

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-R23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA **APPROVING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT**, SUBSECTIONS 420.907-420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND RULE CHAPTER 67-37, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS NEEDED BY THE STATE; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida enacted the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act, Chapter 92-317 of Florida Sessions Laws, allocating a portion of documentary stamp taxes on deeds to local governments for the development and maintenance of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Act, Sections. 420.907-420.9079, Florida Statutes (1992), and Rule Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, requires local governments to develop a one- to three-year Local Housing Assistance Plan outlining how funds will be used; and

**WHEREAS**, the SHIP Act requires local governments to establish the maximum SHIP funds allowable for each strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the SHIP Act further requires local governments to establish an average area purchase price for new and existing housing benefiting from awards made pursuant to the Act; the methodology and purchase prices used are defined in the attached Local Housing Assistance Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, it is found that 5 percent of the local housing distribution plus 5 percent of program income is insufficient to adequately pay the necessary costs of administering the local housing assistance plan. The cost of administering the program may not exceed 10 percent of the local housing distribution plus 5% of program income deposited into the trust fund, except that small counties, as defined in Section 120.52(17), and eligible municipalities receiving a local housing distribution of up to \$350,000, may use up to 10 percent of program income for administrative costs.

**WHEREAS**, the Economic and Community Development Department has prepared a

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three-year Local Housing Assistance Plan for submission to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the City of Fort Pierce finds that it is in the best interest of the public for the City of Fort Pierce to submit the Local Housing Assistance Plan for review and approval so as to qualify for said documentary stamp tax funds; and

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

**Section 1:** The Commission of the City of Fort Pierce hereby approves the Local Housing Assistance Plan, as attached and incorporated hereto for submission to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation as required by Sections 420.907-420-9079, Florida Statutes, for fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024.

**Section 2:** The Mayor is hereby designated and authorized to execute any documents and certifications required by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation as related to the Local Housing Assistance Plan, and to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the term and conditions of said program.

**Section 3:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this resolution has been duly adopted on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2021.

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Linda Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND CORRECTNESS:

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Pete Sweeney, Esq.  
City Attorney

