

**RESOLUTION 97-17**

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, REDEFINING APPOINTMENT TERMS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND MEMBERSHIP SPECIFICATIONS OF THE HOUSING REVITALIZATION AGENCY, THE PERMANENT CITIZENS' COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON HOUSING REVITALIZATION AND AFFORDABILITY; SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION 95-59; 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 established the Housing Revitalization Agency by Resolution 95-59 to provide continued citizen input and to expand the responsibilities of the Affordable Housing Advisory committee; and

**WHEREAS**, clarification of appointment terms, responsibilities, and membership specifications are necessary.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Housing Revitalization Agency, which replaced the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, shall be appointed for terms of two (2) or three (3) years as specified in Section 3, or such other periods designated by the Board. The new terms shall accompany appointments made after the effective date of this resolution, but shall not apply to those individuals currently serving on the Housing Revitalization Agency.

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

A. To advise the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") on the most effective uses for the SHIP and other housing-related monies.

B. To advise the Board 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 partnership or coalition to advocate housing revitalization goals, until such time as a non-profit partnership or coalition may be established.

D. To support a County-wide non-profit organization to further housing goals by applying for programs not available to local governments, 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 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 Board for resolution.

I. To cooperate and work closely with related existing County boards and committees including but not limited to the Housing Finance Authority, Contractor Review Board, 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 or employed in St. Johns County, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board regardless of appointed terms. The Board shall fill all vacancies using the following guidelines whenever possible. If there are no applicants who meet these qualifications, then any applicants who have an interest in housing revitalization or affordability may be appointed for any of the seven positions.

1. One individual representing a local residential mortgage banking or lending institution which is participating in the SHIP program or a similar housing or community development project or grant in St. Johns County (3 years);

2. One individual representing the real estate industry who is an active member in the St. Augustine and St. Johns County Board of Realtors (2 years);

3. One individual representing construction, building, or design who owns or is employed by a business licensed to operate in St. Johns County, and who is active in the St. Johns Builders Council or in similar local professional association(s) (3 years);

4. One individual who is or was a low income person, who is active in assisting low income persons, or who represents low income interests, such as United Way, Inter-Agency Council, charitable organizations, or St. Johns County School Board (2 years);

5. One individual who manages, who is employed by, or who works as a volunteer in, a not-for-profit organization or a for-profit business representing affordable housing development in St. Johns County (3 years);

6.--7. Two (2) members at large from any of the five fields above (both for 2 years).

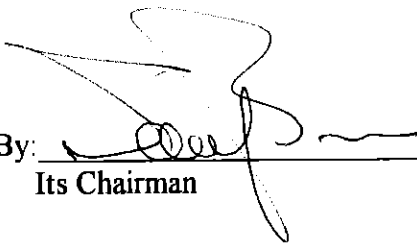
**SECTION 4.** The Housing Revitalization Agency shall be subject to all policies governing committees, boards, or agencies established by the Board.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall supersede Resolution 95-59.

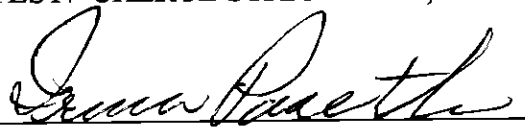
**SECTION 6.** This resolution shall become effective on February 3, 1997.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28 day of January, 1997.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
Its Chairman

**ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK**

By:   
Deputy Clerk