

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA; PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF CEREMONIAL BADGES TO ELECTED OFFICIALS; ENCOURAGING THE VOLUNTARY RETURN OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED CEREMONIAL BADGES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pembroke Pines (the “City”) recognizes the importance of distinguishing between duly authorized law enforcement personnel and elected officials who do not possess law enforcement authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is committed to promoting transparency, accountability, and public trust; and

WHEREAS, historically, the City’s Police Department has issued ceremonial badges to elected officials as a gesture of appreciation for their public service; and

WHEREAS, while the ceremonial badges were intended to be symbolic in nature, the City’s Commission recognizes their appearance may create confusion among members of the public regarding the authority of elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to avoid the potential for misuse of ceremonial badges, whether intentional or inadvertent, which may lead to concerns with public safety, liability, and the integrity of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that eliminating the custom of issuing ceremonial badges to elected officials will align with the goals of promoting transparency, accountability, and public trust; and

WHEREAS, nothing herein is intended to diminish the City’s appreciation for the public service of its elected officials nor the gratitude for the recognition by the City’s Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida, deems it to be in the best interest of the City to formalize a policy prohibiting the issuance of honorary badges to elected officials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, THAT:

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Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Commission.

Section 2. The issuance of ceremonial badges to elected officials is hereby prohibited.

Section 3. Any elected official currently in possession of a ceremonial badge issued by the City is encouraged to voluntarily return their badge to the City Manager or Chief of Police. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as requiring the return of ceremonial badges or imposing penalties for non-compliance.

Section 4. The City Manager and Chief of Police are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to administer and enforce this Resolution.

Section 5. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. If any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA

By: _____
MAYOR ANGELO CASTILLO

ATTEST:

GABRIEL FERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK

CASTILLO _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

HERNANDEZ _____

GOOD _____

RODRIGUEZ _____

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

SCHWARTZ _____