

RESOLUTION NO. 24-028

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANIBEL FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT APPROVING CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR HOUSING, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION, AND USE OF FORCE POLICIES FOR HUD-FUNDED PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE NECESSARY CERTIFICATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Sanibel Fire and Rescue District (the "District") is the recipient of \$9.2 million in funding for Fire Station 171 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving HUD funds, the District is required to comply with federal regulations on fair housing, anti-discrimination, civil rights, and use of force; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to adopt policies in line with HUD requirements, including a Fair Housing Policy, Anti-Discrimination/Civil Rights Policy, and Use of Force Policy; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt and utilize the City of Sanibel's Use of Force Policy to meet HUD compliance requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has reviewed the proposed policies and the requirements for the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) certification and Non-Discrimination compliance certification as set forth in the grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Certification of Compliance with AFFH and the Non-Discrimination Policy to fulfill grant obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SANIBEL FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT THAT:

1. Approval of Policies

The District hereby adopts the Fair Housing, Anti-Discrimination/Civil Rights, and Use of Force policies as outlined and required for HUD funding

compliance. The Use of Force Policy shall be adopted in accordance with the policy currently in effect by the City of Sanibel.

2. Authorization of Fire Chief

The Fire Chief is hereby authorized to execute all necessary certifications, including but not limited to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) and Non-Discrimination Compliance Certifications, as required by the CDBG-DR program.

3. Implementation

The Fire Chief and District staff are directed to implement these policies as required for compliance and to take any additional action necessary to fulfill the obligations under the CDBG-DR grant program.

4. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Cochrane, who moved for its adoption, offered the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Muench, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

JERROLD MUENCH: ✓ BRUCE COCHRANE: ✓ RICHARD MCCURRY: ✓

Done and adopted by the SANIBEL FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT BOARD this 13th day of November 2024.

Jerrold Muench
Chairman, "Jerry" Jerrold Muench

Bruce Cochrane
Vice Chairman, Bruce Cochrane

Richard P. McCurry
Secretary/Treasurer, Richard McCurry

Kevin Barbot
Attest, Fire Chief Kevin Barbot