RESOLUTION NO. 11-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS ERIN BARNETT AND ERIN WOOLUMS AS ALTERNATE SPECIAL MAGISTRATES FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, the City of Seminole utilizes a Special Magistrate to hear and decide alleged violations of the City's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-105 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Seminole authorizes the City Manager to appoint one or more Special Magistrates, subject to ratification by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Attorney James W. Denhardt has served for many years as the City's Special Magistrate for Code Enforcement matters, providing consistency and professionalism in the administration of Code Enforcement hearings; and

WHEREAS, the City previously had an alternate Special Magistrate, Attorney Lauren Rubenstein, who is no longer able to serve in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to have one or more alternate Special Magistrates available to ensure the continuity of Code Enforcement proceedings in the absence or unavailability of the primary Special Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, after consultation with the City Attorney and Community Development Director, has appointed Attorneys Erin Barnett and Erin Woolums, partners in the firm Barnett Woolums, P.A., located in St. Petersburg, Florida, to serve as alternate Special Magistrates; and

WHEREAS, Attorneys Barnett and Woolums currently serve as Special Magistrates in other Pinellas County municipalities, are former Sixth Judicial Circuit prosecutors, and possess substantial experience in evaluating and adjudicating cases efficiently and impartially; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council hereby ratifies the City Manager's appointment of Attorneys Erin Barnett and Erin Woolums as Alternate Special Magistrates for the City of Seminole Code Enforcement hearings, to serve in the absence or unavailability of the City's primary Special Magistrate.

Section 2. The Alternate Special Magistrates shall serve under the same general terms and compensation as the City's current Special Magistrate.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS <u>28</u> DAY OF <u>October</u>, 2025, by the City Council of the City of Seminole, Florida.

ATTEST:

Ann Marie Mancuso, City Clerk

