

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR CLARIFICATION FOR THE TERM “TRAVEL EXPENSES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES”, AS RELATED TO THE CITY TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, ONLY; PROVIDING FOR APPEARANCE OR ATTENDANCE AT CEREMONIAL, MEMORIAL OR CIVIC FUNCTIONS OR EVENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the City of New Port Richey requires sufficient procedures to properly manage travel costs of City officers or council members, employees, and other authorized persons (as defined in Section 166.021(9), Florida Statutes) when traveling on behalf of the City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 166.021(9), Florida Statutes, the City has established a per diem and travel expense policy to provide an equitable and consistent reimbursement rate for travel costs throughout the organization for City officers or council members, employees, and other authorized persons;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to clarify the meaning of “travel expenses in the performance of official duties” as set forth in the Section 166.021(9), Florida Statutes, as it pertains to City Council members, only;

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that the official duties of its members, especially the mayor, include appearing at and attending various events or functions of a ceremonial, memorial or civic nature in representation of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that this resolution serves a valid public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of New Port Richey, Florida, the term “travel expenses in the performance of official duties” as set forth in Section 166.021(9) Florida Statutes, when applied to members of the City Council in the administration of the New Port Richey Per Diem and Travel Expense Policy, shall include travel related to a ceremonial, memorial, or civic appearance or attendance at an event or function as a city representative, whether within Pasco County or not, so long as said member acknowledges that said travel meets this requirement, and such travel shall be reimbursed accordingly.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution hereby supersedes any prior resolution of the City Council in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict.

DONE AND RESOLVED on the ____ day of July, 2024.

ATTEST:

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Alfred C. Davis, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney