

NO. 2009-

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ELIMINATION OF THE CAP ON STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS AND SUPPORTING FULL APPROPRIATION OF HOUSING TRUST FUNDS FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation to provide for the housing needs of its current and anticipated populations and assisting lower income families is dependent upon sufficient housing assistance from federal and state programs; and

WHEREAS, the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act of 1992 created a dedicated revenue source for state and local housing trust funds expressly and specifically to fund state and local housing programs that assist local governments in meeting the housing needs of their population; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted a cap on the Housing Trust Funds of approximately \$243 million per year, beginning in Fiscal Year 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, this cap is currently higher than the projected revenue for the Housing Trust Funds for fiscal years 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013, and therefore removal of the cap would have no negative fiscal impact on the state budget; and

WHEREAS, housing trust fund monies are the single greatest boost to the economy, providing \$7.66 million of economic impact for every \$1 million of state funding, and full appropriation of housing trust fund monies is critically needed to stimulate our local and state economy; and

WHEREAS, the unmet housing needs of low income Floridians is substantial and the downturn in the real estate market creates opportunities for acquiring, constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving housing to meet these needs, and these opportunities are lost without Housing Trust fund monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that the City of St. Petersburg supports the repeal of the cap on the Housing Trust Funds and urges the Governor and Legislature to adopt statutory changes during the 2010 Legislative Session to repeal the cap.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of St. Petersburg supports full appropriation of housing trust fund monies for housing in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

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A bill to be entitled

An act providing for the exemption of the City of St. Petersburg Fire and Rescue, from the requirement contained in Florida Statutes Section 401.25, to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority, in order to provide emergency and non-emergency transport; providing for an effective date.

Section 1. The City of St. Petersburg Fire and Rescue shall be exempt from the requirement, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 401.25, to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority in order to provide emergency and non-emergency transport.

Section 2. The City of St. Petersburg Fire and Rescue shall not be exempt from any other requirements contained in Florida Statutes Section 401.25, for the purpose of providing basic life support or advanced life support services.

Section 3. All laws or parts of laws, whether general or special, which require a certificate of public convenience or necessity, or the equivalent in order to provide emergency and non-emergency transport, are in conflict with this act and are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.