

RESOLUTION  
NO. 2023-008

A RESOLUTION  
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA; PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF A BOARD MEMBER FROM THE WESTSIDE REDEVELOPMENT BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Westside Community Redevelopment Area Board was established on September 11, 2014, via Ordinance 33-14; and

WHEREAS, within this enabling ordinance is the provision for the removal of a board member, stating, "Any member of the Board may be removed from office during the three-year term for just cause by the City Council;" and

WHEREAS, under Pensacola City Charter Section 5.05 – City Boards, Commissions and Authorities, City Council is charged with the establishment of such boards, commissions and authorities, as well as determining the procedures, membership, and removal from City boards, commissions, and authorities; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.04 – Council Established Boards, of the City Council Rules and procedures provides that, "Removal of board members shall be in accordance with state statute and/or the policy and procedures set forth by the City Council;" and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 112.501 – Municipal board members; suspension removal – provides that, "any person who is appointed or confirmed by the governing body of a municipality to be a member of a board, commission, authority, or council which is created or authorized by general law, special act, or municipal charter...by resolution specifying facts sufficient to advise the municipal board member as to the basis for his or her suspension or removal and after reasonable notice to the municipal board member and an opportunity for the member to be heard, a governing body of the municipality may...Suspend or remove from office any municipal board member for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, habitual drunkenness, incompetence, or permanent inability to perform his or her official duties;" and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmie Perkins was originally appointed to the Westside Redevelopment Board on March 28, 2019, filling an unexpired term, then reappointed on March 25, 2021, for a three year term; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2022, Mr. Perkins was made aware of attendance issues; and

WHEREAS, during the term from March 2021 through December 2022 there were eight (8) potential meetings requiring attendance, and Mr. Perkins missed six (6) of the eight (8) meetings; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2022, Mr. Perkins was provided reasonable notice of the intent to request his removal from the Board, advising that he would have the opportunity to be heard when this came before City Council for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the above stated recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and they are incorporated into the resolution by reference as if set forth herein.

Section 2. That City Council hereby removes Mr. Jimmie Perkins from the Westside Redevelopment Board for neglect of duty, To Wit: Failure to adequately attend required meetings.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of City Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk