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Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency

Crime Stoppers Incentive Program

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Definitions:

ACT means the Community Redevelopment Act, F.S. § 163.330 et seq.¹

AGENCY means the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Palmetto.²

AREA means an area designated as a redevelopment area and as described and mapped on documents in the city clerk's office.³

BLIGHTED AREA means an area in which there are a substantial number of deteriorated, or deteriorating structures, in which conditions, as indicated by government-maintained statistics or other studies, are leading to economic distress or endanger life or property, and in which two or more of the following factors are present:

- Predominance of defective or inadequate street layout, parking facilities, roadways, bridges, or public transportation facilities;
- Aggregate assessed values of real property in the area for ad valorem tax purposes have failed to show any appreciable increase over the 5 years prior to the finding of such conditions;
- Faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility, or usefulness;
- Unsanitary or unsafe conditions;
- Deterioration of site or other improvements;
- Inadequate and outdated building density patterns;
- Falling lease rates per square foot of office, commercial, or industrial space compared to the remainder of the county or municipality;
- Tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the fair value of the land;
- Residential and commercial vacancy rates higher in the area than in the remainder of the county or municipality;
- Incidence of crime in the area higher than in the remainder of the county or municipality;
- Fire and emergency medical service calls to the area proportionately higher than in the remainder of the county or municipality;
- A greater number of violations of the Florida Building Code in the area than the number of violations recorded in the remainder of the county or municipality;
- Diversity of ownership or defective or unusual conditions of title which prevent the free alienability of land within the deteriorated or hazardous area; or
- Governmentally owned property with adverse environmental conditions caused by a public or private entity.

¹ City of Palmetto Ordinance Number 11-26. - Definitions.

² City of Palmetto Ordinance Number 11-26. - Definitions.

³ City of Palmetto Ordinance Number 11-26. - Definitions.

However, the term "blighted area" also means any area in which at least one of the factors identified in paragraphs (a) through (n) are present and all taxing authorities subject to s. [163.387\(2\)\(a\)](#) agree, either by interlocal agreement or agreements with the agency or by resolution, that the area is blighted. Such agreement or resolution shall only determine that the area is blighted. For purposes of qualifying for the tax credits authorized in chapter 220, "blighted area" means an area as defined in this subsection.⁴

COMMUNITY POLICING INNOVATION means a policing technique or strategy designed to reduce crime by reducing opportunities for, and increasing the perceived risks of engaging in, criminal activity through visible presence of police in the community, including, but not limited to, community mobilization, neighborhood block watch, citizen patrol, citizen contact patrol, foot patrol, neighborhood storefront police stations, field interrogation, or intensified motorized patrol.

DISSEMINATE means to scatter or spread widely, as though sowing seed; promulgate extensively; broadcast; disperse.

FUND means the community redevelopment trust fund.⁵

GOAL means the long-term end toward which programs or activities are ultimately directed.⁶

GOVERNING BODY means the council, commission, or other legislative body charged with governing the county or municipality.⁷ For the purpose of this Plan, the governing body is the Palmetto City Commission.

PLAN means this community redevelopment plan.⁸

POLICY means the way in which programs and activities are conducted to achieve an identified goal.⁹

SLUM AREA means an area having physical or economic conditions conducive to disease, infant mortality, juvenile delinquency, poverty, or crime because there is a predominance of buildings or improvements, whether residential or nonresidential, which are impaired by reason of dilapidation, deterioration, age, or obsolescence, and exhibiting one or more of the following factors:
 Inadequate provision for ventilation, light, air, sanitation, or open spaces;
 High density of population, compared to the population density of adjacent areas within the county or municipality; and overcrowding, as indicated by government-maintained statistics or other studies and the requirements of the Florida Building Code; or
 The existence of conditions that endanger life or property by fire or other causes.¹⁰

SYSTEMATIC means presented or formulated as a coherent body of ideas or principles, in the case of this document, consistent with the 2030 Palmetto Comprehensive Plan formula of goals, policies, objectives and tasks.

⁴ Florida Statute 163.340 Definitions (8)

⁵ City of Palmetto Ordinance Number 11-26. - Definitions.

⁶ 2030 Palmetto Comprehensive Plan (6)

⁷ Florida Statute 163.340 Definitions (3)

⁸ City of Palmetto Ordinance Number 11-26. - Definitions.

⁹ 2030 Palmetto Comprehensive Plan (9)

¹⁰ Florida Statute 163.340 Definitions (7)

The Slum and blight are “growing menace, injurious to ... public safety”¹¹. For a Community Redevelopment Agency (*Agency*), *Community Policing Innovation* means a policing technique or strategy designed to reduce crime by reducing opportunities for, and increasing the perceived risks of engaging in, criminal activity through visible presence of police in the community.¹² Community policing innovations are clearly defined by the *Act* and may be delegated by the City as a responsibility for development and implementation to the *Agency*. The *Act* clearly prescribes planned engagement of community policing innovations.

Goal:

The *Goal* of this program is to increase the perceived risks of engaging in a criminal activity in the *Agency Area* through a means of *Systemic Community Policing Innovation*. *Community Policing Innovations* are identified by the *Agency* and *Plan* as deterrent to *Slum and Blight*.¹³

Objectives:

OBJECTIVE 1) Dissemination of *Community Policing Innovation* activities in the *Area*.

OBJECTIVE 2) Increase perceived risk of engaging in a crime in the *Area* through augmentation of Crime Stoppers’ rewards.

Policies:

POLICY 1) An agreement shall exist between the Manatee County Crime Stoppers, the *Agency* and the Palmetto Police Department.

POLICY 2) Crimes committed within the CRA Boundary are eligible for a *Fund* matching grant.

POLICY 3) The *Agency* and its *Plan* may give due consideration to *Community Policing Innovation* as a deterrent to slum and blight.¹⁴

POLICY 4) The *Agency* may fund the development and implementation of *Community Policing Innovations*.¹⁵

POLICY 5) The *Plan* may provide for the Development of the *Community Policing Innovation*, this action “may” be done only if authority has been delegated by the City.¹⁶

POLICY 6) As a part of the City of Palmetto, the *Agency* shall strive to “achieve a community in which the residents and visitors live in a healthy, sustainable, and safe environment...”¹⁷

¹¹ Florida Statute 163.335 Findings and Declarations of Necessity (1)

¹² Florida Statute 163.340 Definitions (23)

¹³ Florida Statute 163.360 Community Redevelopment Plan (7)(c)

¹⁴ Florida Statute 163.360 Community Redevelopment Plan (7)(c)

¹⁵ Florida Statute 163.356 Creation of community redevelopment agency (3) (d)

¹⁶ Florida Statute 163.360 Community redevelopment plans (3)

¹⁷ 2030 Palmetto Comprehensive Plan (14, GOAL:)

POLICY 7) The *Agency* reserves the right to modify or cancel parts of or the entire Crime Stoppers' Incentive Plan at any time without notice. If the program is modified or eliminated, the *Agency* will ensure that any previously approved Crime Stoppers' incentive will be completed per approval.

POLICY 8) *Dissemination* may include, but is not limited to signs, billboards, artwork, audio, video and internet based mediums.

POLICY 9) At the request of the Manatee County Crime Stoppers, the Palmetto Police Department shall determine an eligible *Area* crime. At the next appropriate meeting of the Crime Stoppers, the *Agency*, Police Department and Crimestoppers shall verify and sign an affidavit attesting to the *Area* crime. A grant shall be issued to Manatee County Crime Stoppers for a 100% match to the Crime Stopper's award of the eligible crime.

POLICY 10) Crime Stoppers shall report each granted award to the *Agency* Board of Commissioners at the convenience of the *Agency* Board.



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