

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3357

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3287 BY AMENDING THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD CHARTER AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside (the "Town") adopted Resolution No. 2024-3287 establishing the Community Relations Board ("CRB"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission wishes to amend Resolution No. 2024-3287 by modifying the CRB charter and organizational structure; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission believes that this amendment is in accordance with Section 2-204, Rule 5.01 of Town Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town has expressed and reaffirmed the importance of the CRB and this amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission seeks to amend the CRB by reducing its membership to five members, consistent with other Town Boards, with each member of the Town Commission maintaining their appointees to the CRB, but eliminating all other members appointed by the CRB members; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall continue to serve in a fact-finding and informational capacity that reports to the Town Manager and Town Commission liaison; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds this amendment of the CRB structure to be in the best interest and welfare of the Town and its residents.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Establishment of Board. The Town Commission hereby amends the CRB charter and organizational structure.

Section 3. Board Charter; Organization. The Town Commission hereby approves and adopts the amended CRB charter attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The amended CRB charter and/or structure may be further amended by the Town Commission, from time to time, as deemed prudent or necessary.

Section 4. Implementation. The Town Manager is hereby directed and authorized to take any and all actions deemed necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2024.

Motion By: Commissioner Velasquez

Second By: Vice Mayor Paul

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Commissioner Ruben Coto	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui	<u>No</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>Yes</u>



Charles W, Burkett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra N. McCready, MMC
Town Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE
AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**



Thais Hernandez
Interim Town Attorney

Exhibit "A"

SURFSIDE COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD AMENDED CHARTER

The Town of Surfside ("Town") Community Relations Board ("Board") Amended Charter establishes the purposes and tasks of the Board as a fact-finding committee of the Town Manager, and the organizational structure of the Board.

- A. Purpose.** The purpose of the Board is to assist the Town in promoting a sense of community among residents; in addressing the causes of division and strife within the community; and in eliminating hate, bigotry, and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, age, or any other protected characteristic as defined by law.
- B. Membership and Qualifications.** The Board shall consist of five (5) members who are registered electors and reside in the Town of Surfside. In selecting members for the Board, the Commission and the Board shall aim to appoint a group that, collectively, represents the full diversity of the Surfside community and that is broadly representative of the various social, racial, religious, linguistic, cultural, economic, and generational groups that make up the population of the Town.
- C. Appointments.** Each Town Commissioner shall appoint one member to the Board. The Board shall serve until the March 2026 Town election or as directed by the Town Commission, whichever occurs first.
- D. Organization.** The Board shall be a fact-finding and informational committee of the Town Manager. The Board shall meet monthly, and its meetings shall be open to the public. The Board shall comply with the Florida Government in the Sunshine Law, with all applicable provisions of law governing public hearings and public notice, and with all applicable codes of ethics and conflict-of-interest laws. Any member who fails to attend three (3) regularly scheduled meetings in a twelve-month period may be removed from the Board, and the Town Commission shall be given notice of such vacancy.
- E. Tasks.** The tasks of the Community Relations Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
1. To study and to discuss the state of community relations in the Town.
 2. To develop programs and activities dedicated to the improvement of community relations.

3. To attempt to act as a conciliator in controversies involving community relations.
4. To recommend to the Town Manager and to the Town Commission such resolutions or ordinances as will aid in carrying out the Board's purpose.
5. To advise the Resort Tax Board and the Parks and Recreation Committee on how their programs and activities might better serve to improve community relations.
6. To enlist the support of civic and religious leaders in accomplishing the Board's objectives.

F. Commission Liaison. The Town Commission shall annually appoint its liaison to the Board, which shall report to the Town Commission on the Board's activities on a regular basis.

G. Budget. The Town Commission authorizes a budget of \$10,000 for the Board in the current fiscal year, with appropriations for future fiscal years to be determined by the Town Commission during its budgetary process.