



Legislation Text

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MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2020-R- 20.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2020-R-20 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND THE IN-PERSON MEETING REQUIREMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ("CDBG"); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

1. The City of Pembroke Pines is an entitlement recipient of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City has recently received an additional allocation of funds (CARES Act) to combat COVID-19.
2. Given the need to expedite actions to respond to COVID-19, HUD waived 24 CFR 91.105 (c)(2) and (k), 91.115(c) (2) and (i) in order to balance the need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19 with the statutory requirement to provide reasonable notice and opportunity for citizens to comment on substantial amendments concerning the proposed uses of CDBG, HOME, HTF, HOPWA, or ESG funds.
3. The following changes are proposed in accordance with HUD rules:
 - The City of Pembroke Pines will amend its Citizen Participation Plan providing no less than a 5-day public comment period for substantial amendments related to its COVID-19 response.
 - During the period of time in which in-person public hearings are not required, virtual public hearings will be held in compliance with national/local health authorities' recommendations for social distancing and limiting public gatherings due to public health reasons.
 - The City of Pembroke Pines has determined that virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with its plan certifications, provide for timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues and public access to all questions and responses. All virtual public hearings will be noticed in the same manner as in-person hearings.
4. A Public Notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with the notification procedures previously outlined in the plan.
5. Administration recommends adopting proposed resolution 2020-R-20.

FINANCIAL IMPACT DETAIL:

- a) **Initial Cost:** Grant Funded Program.
- b) **Amount budgeted for this item in Account No:** Not Applicable.
- c) **Source of funding for difference, if not fully budgeted:** Not Applicable.
- d) **5 year projection of the operational cost of the project:** Not Applicable.
- e) **Detail of additional staff requirements:** Not Applicable.