

MOTION

NO. M-22-416

CITY HALL: September 15, 2022

BY: COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS

SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER KING

WHEREAS, section 2-1000 of the Code of the City of New Orleans sets forth the procedure for approval of regulations affecting the public and necessary to the functions of municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, the Mow to Own, Good Neighbor Opportunity Program is a valuable tool that allows homeowners who have maintained adjacent blighted properties adjudicated to the City to acquire the properties, thereby aiding in the improvement of the quality of life of the citizens of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the Mow to Own, Good Neighbor Opportunity Program has had minimal success because there is a scarcity of eligible properties, and it is too expensive and complicated for the homeowner; and

WHEREAS, under the current Mow to Own, Good Neighbor Opportunity Program applicants must own and reside in the property immediately abutting and sharing common street frontage with the adjudicated property; and

WHEREAS, under the current Mow to Own, Good Neighbor Opportunity Program the adjudicated property's sale price must be the land value as indicated by the most recent valuation on the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office website at the time of application, plus closing costs; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to revise the current Mow to Own, Good Neighbor Opportunity Program regulations to increase program participation and thereby aid in the

eradication of blight throughout the City of New Orleans; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the Office of Code Enforcement and Department of Finance are hereby directed to institute City Code section 2-1000 procedures to amend the Mow to Own, Good Neighbor Opportunity Program regulations to remove the requirements that (i) the applicant's property must share a common street frontage with the adjudicated property, (ii) the applicant must reside in the abutting property, and (iii) adjudicated property's sale price be any more than closing cost; and

BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That a copy of this Motion be provided to the Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Code Enforcement, and the Department of Finance.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
Lera W. Johnson
CLERK OF COUNCIL