

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPOINTING RAFAEL SUAREZ-RIVAS, A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA BAR TO SERVE AS SPECIAL MAGISTRATE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE A ONE (1) YEAR LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH MR. SUAREZ-RIVAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 21-51, NORTH MIAMI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 21-51 of the City of North Miami (“City”) Code of Ordinances (“Code”) provides that Special Magistrates shall be appointed by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code requires that Special Magistrates be either retired State of Florida judges, or members in good standing of the Florida Bar for at least five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Rafael Suarez-Rivas, Esq. meets the requirements of the City Code and wishes to serve as Special Magistrate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council desire to designate and appoint Rafael Suarez-Rivas as a Special Magistrate for Code Enforcement hearings for a one (1) year period.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** **Designation of Special Magistrate.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby appoint Rafael Suarez-Rivas to serve as Special Magistrate for Code Enforcement hearings and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute a one (1) year letter of agreement with Mr. Suarez-Rivas, in accordance with Section 21-51, North Miami Code of Ordinances as amended.

**Section 2.** **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 25th day of January, 2022.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Estimé-Irvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)