

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DOCKET		
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Date:	5/20/2024	
1. From Division / Staff:	Division Of Engineering	
2. OPR:	Melinda Watts (Division of Engineering)	
3. OCR:	Jennifer Crawford (Office of the General Counsel)	
4. Suggested Docket Title:	<u>Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County declaring Columbia County subject of the provisions of Section 367, Florida Statutes.</u>	
5. Program/Module/Submodule Assignment:	B5a	
6. Suggested Docket Mailing List		
a. Provide NAMES/ACRONYMS, if registered company		<input type="checkbox"/> Provided as an Attachment
Company Code, if applicable:	Parties (include address, if different from MCD):	Representatives (name and address):
b. Provide COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS for all others (match representatives to companies)		
Company Code, if applicable:	Interested persons, if any, (include address, if different from MCD):	Representatives (name and address):
	Mr. Joel F. Foreman County Attorney	Columbia County Board of County Commissioners 135 NE Hernando Avenue, Suite 203 Lake City, FL 32055
7. Check one:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporting documentation attached	<input type="checkbox"/> To be provided with Recommendation
Comments: Resolution Attached		

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024R-13

A RESOLUTION BY THE COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, RELATING TO REGULATION OF PRIVATE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM UTILITIES; MADE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 367.171; DECLARING COLUMBIA COUNTY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 367, FLORIDA STATUTES; TRANSFERRING REGULATION OF PRIVATE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES AND RATES TO THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR MAILING A CERTIFIED COPY HEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners presently regulates certain private water and wastewater system utilities pursuant to its authority as a charter county and Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, the "Water and Wastewater System Regulatory Law";

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Columbia County that private, for-profit water and wastewater systems within Columbia County be regulated by the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC"), which has jurisdiction and adequate staff to timely analyze utility system rates and enforce the same;

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners now desires to transfer the regulation of all private utilities in Columbia County to the PSC, pursuant to Section 367.171(1), Florida Statutes, and thereby make the provisions of Chapter 367 effective in Columbia County, Florida.

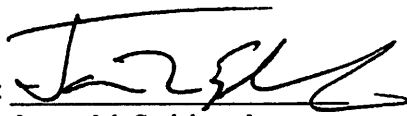
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida:

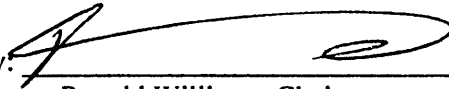
1. Columbia County, Florida, is hereby subject to the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, the "Water and Wastewater Regulatory Law," effective immediately, and all non-exempted water and sewer systems in the County that meet the definition of "utility" as defined by Section 367.021, Florida Statutes, are hereby subject to the jurisdiction and regulatory authority of the Florida Public Service Commission.

2. As a matter of law, sections 118-221 through 118-249 of the Columbia County Code of Ordinances are preempted, and shall be of no further force or effect except to the extent they are necessary to the Florida Public Service Commission for the orderly transfer of jurisdiction to that agency.

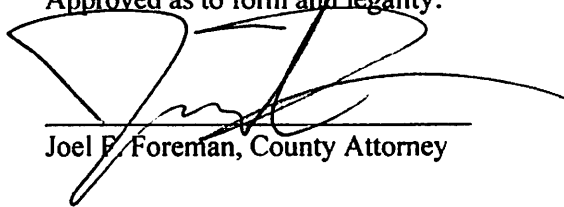
Duly adopted in regular session this 16 day of May, 2024.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

Attest: 
James M. Swisher, Jr.
Clerk of Court and Comptroller

By: 
Ronald Williams, Chairman

Approved as to form and legality:


Joel F. Forentan, County Attorney

