

Town of White Springs

SECOND READING NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PERMANENTLY VACATING AN UNOPENED PORTION OF WESSON STREET, A ROAD WITHIN THE TOWN'S ROAD SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.06 of the Town Charter and Florida Statutes sections 166.021 and 334.03, the Town Council of the Town of White Springs is an incorporated municipality with jurisdiction over the city street system within the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, at the request of Adrienne Sachse, wishes to vacate an unopened portion of WESSON STREET lying north of Jewett Street and south of Collins Street.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. RECITALS:

The recitals above are true and correct and are incorporated by reference.

Section 2. UNOPENED STREET VACATED

The extent of WESSON STREET lying north of Jewett Street and south of Collins Street is hereby vacated, abandoned and closed, and shall no longer constitute a part of the Town's road system.

Section 3. LANDS RETURNED TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

As provided by Florida Law, the real property previously encumbered by the vacated right of way is returned to private property, with the road divided at its center line and the right of way becoming parts of the parcels adjoining the respective halves.

Town of White Springs

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING SMOKING AND VAPING IN PUBLIC PARKS WITHIN THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, tobacco use causes death and disease and continues to be an urgent public health threat, as evidenced by the following:

1. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that tobacco kills up to half of its users, amounting to more than 8 million deaths each year worldwide, including nearly half a million people who die prematurely from smoking in the United States alone¹;
2. Tobacco use causes disease in nearly all organ systems and is responsible for an estimated 87% of lung cancer deaths, 32% of coronary heart disease deaths, and 79% of all chronic obstructive pulmonary disease deaths in the United States²;
3. The estimated economic damage attributable to smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke in the United States is nearly \$300 billion annually³;
4. Despite significant progress, tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States⁴;
5. Specifically, in Florida, 29.4% of cancer related deaths are attributable to smoking⁵.
6. Electronic vapor products have been found to contain nicotine, lead, formaldehyde, and thousands of other chemicals. These products damage

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *The Health Consequences of Smoking: 50 Years of Progress. A Report of the Surgeon General.* Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health. 2014. Available at: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK179276/pdf/Bookshelf_NBK179276.pdf

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ State proportion of cancer deaths attributable to smoking from Lortet-Tieulent, J, et al., "State-Level Cancer Mortality Attributable to Cigarette Smoking in the United States," *JAMA Internal Medicine*, published online October 24, 2016.

WHEREAS, tobacco waste is a major, consequential, and persistent source of litter, as evidenced by the following:

1. The roughly 6.3 trillion cigarettes smoked globally each year result in 300 billion packs that produce almost 2 million tons of wastepaper, cellophane, foil, and glue as well as trillions of butts littered across roadways, sidewalks, parks, and other green spaces^{11,12}
2. Both tobacco industry and peer-reviewed research found that most smokers admit littering their cigarette butts^{13,53,54} for example, one study found 74.1% of smokers admitted littering cigarette butts at least once in their life and 55.7% admitted to littering them in the past month¹⁴;
3. In an observational study of nearly 10,000 individuals, 65% of smokers disposed of their cigarette butts as litter¹⁵;
4. Cigarette butts are perennially the most common form of litter collected during cleanup programs worldwide. For example, in 2018, cigarette butts made up nearly 16% of all litter collected through cleanup programs in the U.S. (809,538 out of 5,106,515 items)
5. Cigarette butts are often cast onto sidewalks and streets, and frequently end up in storm drains that flow into streams, rivers, bays, lagoons, and ultimately the ocean¹⁶;
6. As of August 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes nicotine- containing electronic smoking devices as acute hazardous waste when disposed properly¹⁷;

WHEREAS, cigarette butts, smokeless tobacco, and electronic smoking devices pose a health threat of poisoning to young children, as evidenced by the following:

¹¹ Novotny TE, Lum K, Smith E, Wang V, Barends R. Cigarettes Butts and the Case for an Environmental Policy on Hazardous Cigarette Waste. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2009;6(5):1691-1705. doi: 10.3390/ijerph6051691.

¹² Novotny TE, Aguinaga Bialous S, Burt L, et al. The environmental and health impacts of tobacco agriculture, cigarette manufacture and consumption. *Bull World Health Organ*. 2015;93(12):877-880. doi: 10.2471/BLT.15.152744.

¹³ Smith EA, Novotny TE. Whose Butt Is It? Tobacco Industry Research About Smokers and Cigarette Butt Waste. *Tob Control*. 2011;20(Suppl 1):i2-9. doi: 10.1136/tc.2010.040105.

¹⁴ Rath JM, Rubenstein R a, Curry LE, Shank SE, Cartwright JC. Cigarette litter: Smokers' attitudes and behaviors. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2012;9(6):2189-203. doi:10.3390/ijerph9062189.

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ Novotny TE, Lum K, Smith E, Wang V, Barends R. Cigarettes Butts and the Case for an Environmental Policy on Hazardous Cigarette Waste. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2009;6(5):1691-1705. doi: 10.3390/ijerph6051691

¹⁷ Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; EPA Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals and Amendment to the P075 Listing for Nicotine, 84 Fed. Reg. § 5816 (August 21, 2019) (to be codified at 40 C.F.R. pt. 266(p)).

Section 2. DEFINITIONS. The following words and phrases, whenever used in this part shall have the meanings defined in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- (a) "Electronic Smoking Device" means an electronic device that may be used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substance to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah.
- (b) "Park" means all public property specifically designated as being used for outdoor recreational or park purposes and where children regularly congregate. "Outdoor recreational or park purposes" includes, but is not limited to, boating, golfing, camping, swimming, horseback riding, and archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites and applies only to land which is open to the general public.
- (c) "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted tobacco product, including cigarettes, filtered cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other lighted tobacco product whether natural or synthetic. "Smoking" also means using an electronic smoking device or any other plant product intended for inhalation, including hookah and marijuana. For the purposes of this policy only, smoking does not include the use of unfiltered cigars (pursuant to Florida Statute 386.209).
- (d) "Tobacco Product" means:
 - (1) any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco, nicotine or nicotine analogues that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus;
 - (2) any electronic smoking device as defined in this [article/chapter] and any substances that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine; or
 - (3) any component, part, accessory, of (1) or (2), whether or not any of these contains tobacco or nicotine, including but not limited to filters, rolling papers, blunt or hemp wraps, hookahs, and pipes."Tobacco Product" does not mean drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.
- (e) "Tobacco Product Waste" means any material that is left over and regularly intended to be discarded after the use or consumption of a tobacco product. Tobacco Product Waste includes, but is not limited to, discarded cigarette butt filters, cigar or cigarillo tips, cigarette packs, cigar or cigarillo wrappers,

the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections or provisions hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town of White Springs, Florida in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes.

PASSED upon first reading this 14th day of February 2023.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED upon second and final reading this 14th day of March 2023.

TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

ANITA RIVERS, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Audre' J. Ruise, Town Clerk

APPROVED as to Form and Legality

Joel Foreman, Town Attorney

Town of White Springs

SECOND READING NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, INCREASING USAGE RATES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROVIDED BY THE TOWN'S UTILITIES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of White Springs operates potable water and wastewater/sewer utilities serving residential and commercial properties within the utility service area and charges connection and usage fees in connection with such services;

WHEREAS, the Town commissioned a Rate Study (the "study") from the Florida Rural Water Association ("FRWA") to assess the Town's current rates and fees and the viability of the utility going forward;

WHEREAS, according to the study, FRWA determined that at current rates the Town's utilities will operate at revenue deficits, meaning the utilities will cost more to run than they return to the Town;

WHEREAS, revenue deficits will increase each year if no adjustments are made to existing rates;

WHEREAS, the study notes that "EPA recommends that water and wastewater systems set rates to ensure that there are enough revenues in place to support the costs of doing business" and that cost includes consideration of unanticipated expenses like future repairs, replacements, and maintenance to the systems;

WHEREAS, FRWA "recommends an adjusted rate structure that is both fair and equitable and increases classifications to better fit [the Town's] system's needs" and "that the rates classification be expanded into two categories: 1) Residential, 2) Commercial";

WHEREAS, FRWA also recommended that "the new rate schedule be evaluated annually to ensure it supports the current year budget";

	2,001 gallons or more	3.00	3.30	3.47	3.64
Commercial		2023	2024	2025	2026
	Base Charges Inside City				
	5/8-inch	37.32	41.05	43.10	45.26
Usage Charges Inside City					
	2,001 gallons or more	3.00	3.30	3.47	3.64

WASTEWATER

Residential/Commercial		2023	2024	2025	2026
	Base Charges Inside City				
	5/8-inch	20.77	23.89	26.28	28.90
Usage Charges Inside City					
	1,001 gallons or more	10.27	11.81	12.99	14.29

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town of White Springs, Florida in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes. The rates adopted herein shall take effect on the first day of the utility billing cycle following the adoption date.

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Florida Commission on Ethics
 P. O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709
 "A Public Office is a Public Trust"

COMPLAINT

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: derek snead Telephone Number: 2603373557
 Address: 2850 34th Street North #397
 City: Saint Petersburg County: Pinellas State: FL Zip Code: 33713

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

Use a separate complaint form for each person you wish to complain against:
 Name: Nicole Williams Telephone Number: 386-755-2863
 Address: Town of White Springs, Florida P.O. Drawer D 10363 Bridge Street
 City: White Springs, FL County: Hamilton Zip Code: 32096
 Title of office or position held or sought: White Springs City Council Person

3. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Please provide a full explanation of your complaint, describing the facts and the actions of the person named above and why you believe he or she violated the law. Include relevant dates and the names and addresses of persons whom you believe may be witnesses. Please do not submit more than 15 pages, including this form. Please do not submit video or audio tapes, CDs, DVDs, flash drives or other electronic media; such material will not be considered part of the complaint and will be returned.

4. OATH

I, the person bringing this complaint, do swear or affirm that the facts set forth in the foregoing complaint and attachments thereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STATE OF _____
 COUNTY OF _____
 Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____
 (name of person making statement)

 (Signature of Notary Public)

 SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

 (Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____
 Type of Identification Produced: _____

Town Council meeting. At first
public meeting open to everyone
I was ~~was~~ upset about some of
aww poor baby she got upset at the truth, you dont
the comments being made by some
control her feeling
of his followers, including the
Town of
~~Mayor of~~ White Springs' Mayor
Anita Thomas Rivers, who ~~stated~~
stated
to the group that I had been
i dont even think this is true, but so what you dont
brought and I had slave
control anita
mentality.

The following week on Jan
~~the~~ 10, 2023. Mr. Warren who is ~~that~~ neither
a resident of Hamilton County ~~nor~~ nor is
anyone can come to the meeting
he a resident of property owner in
~~the~~ White Springs or Hamilton County
~~the~~ came to the White Springs' Town
Council meeting and ~~was~~ was

will into meeting

of attitude and profanity would
she used proganity on the 911 abusive call and in the council
have been immediately removed
meeting
from the ~~building~~ premises.

After Mr. Warren made
An associate of Mr. Warren
asked permission to speak before
the council. It was out of turn
and very much out of the ordinary
for Mayor Rivers to grant the
request, especially when there is
a Public Comment section on our
agenda later in the meeting.

The Associate who gave the
cant control other people and freedom of speech
Name Derek ~~Sneed~~, and the address
1168 SW Main Blvd. ^{AKS} Trying to
get the council to influence

Feb. 14, 2023

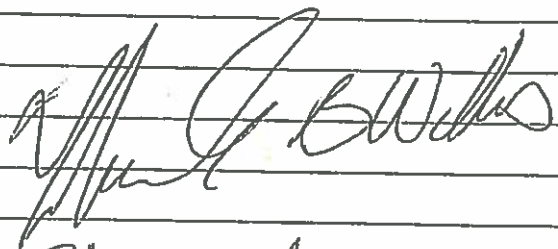
① On January 11, 2023, Mr. Derek Lawrence Snead **who cares, public road, lie, can be seen from google earth** took pictures of my mom's house and pool and posted them on social media.

The pictures was taken on my property and could not ^{have} been **shows no proof and clearly she was not there** taken from the road or the right of way. The postings are making my family feel unsafe.

One January 27, 2023 around

1-130 I noticed a silver van kept riding past our houses taking pictures and videos of my ~~the~~ granddaughter outside playing. After the 4th or 5th

At this point I am very
concerned about my and my
family's safety. I feel our
lives could very well be in danger.



Jason Golub
S. Golub 56-183

golub what a corrupt drug planing officer



137 NW MADISON STREET | PO BOX 550 | LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32056

MEMORANDUM

To: Town of White Springs Town Council
Town Manager

Re: Town Charter section 2.03 – Vacancies; Forfeiture of Office; Filling of Vacancies and
Extraordinary Vacancies
Discussion of the Council's charter authority to forfeit a Council member's seat

Date: February 28, 2023

The Council has recently received complaints from Derek Snead concerning Councilor Nicole Williams. Specifically, Mr. Snead appeared at the February meeting of the Town Council to address a written complaint he had filed to the Town concerning a dispute he was having with the Councilor, and asked the Council to find that Councilor Williams had committed one or more of the violations triggering forfeiture of office.

There was a prolonged, heated exchange resulting in a brief adjournment of the meeting. The meeting was successfully reconvened. As the meeting ended, I advised the Council that future complaints like Mr. Snead's should be directed to the Florida Commission on Ethics, which is the agency form he had used to file his complaint with the Town.

My advice, given based on my experience rather than a more thorough review of the Charter, was inaccurate as it relates to the Town of White Springs. The Town Charter does, in fact, contain provisions that allow the Town Council to directly enforce the forfeiture of office provisions found at section 2.03(a).

Section 2.03(a)8. reads:

The Council, upon majority vote note (sic), shall notify the affected Council Member in writing of its intent to declare the seat forfeited for any of the reasons referenced above. The affected Council Member shall have seven (7) days from the receipt of notice to provide the Clerk with a written request for a hearing before the Council for the purpose of providing evidence in opposition to the Council's intended action. If the evidence presented is insufficient to overcome the identified



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Town of White Springs AP Selection Report - General As of March 8, 2023

Type	Date	Num	Due Date	Aging	Open Balance
Epic IT Solutions					
Bill	02/02/2023	3602	03/04/2023	4	75.00
Bill	03/01/2023	3664	03/31/2023		245.00
Bill	03/01/2023	3704	03/31/2023		297.50
Total Epic IT Solutions					617.50
Florida Blue					
Bill Pmt -Check	10/19/2021	22355			-1,478.06
Bill	05/18/2022	June 2...	06/01/2022	280	1,477.86
Bill	06/17/2022	Jul 20...	07/01/2022	250	1,477.86
Bill	07/18/2022	Aug 2...	08/01/2022	219	1,477.86
Bill	08/18/2022	Sept 2...	09/01/2022	188	1,477.86
Bill	09/19/2022	Oct 20...	10/01/2022	158	1,600.04
Total Florida Blue					6,033.42
J & S Accounting and Tax					
Check	05/31/2020	21348			-692.00
Bill	02/27/2023	35800	02/27/2023	9	296.50
Total J & S Accounting and Tax					-395.50
LEAF					
Bill	02/26/2023	14415...	03/23/2023		190.95
Total LEAF					190.95
Live Oak Pest Control					
Bill	03/01/2023	717155	03/11/2023		99.00
Total Live Oak Pest Control					99.00
Lowe's					
Credit	12/06/2022	00144...			-471.86
Bill	02/25/2023	Feb 2...	03/07/2023	1	119.95
Total Lowe's					-351.91
Misc. Vendor					
General Journal	10/01/2018	93			-73.64
Total Misc. Vendor					-73.64
Mittauer & Associates, Inc.					
Credit	06/30/2021	20257			-2,835.00
Total Mittauer & Associates, Inc.					-2,835.00
Napa (Lake City)					
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2022	22852			-49.71
Total Napa (Lake City)					-49.71
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LL					
Bill	03/06/2023	31059...	04/09/2023		194.01
Total Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LL					194.01
Suwannee Hardware & Feed					
Bill	02/01/2023	02012...	02/11/2023	25	366.66
Bill	02/21/2023	02212...	03/03/2023	5	115.63
Total Suwannee Hardware & Feed					482.29
Suwannee Valley Electric (3757700)					
Credit	02/23/2022	Mar 2...			-5.00
Total Suwannee Valley Electric (3757700)					-5.00
TOTAL					3,906.41

* missing ④ Hamilton S.O. February ③ wex bank
 ② Purchase power 03/01/23 02/28/23

2:03 PM

03/02/23

Town of White Springs Ent. Fund
AP Selection Report - Enterprises
 As of March 2, 2023

Type	Date	Num	Due Date	Aging	Open Balance
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida					
Bill	06/17/2022	July 2...	07/01/2022	244	7.40
Bill	07/18/2022	Aug 2...	08/01/2022	213	7.40
Bill	08/18/2022	Sept 2...	09/01/2022	182	7.40
Total Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida					22.20
Graham & Sons Electric, Inc.					
Bill	01/25/2023	19928	02/04/2023	26	1,500.00
Total Graham & Sons Electric, Inc.					1,500.00
Great America Financial Services					
Bill	02/20/2023	33496...	03/15/2023		35.62
Total Great America Financial Services					35.62
J & S Accounting and Tax					
Bill	02/20/2023	35764	03/02/2023		30.00
Total J & S Accounting and Tax					30.00
Lanier Municipal Supply Co., Inc.					
Bill Pmt -Check	02/17/2022	14385			-444.94
Total Lanier Municipal Supply Co., Inc.					-444.94
Ring Power Corporation					
Credit	06/16/2022	ARL1...			-1,162.02
Credit	09/27/2022	ARL1...			-1,049.22
Total Ring Power Corporation					-2,211.24
Wex Bank					
Check	10/23/2020	14146			-1,284.44
Total Wex Bank					-1,284.44
TOTAL					-2,352.80

