

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMI WATER BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AS SPECIFIED IN EXHIBIT “A”, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-145, AND AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2022-R-187, 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, on November 7, 2022, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R-187 making certain amendments to the program guidelines and changing the name of the program to the NOMI Water Bill Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends additional updates to the Program policies to ensure that the residents are assisted in a timely and efficient manner; 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 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 NOMI Water Bill Assistance Program 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 12th day of September, 2023.


ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST :



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Estimé-Irvin

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

 X (Yes) (No)

Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

 X (Yes) (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

 X (Yes) (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

 X (Yes) (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

 X (Yes) (No)