

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION FOR ALL RECOVERY RESIDENCES AND RECOVERY RESIDENCE ADMINISTRATORS TO ENSURE THAT THE VULNERABLE POPULATION IN RECOVERY IS PROTECTED AND THAT RECOVERY RESIDENCE ADMINISTRATORS HAVE THE COMPETENCIES NECESSARY TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS; DIRECTING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE MIAMI DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, recovery residences, also known as “sober homes,” are not required to be licensed under Florida law; and

WHEREAS, recovery residences that are run safely and effectively provide peer-supported housing that assists recovering individuals in their quest to be drug or alcohol-free; and

WHEREAS, recovery residences impact residential neighborhoods and, when unlicensed and unregulated, create health, safety and welfare hazards for both their residents and surrounding neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the certification of recovery residences and recovery residence administrators will create a consistent standard of operation to provide uniform and safe operation throughout the state; provide for accountability of the owners and administrators of these facilities; help end abuses that are occurring in sober homes; ensure that certain life safety standards are followed to keep residents safe; and promote the well-being and recovery of their residents; and

WHEREAS, the uniform certification of recovery residences and administrators will provide safety to a disadvantaged group and will protect both the residents of Village of Biscayne Park and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Biscayne Park determines that the certification of recovery residences and administrators would be in the best interests of and would protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, both temporary and permanent; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities has included the support of minimum certification standards for recovery residences and administrators as one of its 2018 Legislative Priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The Village of Biscayne Park urges all members of the Florida Legislature to support minimum certification standards for recovery residences and recovery residence administrators located throughout the State of Florida.

Section 3. The Village Administration is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the Miami Dade County Legislative Delegation and any other interested parties.

Section 4. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this December 5, 2017.

**The foregoing resolution upon being put to a
vote, the vote was as follows:**



Tracy Truppman, Mayor

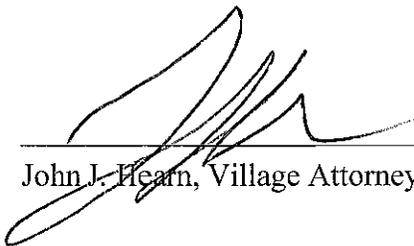
Mayor Truppman: Yes
Vice Mayor Ross: Yes
Commissioner Bilt: Absent
Commissioner Johnson-Sardella: Yes
Commissioner Tudor: Yes

Attest:



Marlen D. Martell, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:



John J. Hearn, Village Attorney