

RESOLUTION NO. 26-R60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA **APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2025 THROUGH 2026-2027, 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 through 420.9079, Florida Statutes, and Rule Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, require local governments to adopt and maintain a Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) outlining the strategies for the use of SHIP funds; and

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

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2024, the City Commission adopted Resolution 24-R32 approving the Local Housing Assistance Plan for 2024-2027; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2026-173, Laws of Florida (Senate Bill 594), amended the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Act to expand eligible housing assistance activities for mobile homeowners, including lot rental assistance, rehabilitation, and emergency repairs, and requires Local Housing Assistance Plans to include strategies addressing mobile home assistance, making it necessary for the City to amend its LHAP;

and

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

Section 1: The City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce hereby approves the amendment to the City of Fort Pierce Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 through 2026-2027, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, for submission to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation in accordance with Sections 420.907 through 420.9079, Florida Statutes, and Rule Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code.

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 ____day of _____, 2026.

Linda Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

Camille Wallace, Interim City Attorney