

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA TO PURSUE MEASURES TO BECOME A "GREEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT" THROUGH IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE, USING CRITERIA AND STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE FLORIDA GREEN BUILDING COALITION, AND ENCOURAGING THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT THE GREEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fernandina Beach of Florida recognizes the importance of environmental stewardship in a variety of media, including energy, water, air, land and waste; and

WHEREAS, successful environmental stewardship practices will enhance local and national energy security, protect natural resources for future generations, and result in long term cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., is a Florida non-profit corporation with open membership whose primary mission is to develop and maintain Green Designation Standards for Florida and to promote cost-effective, sustainable improvements in the built environment; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Green Building Coalition not only presents opportunities for a municipality to "be green," but also provides examples and resources covering how to do it; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., has developed the "Green Local Government Standard," which designates Green Cities and Green Counties for outstanding environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Green Local Government Standard focuses on improving municipal environmental performance through measurable criteria for municipalities to pursue in order to promote alternative energies and a cleaner environment; and

WHEREAS, because the Green Local Government Standard was developed with the participation of cities and counties, it recognizes the diversity of Florida's municipalities and their need for flexibility and autonomy; and

WHEREAS, municipalities who incorporate sufficient criteria such that they meet or exceed designated thresholds are "certified" or "registered" as a Green Local Government; and

WHEREAS, a Green Local Government is defined as a city or county that incorporates multiple environmental, ecological and sustainability features throughout the functions they perform that improve the environmental performance considerably over a city or a county that just minimally meets state and local regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Green Local Government Standard is a useful reference even for those municipalities who do not choose to become "certified" or "registered," but who are trying to achieve a particular environmental goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Commission hereby endorses the Florida Green Building Coalition's "Green Local Government Standard" as a voluntary means for municipalities to take positive steps toward improving and advancing environmental quality and energy security.

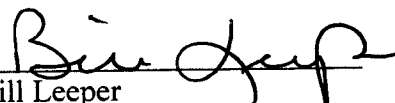
SECTION 2. The City Commission hereby will pursue steps toward becoming a Florida Green Local Government using the Green Local Government Standard developed by the Florida Green Building Coalition.

SECTION 3. The City Commission hereby encourages the Florida Legislature and Governor Crist to support the Green Local Government program of the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., as a means for Florida municipalities to use their home rule powers to improve their environmental stewardship through participation in a program that is voluntary, fiscally defensible, and tailored to the specific environmental goals of each municipality and its citizens.

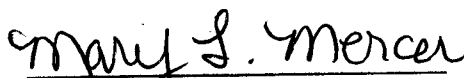
SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2008.


CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH


Bill Leeper
Mayor - Commissioner

ATTEST:


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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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