

Restaurants must disclose extra charges

NEW LAWS

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to a customer that would otherwise qualify as a large load customer if that customer is a foreign entity. As for data centers specifically, the bill prohibits water management districts from issuing a permit to a large-scale data center applicant -- one with a monthly peak electrical load of 50 megawatts or more -- for an allocation of water "if the proposed use of the water is harmful to the water resources of the area or is prohibited by the applicable local government zoning regulations and comprehensive plan."

HB 803 - Building Permit Exemptions: House Bill (HB) 803 creates a new exemption that allows homeowners or their contractors to avoid the requirement of securing a building permit for certain work valued at less than \$7,500 conducted on a single-family dwelling.

The exemption, however, is not available for properties located in a flood hazard area, or for any work involving electrical, plumbing, structural, mechanical or gas.

Law Enforcement

HB 445 - Dangerous Crimes: HB 445, also known as "Missy's Law," requires the court to remand anyone who pleads guilty or "nolo contendere" to, or is found guilty of a dangerous crime to custody immediately. It also requires that the person remain in custody pending sentencing without possibility of release on bond.

There are a total of 27 "dangerous crimes,"

including homicide, manslaughter, aggravated assault, child abuse, abuse of an elderly or disabled person and sexual battery.

The new Florida Statute is named after 5-year-old Melissa "Missy" Mogle, who was murdered by her stepfather in May 2025, while he was allowed to remain out on bond pending sentencing after being convicted of a child sex crime.

HB 1159 - Sexual Offenses: HB 1159 replaces the term "child pornography" in Florida Statutes with "child sexual abuse material" and increases the penalties for violations involving child sexual abuse material.

The penalty for aggravated use of a child in a sexual performance, if the victim is younger than 12 years old, if now a mandatory life sentence.

HB 35 - Habitual Traffic Offenders: HB 35, also known as Isaiah's Law, amends the definition of "habitual traffic offender" to add the offense of driving a motor vehicle without a valid license to the list of offenses for which a specified number of convictions within a five-year period requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to designate a person as a "habitual traffic offender."

Generally, once a person is designated as a habitual traffic offender, he or she can be prosecuted for a third degree felony for driving a motor vehicle thereafter.

The bill was named for 18-year-old Isaiah Raposa, who was killed in a hit-and-run crash in Hillsborough

County in which the other driver had been repeatedly cited for driving without a license.

SB 436: Felony Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer: SB 436 revises the definition of "prison release reoffender" to include a defendant who commits or attempts to commit battery on a law enforcement officer which results in bodily injury, providing enhanced criminal penalties for suspects who commit a second or subsequent battery after having a prior conviction for resisting an officer with violence.

SB 590 - Statute of Limitations for Failing to Report: SB 590 changes the statute of limitations for violations involving required reports concerning children so that the period of limitation does not begin until a law enforcement agency is made aware of the violation.

HB 277 - Domestic Violence and Protective Injunctions: HB 2277 revises several statutes relating to domestic violence and protective injunctions, including:

- Authorizing a penalty enhancement if a person commits a crime of domestic violence and has a prior conviction for committing such an offense.
- Adding threatening to kill or injure a family pet and the existence of a military protective order to the list of factors that a judge may consider when determining whether to grant a domestic violence injunction.
- Enhancing the penalty for violating a domestic violence injunction from a first degree misdemeanor to

a third degree felony upon a second or subsequent violation of such an injunction committed against the same victim, rather than a third or subsequent violation, or a violation of such an injunction when the defendant has a prior conviction for committing a crime of domestic violence against the same victim.

• Requiring a law enforcement officer who has probable cause to believe that a person violated a military protective order to report such a violation to the agency that entered the order.

• Requiring the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to enter injunctions against sexual violence and dating violence into a statewide database.

Education/Schools

SB 182 - Cursive Writing: SB 182, among its various provisions, requires students to be provided with cursive writing instruction in grades 2 through 5, including forming cursive letters and writing words and sentences.

It also requires each student to demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing cursive by the end of grade 5 through a written evaluation.

SB 178 - Athletics in Public K-12 Schools: SB 178 requires the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) to adopt bylaws authorizing a head coach to support the welfare of a student by using personal funds to provide, in good faith, effects such as food, transportation and recovery services.

The bylaws must require

a parent to provide written consent before a head coach may provide such effects to a student and require the coach to report the use of funds to the FHSAA.

SB 1070 - Student Athlete Electrocardiograms: SB 1070, which was passed by the legislature in 2025, requires that beginning in the 2026-27 school year and thereafter, the first time a student who is in grades 9 through 12 participates in an interscholastic athletic competition, or is a candidate for an interscholastic athletic team, he or she shall complete at least one electrocardiogram screening.

A student can be granted an exception to the electrocardiogram requirement if his or her parent objects in writing because the electrocardiogram is contrary to his or her religious tenets or practices, or if a physician in good standing with the Board of Medicine or Board of Osteopathic Medicine provides a certificate of medical exception.

HB 452 - High School Diploma Requirements: HB 452 changes the requirements for a high school diploma so that the completion of two years of marching band satisfies both physical education and performing arts requirements for a standard high school diploma.

Additionally, students with disabilities may participate in Special Olympics to meet physical education requirement for a standard high school diploma.

Pets

HB 89 - Veterinary

Prescription Disclosure: HB 89 requires a veterinarian to inform clients of their right to receive written prescription to be filled elsewhere or the option to have the prescription filled at the veterinary establishment.

SB 1004 - Domestic Animals: SB 1004 implements consumer protections related to the sale of cats and dogs in the state by:

- Mandating that a pet dealer selling a dog or cat must ensure that a pet financing arrangement is terminated without penalty to the consumer if the animal is found to be unfit for purchase due to illness or disease and the consumer elects to return the animal.
- Requiring a pet dealer to provide copies of certain medical records to a consumer purchasing a dog or cat.
- Requiring a pet dealer to maintain records of information provided to a consumer for seven years after the sale.

Additionally, it requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to develop a list of best management practices for adoption and implementation.

Restaurants

SB 808 - Operations Charges: While SB 808 was passed last year, one of its provisions went into effect this week, requiring restaurants in the state to provide prior notice on websites, and/or menus, of any operations charges that will be added to a customer's bill. Receipts are required to contain separate lines for gratuity, any operations charge and sales tax.

County must wait 12-18 month for federal approvals

HODGES PARK

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agreed to move forward with several smaller upgrades that will be funded through a separate federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWC) grant that the county stands to lose if work doesn't get underway soon.

Those improvements include the addition of two small picnic areas, a sand volleyball court and several pieces of playground equipment.

According to County Grants Writer Melody Cox, these additions can be completed prior to the end of August, which is the LWC grant deadline, and will not impact the larger overall Hodges Park reconstruction project, which has yet to be designed.

Because permanent restroom facilities have not yet been designed, Cox requested the commission modify the LWC grant to add several smaller features -- such as the volleyball court -- that would make up the grant points lost by

funding the restrooms using RESTORE Act money instead of the grant.

Commission Chair Jamie English said he has received a number of complaints about the port-a-lets at Hodges Park and asked when the permanent replacements would be constructed.

Cox said the restrooms were part of the larger overall design/build project, which the county cannot move forward with until the bid documents are approved by the Gulf Consortium.

County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton stated that they were in regular contact with the Consortium, adding that it has already taken "too long" to receive approval.

English asked about the possibility of "comfort stations" replacing the port-a-lets, and Pemberton said she would bring back cost estimates at the next meeting on July 6, as well as an estimate on the county's liability in case they were damaged.

Commissioner Jim Moody suggested the

county consider portable restroom facilities that could be pulled away prior to future hurricanes, instead of constructing a permanent structure.

As for the smaller-scale additions, Cox said if the commission approved the changes she was requesting, the playground equipment could be delivered sometime in July, and the picnic areas and volleyball court would have to be completed by the end of August.

Commissioner Michael Newman made a motion to approve the changes. Commissioner Pam Feagle seconded, and the measure passed unanimously.

Even before Hodges Park was destroyed by Hurricane Helene in September 2024, the renovation project had already been beset with delays due to lengthy waits for approvals at each step of the process caused by the U.S. Department of Treasury, which oversees the federal RESTORE Act funds being used for the work.

The money for Hodges Park is part of the county's

\$12.6 million RESTORE Act "Pot 3" allocation.

The RESTORE Act funding comes from penalties, fines and fees assessed following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which are being paid out over a period of 15 years. However, the "Pot 3" funds are being managed by the Gulf Consortium and overseen by the U.S. Treasury department before being released to eligible counties.

In January 2025, the commission submitted a request to increase the proposed budget for the Hodges Park project by \$726,504 -- bringing the total to \$1,765,495 -- in order to secure a design/build contract and ensure the final project is more hurricane resilient.

