

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-187**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM, AS SPECIFIED IN EXHIBIT “A”, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-145 TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami (“City”) established the Emergency Utilities Assistance Pilot Program on November 28, 2017, under Resolution No. 2017-R-145, to assist residents who are unable to pay their utilities bills due to financial hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Emergency Utilities Pilot Program (the “Program”) was to provide North Miami residents with emergency assistance with past due water utility bills to ensure the safety of residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in support of the Program, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-R-73 on June 12, 2018, which authorized the creation of the North Miami Low Income Home Utility Bills Assistance Foundation, Inc. 501C3 non-profit organization; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff recommends updates to the Program policies to ensure that the residents are assisted in a timely and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, City administration is desirous of updating the Program name from the Emergency Utilities Assistance Pilot Program to the NOMI Water Bill Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, a summary of the amendments to the Program Policies and Guidelines is attached and incorporated as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administration recommends approving the Updated Program Name, Policies, and Guidelines.

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

**Section 1.**    **Approval.** The Emergency Utilities Pilot Program Name, Policies and Guidelines, as specified in Exhibit "A", attached and incorporated, is hereby approved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida.


**Section 2.**    **Authority Granted.** The City Manager is authorized to execute all necessary documents, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, for the purpose of implementing said changes.

**Section 3.**    **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 7th day of November, 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: Desulme

Seconded by: Galvin

**Vote:**

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