential annexation, and b) rezonings involving comprehensive land use amendments from non-residential uses to residential uses, until January 1, 2027.

Section 2. Effective Date and Duration. This resolution shall be effective on the date signed below and shall remain in effect until midnight on December 31, 2026. However, any applications that were received by the City prior to April 1, 2025, shall not be affected by this resolution.

PASSED AND RESOLVED this ___ day of _____, 2025, by the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida

THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA

Alan Reisman, Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Andi Purvis, City Clerk