The county did not receive approval from the U.S. Treasury Department for the increase until late last year -- 11 months after submitting the request.

"As you know, we requested the budget increase to be able to hire an engineering firm for

design/build services and to increase the resiliency of the materials used at the park site," Cox told commissioners in January of this year.

"I am sure you looked over that grant agreement budget amendment, and there's a lot of strings tied to this," Cox said. "There are no more strings than with the other (RESTORE Act) grants. It's just that we've got a lot to do on this."

"The pre-construction information we need to provide them with will be a process, and I don't want to mislead anybody into thinking, oh gosh, we have the money, so we'll have the park in a few months," Cox said.

"That will not be the case. We will expend funds as quickly as possible. We will get the design/build documents ready to advertise for an engineer for the project, but it is a process -- like anything having to do with Treasury."

"Last year, we submitted this budget amendment on Jan. 22, 2025," Cox said. "We had it approved finally

in December, which was 11 months later. However, they caution us that it takes 12 to 18 months to get anything approved. So, we actually did really, really good by getting this amendment approved (in 11 months)."

According to the county's funding request, the updated scope of work on the Hodges Park rehabilitation will include: construction of restrooms, construction of a large picnic pavilion, construction and installation of a playground, construction of a boardwalk to the fishing pier, sidewalks, parking facilities, native vegetation, security lighting and beach re-nourishment.

As for the updated budget, it includes: \$150,000 for construction management and legal expenses, \$250,000 for architectural and engineering fees, \$557,095 for site work (parking lot, sidewalks and beach re-nourishment), \$20,000 for demolition and removal, \$748,400 for construction (restrooms, picnic pavilion, boardwalk to fishing pier, etc.) and \$40,000 for contingencies.

LEGALS

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2931 Joyce Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32303

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2025CA000217

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, VS.

CHARLES R. SHAW, JR. A/K/A CHARLES SHAW; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES R. SHAW, JR. A/K/A CHARLES SHAW; BEACH AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on June 12, 2026, in Civil Case No. 2025CA000217, of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for Taylor County, Florida, wherein, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and CHARLES R. SHAW, JR. A/K/A CHARLES SHAW; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES R. SHAW,

JR. A/K/A CHARLES SHAW; BEACH AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Gary Knowles will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, FL 32347 East Steps on July 30, 2026, at 11:00:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 13, BLOCK "B", ADAMS BEACH OAKS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AT PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 157 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH A SINGLEWIDE 2004 FLEETWOOD RV, INC., MOBILE HOME, VIN # GAFL407A52332CE21 & TITLE # 92244172

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 401 W. Linton Blvd. Suite 202-B Delray Beach, FL 33444 Telephone: 561-392-6391 Facsimile: 561-392-6965

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SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that SunCo Storage - Steinhatchee will sell the contents of the following self-storage units by public auction to satisfy their liens against these tenants, in accordance with the Florida Self-Storage Facility Act. The auction will take place online at storagetreasures.com on 9 a.m. on July 1st to noon on July 8th. Units are believed to contain household items, unless otherwise listed. SunCo Storage 821 Beach Rd, Steinhatchee, FL 32359 Auction is with credit/debit card payments only. A \$100 refundable cleaning deposit is required. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement with the tenant. Name/Unit: Roberta Mckimmy - 110 Christina Andrew - 6

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NUMBER: 2025-047-CA

MICHAEL BRUCE SKINNER and MELAINE SKINNER, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, and WILLIAM T. LAND and RAMONA M. LAND, husband and wife, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Amended Final Judgment of Partition dated September 10, 2025 and Order Granting Motion to Enforce Amended Final Judgment of Partition and Setting Judicial Sale dated May 19, 2026 both entered in case 2025-047-CA of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Taylor County, Florida wherein MICHAEL BRUCE SKINNER and MELAINE SKINNER, husband and wife are plaintiffs and WILLIAM T. LAND and RAMONA M. LAND, husband and wife, are defendants. GARY KNOWLES, Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the EAST STEPS of the TAYLOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 108 N. Jefferson Street, Perry, Taylor County, Florida 32347 at 11:00 a.m. on the 6th day of August 2026, the

following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment and Order, to wit:

Lot 10 of Steinhatchee Acres Cove, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 202, of the Public Records of Taylor County, Florida.

Taylor County Property Appraiser Parcel ID No.: 09480-730 911 Address: 1111 Steinhatchee Cove Way NE, Steinhatchee, Florida 32359

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated in Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida this 1st day of July, 2026.

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