



Resolution No. 22-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS FUND BALANCE POLICY TO ASSIGN FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT AND INCREASE THE ASSIGNMENT AMOUNT FOR DISASTER RECOVERY.

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards issued Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, in order to clarify the meaning of fund balance on financial statements; and,

WHEREAS, the Town's reserve policies are based on sound fiscal principles and best practices designed to allow the Town to maintain continuity of operations in adverse conditions while being mindful of the fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers, both current and future generations; and,

WHEREAS, the Town realized that adequate fund balance levels are an essential component of the Town's overall financial management strategy and a key factor in external credit rating agencies' measurement of the Town's financial strength; and,

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to establish a fund balance policy that secures and maintains investment-grade credit ratings, provides adequate cash flow during natural disasters, emergencies or unanticipated expenditures, and mitigates budgetary risk associated with volatility in revenues or economic recessions; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to amend its Fund Balance Policy for the General Fund to assign funds for the establishment of the Highland Beach Fire Rescue Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds it in the best interest of the Town and its residents to adopt this Fund Balance Policy, as amended, that is consistent with the GFOA best practices and GASB Statement No. 54; and,

WHEREAS, such a policy has been prepared and a copy thereof is attached as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: The Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach hereby adopts the “Town of Highland Beach Fund Balance Policy for the General Fund”, attached hereto as “Exhibit A”, and directs the Town Manager to implement said policy.

Section 3: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions, insofar as they are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are hereby repealed.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect on March 1, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____st DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

Douglas Hillman, Mayor

Natasha Moore, Vice Mayor

Evalyn David, Commissioner

Peggy Gossett-Seidman, Commissioner

John Shoemaker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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