

**RESOLUTION NO. XX-2023 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A RATE STABILIZATION FUND FOR THE ELECTRIC UTILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Electric Utility of the City of Lake Worth Beach desires to maintain rates competitive with other utilities, mitigate against potential increased costs of purchased power, and provide rate stability for the customers of the Electric Utility; and

**WHEREAS**, due to sudden increases in the costs of natural gas in 2022-2023 and other factors impacting the City's power costs, the City is in need of a fund to assist in stabilizing the rates paid by the Electric Utility customers, which fund can assist in reducing the impact of sudden changes in the City's power costs; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the Electric Utility's desires and the City's desires, the City seeks to establish an Electric Utility Rate Stabilization Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, City Commission finds establishing a Rate Stabilization Funds serves a valid public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

**Section 1.** The City hereby establishes a Rate Stabilization Fund for the purpose of maintaining rate competitiveness and rate stability by mitigating cost increases that would otherwise be passed along to the customers of the Electric Utility.

**Section 2.** The Rate Stabilization Fund shall be administered by the Electric Utility and Financial Services Departments consistent with the Rate Stabilization Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein. The Rate Stabilization Fund will remain operational until the City Commission determines that the need for such fund no longer exists.

**Section 3.** The Electric Utility, with the approval of the City Commission, will appropriate each year from the Electric Fund an amount not to exceed % of the expected annual PCA expense with a minimum of \$  to the Rate Stabilization Fund, provided the accumulated balance does not exceed % of the average annual PCA expenses for the preceding 3 years (as reported in the most recent Annual Audited Financial Reports).

**Section 4.** The City Commission authorizes the City Manager and Finance Director, collectively, to deposit funds into and withdraw funds from the Rate Stabilization Fund in accordance with Section 2 of this Resolution.

**Section 5.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions are hereby amended to the extent that they are in conflict with this Resolution.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

The passage of this resolution was moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Betty Resch  
Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy  
Commissioner Sarah Malega  
Commissioner Kimberly Stokes  
Commissioner Reinaldo Diaz

The Mayor thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

LAKE WORTH BEACH CITY COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk