ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-8

AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND 8 DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION 9 – CUMULATIVE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS; BY AMENDING 10 SECTION 50-131 TO ADOPT LOCAL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO 11 THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-228 12 DEFINITIONS: AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-246 DUTIES AND 13 POWERS OF THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; PROVIDING A 14 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE: 15 **PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS** 16 TO THE COUNTY COORDINATOR; AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO 17 THE CLERK AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. 18

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted under Article VIII, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution, and Sections 125.01 and 125.66, Fla. Stat., Levy County, through its Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), has adopted floodplain management regulations designed to provide flood damage prevention and protection, and to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare; and

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WHEREAS, as part of its floodplain management program, Levy County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (the "NFIP") and in the NFIP's Community Rating System ("CRS"), a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum program requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CRS "Class" that a community maintains allows its property owners to be eligible for NFIP flood insurance premium discounts, with CRS Class 1 communities being eligible for a 45% insurance premium reduction and CRS Class 10 communities being eligible for a 0% insurance premium reduction;

- 38 **WHEREAS**, Levy County currently maintains a CRS Class 9, allowing property 39 owners to be eligible for a 5% NFIP flood insurance premium discount;
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41 **WHEREAS**, Levy County has determined that it is in the public interest to further 42 improve its floodplain management regulations (exceeding the minimums) by addressing

Note: Additions shown <u>underlined</u>, deletions shown stricken.

Note to Codifier: Please retain the double <u>underline</u> to reflect the local amendments to the Florida Building Code.