

RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 93

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF
FORECLOSED PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Pinellas County enjoys broad home rule power pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(g), Florida Constitution, and the Pinellas County Charter; and

WHEREAS, in enacting Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, the Legislature expressed its intent that this general grant of authority to counties be liberally construed in order to effectively carry out the purposes set forth and secure for the counties the broad exercise of home rule powers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this home rule authority, Pinellas County is empowered to impose and collect various fees, including regulatory fees imposed under the police powers in the exercise of a sovereign function of the County, as well as fees imposed in the assertion of the County's proprietary power; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pinellas County Charter, all powers of the County shall be exercised by ordinance, resolution or action of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 16-52, Foreclosed Property Registration Program, the Board of County Commissioners may adopt an annual registration fee to support the County's ability to create, administer, and maintain a registry database for properties within unincorporated Pinellas County that are either in the foreclosure process or have been foreclosed upon but remain in the possession of the mortgagee. Furthermore, the fee supports the ongoing registration, maintenance, and inspection of properties in the possession of the mortgagee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, in regular session, duly assembled, this 13th day of December 2016, as follows:

Section 1. The annual registration fee of \$200 per foreclosed property to be charged by Pinellas County for the Foreclosed Property Registration Program is hereby adopted and approved.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

Commissioner Long offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Gerard and upon roll call the vote was:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Morroni.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 
Office of the County Attorney