

RESOLUTION 94- 94

Resolution to establish a Housing Authority
Within Nassau County for the Purpose of Im-
proving the Provision of Affordable Housing
To Very-Low, Low, and Moderate Income Fami-
lies (or Individuals) Who Reside Within the
County

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners finds that within the County some families (or individuals) of very-low, low, or moderate income reside in dwellings within which living conditions are sub-standards; and,

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of Commissioners finds that within the County there exists a shortage of safe sanitary dwelling accommodations to meet the needs of persons of very-low and low income who reside within the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of Commissioners finds that within the County there exists a shortage of rental dwelling units at rental costs that are within the financial range of very low and low income persons who reside within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of Commissioners wish to take every action possible with the County's financial ability, to provide for the health, safety, and well-being of County residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of Commissioners believes that creation of a Housing Authority within Nassau County will provide a needed impetus to achieve progress toward resolving the current affordable housing shortage within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Nassau County shall and henceforth constitute a Housing Authority within the County in accordance with Chapter 421.27, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE I

APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATION, AND TENURE OF COMMISSIONERS

1. The Board of County Commissioners shall select no fewer than five and no more than 7 persons to serve as Commissioners to the newly created Housing Authority. Commission nominations for the Housing Authority shall be made from memberships in the present Nassau County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.
2. The names and qualifications of nominees to the Nassau County Housing Authority shall be forwarded to the Office of the Governor for appointment.
3. Three of the Commissioners that are first appointed shall be designated to serve for terms of 4 years each, from the date of their appoint-

ment. Thereafter, each commissioner shall be appointed as aforesaid for a term of office of 4 years.

4. A vacancy on the Housing Authority Board shall be filled through appointment by the governor within 60 days after such a vacancy occurs.
5. The housing Authority shall include one Commissioner who shall be a resident of Nassau County in a rental housing project or a person of very low or low income who is a recipient of a rent subsidy through a program administered by the Authority or by a public housing agency that has service jurisdiction within Nassau County. (No tenant-commissioner shall be appointed until ten (10) percent of the units in the first multi-family project managed by the Authority have been occupied.)
6. A Commissioner shall hold office until his/her successor has been appointed and has qualified.
7. The Board of County Commissioners shall designate which of the commissioners appointed to the Housing Authority shall be the first chairman. When the office of the chairman of the Housing Authority thereafter becomes vacant, the Authority board shall select a replacement from among its duly appointed commissioners.
8. A certificate of the appointment or reappointment of a commissioner shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court, and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of such commissioner.

ARTICLE II

COMPENSATION

1. A commissioner shall receive no compensation or services rendered, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his/her duties.

ARTICLE III

QUORUM

1. A majority of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum of authority for the purpose of conducting business and exercising Authority powers and for all other purposes.
2. Action may be taken by the Authority upon a vote of a majority of the commissioners present.

ARTICLE IV

POWERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Housing Authority may, within Nassau County, function as follows:

1. Provide for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration or repair of dwelling units for the purpose of improving the state of affordable housing for County residents.
2. Hold or improve real property; may acquire by gift, grant, bequest, devise or otherwise any real property or interest therein; may sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, or dispose of any real property or any interest therein.
3. Apply for, utilize and disburse state and federal program funds for the improvement of housing conditions in Nassau County.
4. Investigate into living, dwelling, and housing conditions within the County and into means and methods for improving such conditions. Make studies and provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for providing decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of very low and low income.
4. Do any and all things necessary or desirable to secure state and/or federal financial aid or cooperation in undertaking housing programs which benefit the status of affordable housing in Nassau County.

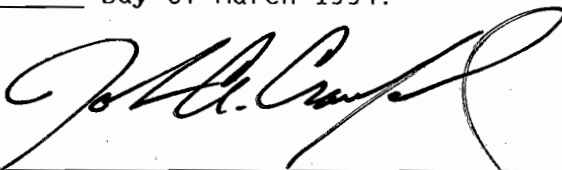
ARTICLE V

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective on the date it is adopted by the Nassau County Commissioners. Nominated members of the Housing Authority Commission shall continue in their respective roles with the County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee until Authority appointments are received from the Office of the Governor.

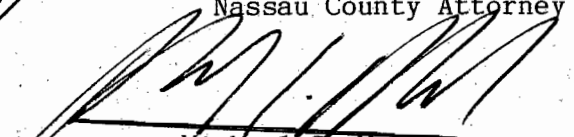
PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 14th Day of March 1994.

ATTEST:


Chairman, Board of Nassau County
Commissioners


Clerk of the Court

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney


Michael S. Mullin