

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DEDICATING ESCHEATED PROPERTY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY BY DONATION TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF PINELLAS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the property described as: the North 50 feet of Lots 7 and 8, Block 2, of C.E. Jackson's Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 96, of the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, also known as Parcel Number 10/29/15/43596/002/0070, (hereinafter the "Property"), escheated to the County in accordance with Florida Statutes §197.502(8); and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes §197.592(3) requires the County to convey escheated property located within municipal limits to the municipality in which the property is located if the Board of County Commissioners does not acquire such property for infill development, does not dedicate such property as needed for County purposes, or does not convey such property to the previous record fee simple owner; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §197.592 (3), Florida Statutes, this Board has determined that restitution of the Property to the previous record owner is not desired, that the acquired Property is suitable and desirable to further the County's current infill and affordable housing goals, and it is in the best interest of the County to dedicate the Property for affordable housing purposes in furtherance of said goals; and

WHEREAS, §125.38, Florida Statutes, allows the County to convey property to a nonprofit organization for the purposes of promoting community interest and welfare, subject to

certain conditions, for such a price, whether nominal or otherwise, as such board may fix, regardless of the actual value of the property; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §125.38, Florida Statutes, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Inc., a nonprofit housing organization, has requested the conveyance of the Property for affordable housing purposes; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §125.38, Florida Statutes, this Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to convey the Property to Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of affordable housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, in regular session duly assembled on this 2nd day of June 2020, as follows:

1. The Property has been acquired for infill affordable housing and is hereby dedicated to affordable housing uses pursuant to §197.592 (3), Florida Statutes.
2. The Property is hereby declared surplus for purposes of disposition, as it is not needed for County purposes other than to fulfill the County's affordable housing initiatives referenced herein.
3. The Chair of the Board is authorized to execute a County Deed transferring the Property to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, at no cost to Pinellas County or Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, pursuant to §125.38, Florida Statutes, to be used for affordable housing purposes in furtherance of the County's affordable housing goals.
4. The Property shall be restricted to providing affordable housing to qualified homeowners with a household income at or below 80% of the area median income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban

Development for five years from the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy or closing date of the first sale, whichever date is later.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair is authorized to sign and the Clerk authorized to attest the County Deed transferring the Property to Habitat for Humanity Inc., restricted as specified herein, and the Clerk is authorized to record said deed and this Resolution in the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption as provided by law.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 2nd day of June, 2020, Commissioner Justice offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Welch and the vote was:

AYES: Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, Seel, and Welch.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Chelsa Mawdy
Office of the County Attorney