



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, ADOPTING CITY COMMISSION POLICY NO. 2020-01 RELATED TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, provides that the City of North Port’s municipal records are open for inspection and copying by any person and that providing access to such records is a duty of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has current public records requests procedures codified in Section 2-362 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida (the “Code”); and

WHEREAS, City staff periodically reviews the Code and makes recommendations to the City Commission to revise the Code; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to continually improve its processes, in 2019 the City implemented new public records software; and

WHEREAS, due to the new public records software and as a result of City staff’s review of the current public records requests procedures, City staff is recommending certain changes to the City’s procedures; and

WHEREAS, this new policy supersedes and takes the place of those procedures codified at Section 2-362 of the Code, which shall be repealed separately by Ordinance No. 2020-06; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this policy serves the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

1.01 The recitals outlined above are incorporated by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 2 - RESOLUTION

2.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the “Public Records Request Policy” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated as if set forth herein, as an administrative policy of the City Commission of the City of North Port.

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution or portions thereof, the provisions of this resolution shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

4.01 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

5.01 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida in public session this 28th day of January 2020.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

DEBBIE MCDOWELL
MAYOR

ATTEST

HEATHER TAYLOR, CMC
INTERIM CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

AMBER L. SLAYTON
CITY ATTORNEY