

## RESOLUTION NO. 17-R31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A **CLEAN AND SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FEE** AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 5-369 "CLEAN AND SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE"; REQUIRING FUNDS COLLECTED TO BE PLACED IN A RESTRICTIVE FUND; REQUIRING AN ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDIT ON THE EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR A SUNSET PROVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida adopted Ordinance 16-025 thereby adopting the International Property Maintenance Code in January 2017 in an effort to address property maintenance deficiencies including the declaration of unsafe structures and systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Pierce provide for the removal of any building, structure or system that has been declared unsafe; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce finds it necessary to take appropriate action to abate such unsafe conditions thus reducing the effect of slum and blight in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce has duly adopted Ordinance 17-028 on September 18, 2017 that provides a mechanism for funding the necessary abatement actions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** There shall be adopted a Clean and Safe Community Initiative Fee in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) per month that will be assessed against every utility customer within the incorporated area of the City of Fort Pierce. Such fee shall appear as a separate charge on the monthly utility bill; and

**SECTION 2.** The Clean and Safe Community Initiative Fee collected shall be placed in a restricted fund and may only be used to assist in the remediation of structures and systems that have been declared unsafe and condemned; and

**SECTION 3.** To help assess the effectiveness of the Clean and Safe Community Initiative and related fee, an annual audit of expensed funds will be conducted and a report will be presented to the City Commission prior to the adoption of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year; and

**SECTION 4.** The Clean and Safe Community Initiative shall expire on 9/30/2020, unless prior to that date the City Commission, after conducting public hearings, finds that the purpose of this program has not yet been achieved, in which case it may extend the effective period of this program for an additional three years; and

**SECTION 5.** This resolution shall become effective September 18, 2017.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Linda Hudson, Mayor Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

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Linda Cox, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND CORRECTNESS**

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James M. Messer, City Attorney