

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AND THE ANNUAL LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVES IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2024 RECEIVED FROM ITS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT, SECTIONS 420.907 - 420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT TO THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION.

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida enacted the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act, Chapter 92- 317, Laws of Florida, and stated within sections 420.907 – 420.9079, Florida Statutes, allocating a portion of documentary stamp taxes on deeds to local governments for the development and maintenance of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, section 420.9072, Florida Statutes, states that affordable housing is most effectively provided by combining available public and private resources, and that local governments achieve this combination of resources by encouraging active partnerships between government, lenders, builders and developers, real estate professionals, advocates for low-income persons and community groups to produce affordable housing; and;

**WHEREAS**, section 420.9076, Florida Statutes, requires each county that participates in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) to establish an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to recommend monetary and non-monetary incentives for affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, section 420.9076, Florida Statutes requires each jurisdiction that participates in SHIP provide Florida Housing Finance Corporation with a report prepared by its Affordable Housing Advisory Committee on the implementation of such incentives, both annually and before adopting a new Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for program compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee has recommended the following revisions to the LHAP to the Board of County Commissioners, 1.) adding heirs property title clearing services, 2.) reducing the amount of homeowners insurance grant for the first year's premium from up to \$5,000 to up to \$1,000, 3.) increasing the down payment and closing costs assistance by \$500, and 4.) increasing the maximum award amount for the New Construction and Redevelopment-Homeownership Strategy to \$230,000.

**WHEREAS**, the County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee has prepared an annual Local Affordable Housing Incentives Implementation Report 2024 for submission to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation including amending the Demolition Lien Waiver Strategy to include the definition of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the public for Polk County to approve the Local Affordable Housing Incentives Plan Implementation Report 2024, and to submit the report to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for review and approval;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR MEETING ASSEMBLED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024 THAT:

1. The Board hereby approves the Amendments to the Local Housing Assistance Plan and the Local Affordable Housing Incentives Plan Implementation Report 2024.
2. The Board hereby directs the Housing and Neighborhood Development office to submit the Local Housing Assistance Plan and Local Affordable Housing Incentives Plan Implementation Report 2024 to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation in accordance with applicable SHIP requirements.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, this 19th day of November 2024.

**ATTEST:**

STACY M. BUTTERFIELD,  
Clerk and Auditor to the Board

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman