

1 **Summary of Ordinance**

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3 This Ordinance proposes to repeal Article XV of Chapter 13 of the Lake County Code entitled
4 “Non-Emergency Stretcher and Wheelchair Transport Regulations”. Staff has determined that
5 the County is not required to inspect and provide opinions on the standards of care and safety of
6 non-emergency stretcher and wheelchair transport services and that removing this requirement in
7 the Lake County Code would benefit those agencies providing these services in Lake County.
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9 **ORDINANCE 2016-___**

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11 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**
12 **LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REPEALING LAKE COUNTY CODE,**
13 **CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE XV, ENTITLED “NON-EMERGENCY**
14 **STRETCHER AND WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORT REGULATIONS”;**
15 **PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING FOR**
16 **SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT**
17 **OF STATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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20 **WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2007, at a public hearing, the Board of County
21 Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2007-8 regarding Non-Emergency Stretcher and Wheelchair
22 Transport Regulations; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of Ordinance 2007-8 was to provide regulations governing the
24 minimum standards of care and safety that non-emergency stretcher and wheelchair transport
25 services must comply with; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2007-8 requires the County to annually inspect all stretcher
27 transport vehicles and wheelchair transport vehicles; and

28 **WHEREAS**, non-emergency stretcher transport vehicles and wheelchair transport
29 vehicles may be subject to inspections by other entities, including the State of Florida; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Lake County has determined that the County is not required by Florida law
31 to inspect stretcher transport vehicles and wheelchair transport vehicles and eliminating the
32 requirement of Lake County to complete such inspections would be a benefit to those who
33 provide stretcher transportation services by eliminating duplicative regulations; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Lake County desires to repeal Article XV of Chapter 13, Lake County
2 Code.

3 **NOW THEREFORE**, be it obtained by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake
4 County, Florida as follows:

5 **Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated
6 herein.

7 **Section 2. Repeal.** Chapter 13, Article XV, Lake County Code, entitled “Non-
8 Emergency Stretcher and Wheelchair Transport Regulations” is hereby repealed in its entirety.

9 **Section 3. Inclusion in Code.** It is the intent of the Board of County
10 Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the
11 Lake County Code, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and
12 the word “ordinance” changed to “section, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phase in
13 order to accomplish such intentions.

14 **Section 4. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this
15 Ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such
16 holding or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and it shall be
17 construed to have been the Commissioner’s intent to pass this Ordinance without such
18 unconstitutional, invalid or inoperative part therein; and the remainder of this Ordinance, after
19 the exclusion of such part or parts shall be deemed and held to be valid, as if such parts had not
20 been included herein; or if this Ordinance or any provisions thereof shall be held inapplicable to
21 any person, groups of persons, property, kind of property, circumstances or set of circumstances,
22 such holding shall not affect the applicability thereof to any other person, property or
23 circumstances.

