

RESOLUTION #2019-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, UPDATING AND AMENDING THE NEW PORT RICHEY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; APPROVAL OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE OF 2019 AND TO EXTEND THE SUNSET DATE TO SEPTEMBER 2049; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1988 the City Council (governing body) of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, adopted a "Finding of Necessity" consistent with Florida Statute 163.355, determining that slum and blight did exist within one or more areas of the City of New Port Richey. This condition of blight was documented by the adoption and acceptance of the "1988 Blight Study", under Resolution 88-25; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, as governing body, consistent with Florida Statute 163.357, declared itself to be a Community Redevelopment Agency, and established a Community Redevelopment Area, all consistent with Chapter 163.360 of the Florida Statute, by creating a Community Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Community Redevelopment Agency and direction of City Council, City Staff compiled/completed a review of the City showing that slum and blighted areas exist outside the existing Community Redevelopment Area. In 2001, City Council adopted the "2000 Assessment of Need" (Blight Study Revision); and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2001, City Council adopted Resolution 01-05 accepting the modification of the Community Redevelopment Area and Plan to encompass all properties and areas within the City and accepting the modification of the "Finding of Necessity" adopted by Resolution 88-25; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2012, City Council adopted Resolution 2012-15 accepting the modification of the Community Redevelopment Area Plan adopted by Resolution 01-05; and

WHEREAS, City Council felt that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such areas, is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, or welfare of the residents of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that while some initiatives of the City of New Port Richey Redevelopment Plan have been accomplished, more work is needed to implement the City's 2012 Community Redevelopment Plan, address blight, infill redevelopment and commercial occupancy to preserve and enhance the tax base, and

WHEREAS, on January 2017 the City and the New Port Richey CRA issued RFQ # 17-004 Community Redevelopment Plan Update.

WHEREAS, the City Staff and consultants have prepared a revision and amendment of the existing redevelopment plan (Community Redevelopment 2019 Plan Update) consistent with the request of City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency; and

WHEREAS, New Port Richey Community Redevelopment Agency will sunset June, 2031; if the plan is not updated and the sunset date is not extended from June, 2031 to September, 2049.

WHEREAS, the City of New Port Richey Community Redevelopment Agency is charged with redevelopment activities to sustain and enhance the commercial tax base and create marketing programs, improve affordable housing and neighborhoods, develop commercial areas and commerce, and revitalization programs; and

WHEREAS, New Port Richey Redevelopment Agency is responsible for developing and implementing the Community Redevelopment Plan that addresses the unique needs of the targeted area. The plan includes the overall goals for redevelopment in the area, as well as identifying the types of projects planned for the area; and

WHEREAS, under Florida Law a Community Redevelopment Agency may have a maximum life of sixty years. The New Port Richey Community Redevelopment Agency wishes to extend the agency for its maximum life to allow for projects in the area to be funded and completed; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2019, the Land Development Review Board of the City of New Port Richey, Florida as the local planning agency of the City determined that the proposed update and amended Community Redevelopment Area Plan conformed to the comprehensive plan for the City as prepared by the local planning agency under the Community Planning Act and recommended the adoption of the updated and amended Community Redevelopment Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, notification of the New Port Richey Community Redevelopment Agency Redevelopment Plan 2019 was provided to the taxing authorities pursuant to Florida Statute 163.346; and

WHEREAS, the City Council proposes to hold a public hearing on April 2nd, 2019 consistent with Florida Statute 163.346 and 163.361 to consider the adoption of the proposed update and amended Community Redevelopment Area Plan ; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed update and amended Community Redevelopment Area Plan and recommends its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Agency has reviewed the proposed plan and recommends them to the City Council, and the amended Plan shall serve as the Community Redevelopment Plan for the Community Redevelopment Area of the City of New Port Richey; and

WHEREAS, City Council held a public hearing on April 2, 2019, consistent with Florida Statute 163.346 and 163.361 to address the Community Redevelopment Plan revisions throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2019, City Council adopted Resolution 2019-08 accepting the modification of the Community Redevelopment Plan adopted by Resolution 2012-04; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida that the Council finds, based upon information presented to it in a public meeting and public hearing, that the modified "Community Redevelopment Plan" addresses all required parts of Florida Statute 163.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read and approved on first reading at duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida this 2nd day of April, 2019.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read and approved on second reading at duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida this 23rd day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

By: _____
Robert Marlowe, Mayor/Councilmember

(Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR
THE SOLE USE AND RELIANCE OF
THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA:

Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney