



City of North Port

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, REPEALING SECTION 2-362 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, ENTITLED "PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS," IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida public records laws are governed by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2016-14 on May 24, 2016 amending the Code of the City of North Port, Florida (the "Code") to add Section 2-362, entitled "Public records requests"; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-362 of the Code provides the policies and procedures for public records requests made to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that such a policy should be adopted via resolution rather than codified in the Code; and

WHEREAS, on the date this ordinance becomes effective, Resolution No. 2019-R-29, adopting an updated public records request policy also becomes effective; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that these amendments serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

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

SECTION 1 – FINDINGS

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

SECTION 2 – REPEAL

2.01 The City Commission hereby repeals Section 2-362 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, in its entirety.

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

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

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

4.01 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phase, or provision of this ordinance 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 ordinance shall take effect immediately after adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

READ BY TITLE ONLY at first reading by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on the 14th day of January 2020.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, on the second and final reading 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