

**RESOLUTION 95-59**

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON HOUSING REVITALIZATION AND AFFORDABILITY BY: NAMING IT; LISTING RESPONSIBILITIES; SETTING FORTH MEMBERSHIP SPECIFICATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), authorized by Resolution 93-62, was abolished by Resolution 95-58, having completed its primary purpose of writing a Housing Incentive Plan and its two-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County recognizes the importance of continuing the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee's charge of reviewing "...the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local comprehensive plan of the appointing local government and shall recommend specific initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value." (Florida Statutes 420.9076 (4)); and

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County desires to expand the responsibilities of the former Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to include all housing revitalization issues and community and economic development issues as they impact affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the importance of a cohesive and organized effort to address revitalization and affordable housing problems in St. Johns County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That upon the termination of the existing Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) shall appoint a new committee, which shall be known as the Housing Revitalization Agency and whose members shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years or such other period designated by the Board.

**SECTION 2.** Responsibilities of the Housing Revitalization Agency shall consist of but not be limited to the following activities:

A. To advise the Board on the most effective uses for the SHIP and other housing-related monies.

B. To advise the Board, by way of the Community and Economic Development Standing Committee, of affordable housing and community/economic development grants, developments, projects, and issues impacting very low, low, and moderate income residents of St. Johns County.

C. To serve as the County's advocate for housing revitalization goals.

D. To support efforts to establish a County-wide non-profit organization to further housing goals, if such an organization is deemed necessary.

E. To serve as the advisory committee for other housing and community/economic programs as needed, if such requirements coincide with those of the Housing Revitalization Agency.

F. To recommend to the Board the prioritizing of housing and community/economic development needs for long-range planning.

G. To evaluate the County's need for a housing agency or authority; to recommend to the Board courses of action necessary to develop one; and to act as the County's housing agency if so appointed and allowed by applicable law.

H. To resolve disputes regarding the SHIP or other housing or community/economic development programs, or, if appropriate to refer disputes to the Community and Economic Development Standing Committee for resolution.

I. To cooperate and work closely with related existing County boards and committees including but not limited to the Housing Finance Authority, Development Review Committee, Planning and Zoning Agency, Adjustments and Appeals Board, Industrial Development Authority, and the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council.

J. To continue the previous AHAC responsibility of reviewing "...the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local comprehensive plan of the appointing local government and shall recommend specific initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value." (Florida Statutes 420.9076 (4)).

K. To serve St. Johns County by completing other related duties as assigned by the Board or the County Administrator, acting as the Board's agent.

**SECTION 3.** The Agency shall be composed of seven (7) members who are residents of St. Johns County and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board regardless of appointed terms. Insofar as there are qualified applicants for membership, the Board shall fill all vacancies in the following manner.

Membership shall be comprised of:

1. One individual from a local residential mortgage banking or lending institution;
2. One individual from real estate who is an active member in the St. Augustine & St. Johns County Board of Realtors;
3. One individual from construction, building or design who operates or is employed by a business in St. Johns County and is active in local professional or community association(s);
4. One individual advocating low income interests, who is or was a low income person or who is active in assisting low income persons;
5. One individual representing affordable housing developers who manages, is employed by, or works as a volunteer in, a for-profit business or a not-for-profit organization in St. Johns County.
- 6.--7. Two (2) members at large who have an interest in housing revitalization or affordability.

**SECTION 4.** The Housing Revitalization Agency shall be subject to all policies governing committees, boards, or agencies established by the Board.

**SECTION 5.** This resolution shall become effective on April 19, 1995.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28 day of March, 1995.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Barbara Ward*  
Its Chairman

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