

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-____

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 (CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT) OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY CODE BY CREATING A NEW PART 5 (COURTS OPERATION FUND) TO PROVIDE A FUND FOR THE COURTS OPERATION OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION IN THE SEMINOLE COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Courts of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit has various court programs to address matters that come before it, including both adult and juvenile drug courts, family court and dependency court; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit has requested that a specified Fund be established to assist in supporting the various programs of the Court, specifically, the drug testing laboratory being operated by the Court; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Court Operations Fund will serve a public purpose in accounting for funds of the Courts’ operation of various programs and ensuring sustainability of said operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The above recitals represent the legislative findings of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners supporting the need for this Ordinance.

Section 2. Chapter 50 (Circuit and County Court) of the Seminole County Code is hereby amended to add a new Part 5 (Courts Operation Fund) to read as follows:

CHAPTER 50. CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT

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Part 5. ~~RESERVED~~ COURTS OPERATION FUND.

26 **Sec. 50.101. Courts Operation Fund.** There is hereby created and established a Courts
Operation Fund into which shall be deposited all contributions, payments, fees and donations. All
28 sums placed into this Fund, together with any interest earned or accrued thereon, are hereby
appropriated for the benefit of the Courts of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit to be used to provide
30 funding for various programs and operations of the Courts of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit,
including the Courts’ drug testing laboratory. All funds deposited to such Fund shall be the subject
32 of a permanent and continuing appropriation which shall carry forward from year-to-year
notwithstanding budget years. Court Administration staff will coordinate with the Board of County
34 Commissioners’ Office of Management and Budget to appropriate the annual budget for adoption.
The Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller is authorized to make disbursements from this
36 Fund upon the written request of the Chief Judge or the Chief Judge’s designee for the purposes
of this Section. This Fund shall be subject to review and audit by the Clerk of the Circuit Court
38 and Comptroller at their discretion or upon request by the Board of County Commissioners to the
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller.

40 **Section 3. Codification.** It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that
the provisions of this Ordinance will become and be made a part of the Seminole County Code,
42 and that the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or other appropriate word
or phrase and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such
44 intention, except that Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 of this Ordinance are not to be codified.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision or application of this Ordinance to any person
46 or circumstance is held invalid, then it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that
such invalidity will not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given

48 effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance
are declared severable.

50 **Section 5. Effective date.** This Ordinance will take effect upon filing a copy of this
Ordinance with the Department of State by the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

52 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, this
_____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GRANT MALOY
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners of
Seminole County, Florida

JAY ZEMBOWER, Chairman

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