

ORDINANCE 97- 10

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTS THE NASSAU COUNTY STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP) IN ITS ENTIRETY; DECLARING IT TO BE A POLICY OF NASSAU COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A LOCAL SHIP PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUED ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHIP PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN ESTIMATED AVERAGE FUNDING COST PER UNIT, AND A MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD COST PER UNIT FOR ELIGIBLE HOUSING; AND PROVIDING THAT NO MORE THAN TEN (10) PERCENT OF THE SHIP FUNDS RECEIVED BY NASSAU COUNTY MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, and its citizenry recognizes the necessity for provision of the opportunity for all persons to have access to safe, decent, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 the Florida State Legislature approved the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act, creating the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) for the specific purpose of supporting and expanding the availability of affordable housing resources within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, and its citizenry recognizes that the SHIP program provides a continuing financial resource for the support of affordable housing activities; and

WHEREAS, the estimated average cost per unit and maximum awards schedule for home ownership may not exceed the Florida Housing Finance Agency rules and guidelines for affordable housing as set forth in the Florida Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, recognizes that no more than ten (10) percent of the SHIP funds received by Nassau County may be used for administrative expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION I. DECLARATION POLICY

It is hereby declared to be the policy of Nassau County, in the exercise of its policy power for the public safety, public health, and general welfare, to support and encourage the initiatives which enhance the availability of and accessibility to affordable housing for all citizens of Nassau County, Florida.

SECTION II. PURPOSE

This Ordinance specifies the provisions statutorily required for the planning, implementation, and receipt of funds under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program as governed by Chapter 9I-37 of the Florida Administrative Code.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

The definitions enumerated in s.420.9071, Florida Statutes, and in Rule 9I-37.002, Florida Administrative Code of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program Rules shall apply to the terms used in this Ordinance.

SECTION IV. SHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

This Ordinance continues the existence of the Nassau County Housing Partnership (also the Nassau County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee), consisting of (6) members meeting the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. A majority of the membership of said Partnership shall be required for the conduct of official business, and all Partnership meetings shall be publicly advertised or noticed in the local print media having the largest community-wide circulation. The Partnership shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners on matters of Affordable Housing and shall present SHIP expenditure recommendations directly to the Board for final approval.

The Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council (NEFRPC) shall provide SHIP administrative support to the Housing Partnership through fiscal years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, as stipulated in executed contract between the Board of County Commissioners and the NEFRPC.

SECTION V. AVERAGE FUNDING SCHEDULE

The estimated average SHIP second mortgage support loan for newly constructed homeowner units shall be \$15,000. The estimated second mortgage support loan for purchase of an existing home - with required rehabilitation - shall be \$12,500.

SECTION VI. ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING

The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that SHIP client evaluation, documentation, monitoring and other administrative responsibilities related to the SHIP program are anticipated to incur costs greater than five (5) percent of the grant funding.

Therefore, be it resolved that funds amounting to ten (10) percent of those received from annual SHIP grant allocations may be used for the administration of the County SHIP program. However, in no event may funds exceeding ten (10) percent of the grant be allowed to be expended for administrative expenses.

MOTIONED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this the 21st day of April, 1997.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, A POLITICAL
SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

By: 

Clerk of the Court

By: 

Chairman of the County Board

Approved as to form:


County Attorney

First Reading: 4-21-97

Second Reading: _____