

ORDINANCE NO. 26- ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PINELLAS, AMENDING SECTION 118-32 OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN BEACH PARK FACILITIES; STATING THAT MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING DO NOT APPLY TO COUNTY-OWNED PROJECTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AREAS EMBRACED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 125.0104, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”), has previously adopted a Tourist Development Plan governing the use and allocation of tourist tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to expand the available uses of tourist development tax revenues under the Tourist Development Plan to incorporate additional uses authorized by the Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Tourist Development Council, in their meeting of November 19, 2025, voted to recommend these Tourist Development Plan amendments to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board’s approval and adoption of this amendment to the Tourist Development Plan require a majority plus one vote, per Section 125.0104(4)(d), Florida Statutes;

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a)(1)d. of Section 118-32 of the Pinellas County Code is hereby amended as follows; all other provisions of Section 118-32 remain unchanged:

Sec. 118-32. Use of revenues; tourist development plan.

(a)

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d. *Category D (capital funding/debt service other)*: Funding annually as matching funds (applicants must have at least \$1.00 for every \$1.00 of Category D tourist tax funding) to acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair, improve, maintain, or provide debt service on one or more: publicly owned and operated convention centers, coliseums, or auditoriums; aquariums or museums that are publicly owned and operated or owned and operated by not-for-profit organizations and open to the public; sports

stadium or arenas not eligible for Category E funding below; publicly owned and operated beach park facilities that are directly associated with or demonstrated to be tourist attractions; and publicly owned and operated public facilities as defined in F.S. § 125.0104(5)(a)6 that are directly associated with or demonstrated to be tourist attractions (hereinafter referred to as "eligible facilities"). The matching fund requirement does not apply to capital projects or public facilities owned by Pinellas County.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any Section, Subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not be construed to render the remaining provisions of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. Areas Embraced. This ordinance shall apply Countywide.

SECTION 4. Inclusion in Code. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Pinellas County Code and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to section, article or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 5. Filing of Ordinance; Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing of the ordinance with the Department of State.