ORDINANCE NO. 2017-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 97-10, AS AMENDED; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION IV, SHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, and its citizenry recognizes the necessity for provision of the opportunity for all persons to have access to safe, decent, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 the Florida State Legislature approved the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act, creating the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) for the specific purpose of supporting and expanding the availability of affordable housing resources within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, and its citizenry recognizes that the SHIP program provides a continuing financial resource for the support of affordable housing activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes recent amendments to Florida Statutes Sec. 420.9076, and desires to update the County's ordinance regarding the composition of the membership of the affordable housing advisory committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that Ordinance No. 97-10, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:

SECTION IV. SHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Nassau County SHIP program shall be administered by the County ~~Coordinator~~ Manager, or his/her designee. Applicant approvals shall be recommended by the SHIP Coordinator, reviewed by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and approved by the County ~~Coordinator~~ Manager. The SHIP Coordinator shall submit a quarterly expenditure report to the Board of County Commissioners.

This Ordinance ~~re-establishes and expands~~ establishes the membership of the Nassau County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee which will consist of at least eight (8) but not more than eleven (11) members serving a term of two (2) years and meeting the approval and being appointed by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Committee shall have the authority pursuant to Florida Statutes Sections 420.907 – 420.9089.

Pursuant to Florida Statute §420.9076(2), the Nassau County Affordable Housing Committee shall consist of one representative from at least six (6) of the following categories: ~~include members having the following criteria:~~ (1) one citizen who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing; (2) one citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing; (3) one citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing; (4) one citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing; (5) one citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing; (6) one citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing; (7) one citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing; (8) one citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to Section 163.3174, Florida Statutes; (9) one citizen who resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments; (10) one citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction; and (11) one citizen who represents essential public services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan. ~~As allowed by the applicable statute, if the Board is unable to appoint persons actively engaged in the above-stated activities in connection with affordable housing, a person involved in those activities without regard to affordable housing may be appointed.~~

A majority of the membership of said Partnership shall be required for the conduct of official business, and a majority of those present must cast an affirmative vote in order for an action to pass. All Advisory Committee meetings shall be publicly advertised or noticed in the local print media having the largest community-wide circulation. The Partnership shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners on matters of Affordable Housing. The Advisory Committee shall conduct the business as described in Florida Statutes §420.9076 (4) and (8).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective upon its being filed in the Office of the Department of State.

DULY ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2017.

Board of County Commissioners
Nassau County, Florida

DANIEL B. LEEPER
Its: Chairman

(Signatures continue on the next page)

Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:

MICHAEL S. MULLIN