ORDINANCE NO. 16-	
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING ORDINANCE 15-29 TO RE-NAME THE LEALMAN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature duly enacted Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statues (the "Community Redevelopment Act") establishing the conditions and procedures for the establishment of community redevelopment areas and agencies; and finding that areas or portions thereof which are deteriorating or economically distressed could be revitalized and redeveloped in a manner that will vastly improve the economic and social conditions of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter the "Board," on June 23, 2015, by resolution, made a legislative finding that conditions of blight exist in an area generally known as the unincorporated "Lealman Study Area"; and

WHEREAS, the Board on June 23, 2015, by resolution, declared a need for the establishment of the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Board on June 23, 2015, by resolution, directed staff to prepare a Redevelopment Plan for the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Board on June 23, 2015, by resolution, directed the creation of a Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Citizens Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and appropriate to exercise its authority under the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969 and declare itself to be the Community Redevelopment Agency to conduct activities within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners by adoption of Ordinance 15-29 declared itself the Community Redevelopment Agency for the Lealman CRA and specified the name of the Agency as the "Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency;" and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to re-name the "Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency" as the "Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance 15-29 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- A. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners is hereby declared as the Community Redevelopment Agency for the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area of Pinellas County, and shall hereafter be named the "Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency."
- B. The Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency shall have all the rights, powers, duties, privileges and amenities granted by Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes, subject to all responsibilities and liabilities imposed thereby.
- C. The Pinellas County Community Redevelopment Agency shall carry out the community redevelopment purposes authorized by Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and it shall be construed to be the legislative intent to pass this Ordinance without such unconstitutional, invalid or inoperative part therein.

Section 3. FILING OF THE ORDINANCE: EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Section 125.66 of the 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. This Ordinance shall become effective when the acknowledgment is received from the Secretary of State that the Ordinance has been duly filed.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Office of the County Attorney