

ORDINANCE NO. 20 -

AN ORDINANCE OF PINELLAS COUNTY AMENDING THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE SECTION 38-73 TO ADD A PROVISION THAT ENSURES THAT THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WEST BAY DRIVE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA TRUST FUND DOES NOT EXCEED THAT OF THE CITY OF LARGO IN ANY GIVEN YEAR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida ("Board"), by Resolution No. 91-83 dated March 19, 1991, delegated to the City Commission of the City of Largo, Florida, the power and authority to conduct redevelopment activities as defined in Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes (the "Act");

WHEREAS, the West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment Plan was approved by the Board, pursuant to Resolution No. 97-315, adopted on November 4, 1997;

WHEREAS, the Board, on September 12, 2000, enacted Ordinance No. 00-70 approving the creation of a redevelopment trust fund by the City of Largo, Florida and providing for the appropriation of tax increment revenues of the County to said redevelopment trust fund;

WHEREAS, the Board, by Resolution No. 02-289 dated October 29, 2003, delegated to the City Commission of the City of Largo, Florida, the power and authority to conduct certain redevelopment activities as defined in the Act in the eastward expansion area outlined in City Resolution No. 1778;

WHEREAS, the Board, by Ordinance No. 10-8, dated February 6, 2010, amended Ordinance No. 00-07 that created the trust fund for the West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment District to include a 15-year review of tax increment expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Board, by Resolution No. 20-70 dated July 21, 2020, accepted the 15 year review of the West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment Plan, and required that prior to December 31, 2020, Pinellas County Code Section 38-73 would be amended to incorporate the provision that beginning on October 1, 2020, the County will ensure that its annual contribution to the West Bay Drive Community Redevelopment Area Trust Fund does not exceed that of the City of Largo in any given year for reasons including, but not limited to, future millage rate changes and local exemptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, ON THIS 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Section 38-73(g) of the Pinellas County Code is hereby added to read as follows:

(g) Beginning on October 1, 2020, the County will ensure that its annual contribution to the trust fund does not exceed that of the City in any given year for reasons including, but not limited to, future millage rate changes and local exemptions.

Section 2. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not be construed to render the remaining provisions of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. Inclusion in Code.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Pinellas County Code, as an amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Pinellas County Code

Section 4. Filing of Ordinance; Effective Date.

Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department of State.