

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-R67**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; **REESTABLISHING THE CLEAN AND SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE; ESTABLISHING THE CONDITIONS AND PROGRAMS TO BE ADDRESSED UTILIZING THE CLEAN AND SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND; ESTABLISHING AN EXPIRATION DATE;** PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce established the Clean and Safe Community Initiative through the adoption of Ordinance No. 17-028 on September 18, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Clean and Safe Community Initiative is to address conditions that create a hazard to the life, health and safety of the community; contribute to the increase of slum, blight, and criminal activity; and overall reduce property values and community pride; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 17-R31 as adopted by the City Commission on September 18, 2017 established the fee for funding the Clean and Safe Community Initiative at \$1.00, which was to be applied to each utility customer within the city limits and of which all fees collected were to be placed in a restricted fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission adopted Resolution 22-R37 on September 19, 2022 to define the conditions that may be funded by the Clean and Safe Community Initiative to include Nuisance Abatement, Public Safety and Animal Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-R37 provided for a sunset date of September 30, 2025, unless prior to that date the City Commission found that the purpose of the program had not yet been achieved or that the needs of the community have not yet been fully addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, upon re-evaluation of the program, it has been determined by the City Commission that the purpose of the program has not yet been achieved, and the sunset date should be extended.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida:

**SECTION 1.** Per Chapter 103, Article IX, Section 103-343 - Clean and Safe Community Initiative shall provide funding for the following programs and related activities:

1. Nuisance Abatement – to address conditions that create a nuisance and a hazard to the life, health, and safety of the community through enforcement and remediation.
2. Public Safety – to assist the prevention of criminal activities and support the efforts of the Fort Pierce Police Department in their goals to protect the life, health and safety of the community through education and enforcement.

3. Animal Services – to address the life, health and safety of the community at large by addressing the care of animals in the community by reducing the number of free roaming animals and providing for humane care.

**SECTION 2.** The Clean and Safe Community Initiative Fee collected shall be placed in a restricted fund and may only be used for the programs outlined in this Resolution.

**SECTION 3.** The Clean and Safe Community Initiative program and funding shall expire on September 30, 2028, unless prior to that date the City Commission finds that the purpose of the program has not yet been achieved or that the needs of the community have not been fully addressed.

**SECTION 4.** The provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Resolution but shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Resolution shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

**SECTION 5.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon final adoption by the Commission.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** this Resolution has been duly adopted this 8th day of September 2025.

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Linda Hudson, Mayor Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

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Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND CORRECTNESS**

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Sara Hedges, City Attorney