

1 **ORDINANCE SUMMARY**  
2 **SEAWALL ORDINANCE**  
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4 This ordinance proposes to update Chapter VI of the Land Development Regulations, entitled  
5 "Resource Protection Standards", in order to ensure protection of the environment by providing  
6 specific criteria and conditions for when vertical seawalls may be utilized for shoreline protection  
7 along springs, lakes, rivers and streams, and provide criteria for capturing upland runoff.  
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9 **Ordinance No. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_**

10 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY,**  
11 **FLORIDA; AMENDING LAKE COUNTY CODE APPENDIX E, LAND DEVELOPMENT**  
12 **REGULATIONS, CHAPTER VI, ENTITLED "RESOURCE PROTECTION STANDARDS",**  
13 **SECTION 6.01.06, ENTITLED "SEAWALLS", IN ORDER TO RENAME IT "EROSION**  
14 **CONTROL METHODS FOR SHORELINE PROPERTIES", TO PROVIDE CRITERIA AND**  
15 **CONDITIONS SPECIFYING WHEN VERTICAL SEAWALLS CAN BE UTILIZED FOR**  
16 **SHORELINE PROTECTION ALONG THE SHORELINE OF SPRINGS, LAKES, RIVERS AND**  
17 **STREAMS, AND TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR CAPTURING UPLAND RUNOFF;**  
18 **PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE;**  
19 **PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN**  
20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 **WHEREAS,** Policy III-2.2.8 of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan permits new seawalls  
22 along the shoreline of canals, but states that they shall be avoided along springs, lakes, rivers,  
23 and streams except where no reasonable alternative exists for the protection of shorelines;  
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25 **WHEREAS,** Section 6.01.06 of the Lake County Land Development Regulations  
26 implements the seawall provisions contained in Policy III-2.2.8 of the 2030 Comprehensive  
27 Plan;  
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29 **WHEREAS,** properties along springs, lakes, rivers or streams need protection from  
30 erosion where it may not be feasible, based on terrain or vegetative restrictions, to utilize other  
31 preferred methods of shoreline hardening, and the 2030 Comprehensive Plan permits seawalls  
32 to be installed in these locations where no reasonable alternative exists but does not provide  
33 criteria and conditions for their installation;  
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35 **WHEREAS,** the Lake County Board of County Commissioners desires to amend  
36 Chapter VI, LDRs, entitled "Resource Protection Standards", Section 6.01.06, entitled  
37 "Seawalls", in order to create criteria and conditions allowing vertical seawalls along springs,  
38 lakes, rivers and streams when no reasonable alternative exists, or when there are existing  
39 seawalls on both sides of the neighboring properties; and  
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41 **WHEREAS,** on April 30, 2014, the Planning & Zoning Board, in its capacity as the Local  
42 Planning Agency, considered this ordinance and recommended approval at a properly  
43 advertised public hearing; and  
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45 **WHEREAS,** on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, this Ordinance was heard at a public  
46 hearing before the Lake County Board of County Commissioners;  
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