

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSING PROGRAM GUIDELINES TO REFLECT HOUSING & SOCIAL SERVICES AS THE NEW DEPARTMENT OVERSEEING ALL HOUSING PROGRAMS AND ADDRESSING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AUDITOR GENERAL; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE ANY FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami (“City”), as required by program regulations, passed and adopted the Housing Program Guidelines (“Guidelines”) by Resolution 2006-55 on April 25, 2006, to establish a detailed policy and procedure for all federally and state funded programs administered by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines were amended by Resolution 2010-45 on May 11, 2010 to include the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (“NSP”); and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines were amended by Resolution 2014-54 on June 24, 2014 to establish an application time period and eliminate the existing waiting list; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines were amended by Resolution 2018-122 on September 25, 2018 to establish: (1) a specific thirty-day (30) application time period running from October 1 to October 31 of each calendar year; and (2) a lottery process eliminating the first come, first served, first qualified criteria; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2019, the City Council at the second Budget Hearing for fiscal year 2019-2020, approved the creation of the Housing and Social Services Department, separate and apart from the Community Planning & Development Department; and

WHEREAS, the current Community Planning & Development Department, Housing Program Guidelines need to be amended to reflect the new name change, leadership and role(s) in the Housing and Social Services Department; and

WHEREAS, additionally the Guidelines will be amended to ensure contact information is updated and reflected in the forms and application procedure(s); and

WHEREAS, in Finding No. 14 of the Operational Audit Report from the State of Florida Auditor General (Report No. 2018-038), it was recommended that action be taken to ensure code violations are remedied before initiation of the contracting process; hence, change orders will not be needed to address violations of the code; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor General office, further recommended the inclusion of change order procedures within the Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, amended Guidelines include changes in the City's Housing Program to address the concerns of the Auditor General; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to amend the Community Planning & Development, Housing Division, Housing Program Guidelines to reflect the new Housing and Social Services department overseeing all housing programs as well as addressing the state auditor finding and recommendations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida and are incorporated herein.

Section 2. **Approval of the Housing Program Guidelines.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the amendment to the Housing Program Guidelines to include all of the changes as set forth in Exhibit "A".


Section 3. **Authority of City Manager.** The City Manager is authorized to amend any future amendments to the Guidelines as it becomes necessary.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 24th day of November, 2020.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Estimé-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)