

Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE JUNE 1, 1976 RESOLUTION CREATING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF HAMMOND AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and declares that it has been a long standing matter of public policy that the Council confirm appointments to the Housing Authority for the City of Hammond, and recognizes that the Council has confirmed appointments to the Housing Authority for the City of Hammond for years, now formally resolves (if not previously resolved) that all appointments to the Housing Authority for the City of Hammond shall be subject to confirmation by the Council. This is amendment is procedural and does not make a substantive change and is therefore intended to be applied retroactively.

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and declares that it is a matter of public policy and concern that a tenant and a landlord of a local housing authority development or recipient of other assistance from such authority shall be a commissioner of the authority and serve in accordance with R.S. 40:536 and any other applicable provision of law. (1) The tenant commissioner and the landlord commissioner each shall recuse himself from participating in a matter which would be in violation of R.S. 42:1112. (2) The tenant commissioner shall be chosen from a list of names submitted to the appointing authority by tenants of a local housing authority development, tenants receiving assistance through the housing authority, and/or members of the Council. However, no person shall become or remain a tenant commissioner if delinquent in rental or lease payments to the housing authority. (3) The landlord commissioner shall be chosen from a list of names submitted to the appointing authority by landlords accepting vouchers or other assistance administered by the housing authority and/or members of the Council.

WHEREAS, any current commissioner whose appointment has not been confirmed by the Council shall be considered an open position until confirmed, the first open commissioner position shall be filled by the tenant commissioner if one is not currently serving. Once a tenant commissioner is confirmed the next open commissioner position shall be filled with a landlord commissioner.