RESOLUTION NO. _____

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 16-???

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL FEE FOR REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on _____, the City Commission of the City of Lakeland, Florida adopted requirements for owners to register residential rental properties within the City of Lakeland, Florida pursuant to City Ordinance ???? "Registration of Residential Rental Properties;" and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the City's program for the registration of residential rental properties, the City will require funds to enforce the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Ordinance ???? all such registrations shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from October 1 to September 30, and that an annual registration fee established by the City Commission of the City of Lakeland by adoption of a resolution shall accompany each registration; and

WHEREAS, such fees are reasonable and necessary to establish a registration program for residential rental properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission does hereby find that the proposed fee schedule related to the registration of residential rental property represents a fair and reasonable sum to be assessed for each property registered on an annual basis.

Rental Registration Fee Schedule

Number of Units Registered	Base Fee per Unit Registered
1	$15.00
2-3	$12.00
4+	$10.00

The number of units registered shall be calculated as the number of residential dwelling units on a single parcel of land, but shall also be calculated per owner provided the owner or agent seeks to register multiple units on multiple properties at the same time, discloses that the units being registered are on properties owned by the same legal owner of record, and that said declaration is verified by the Community Development Director or his/her designee using the public records of the Polk County Property Appraiser or Tax Collector. This unit calculation methodology shall additionally apply to registration renewals. The maximum base fee, regardless of the number of units registered, shall be $250.00.

In addition to the Base Fee, the following performance-based fees shall be assessed per parcel and shall be due and payable at time of registration renewal:

Number of Code Violations Cited	Fee
0-1	$0.00
2-3	$150.00
4-5	$300.00
6+	$500.00

Number of code violations cited shall be calculated for the registration period immediately preceding the renewal period for the registration being renewed, and shall further be calculated based on the number of separate enforcement actions (cases) taken

against the subject parcel, without regard for the specific number of individual violations cited in one enforcement action.

SECTION 3. The City Commission does further hereby direct that the collection of fees authorized by this Resolution be delayed until the registration period beginning October 1, 2018.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage in the manner provided by law.

PASSED AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE this ____ day of _____, A.D. 2016.

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     R. HOWARD WIGGS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
     KELLY S. KOOS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: _____
     TIMOTHY J. McCAUSLAND
     CITY ATTORNEY