

RESOLUTION 15-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF PROVIDING LOCATIONS, SUCH AS MIAMI-DADE POLICE STATIONS OR OTHER LOCATIONS THAT WOULD DETER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, TO SERVE AS SAFE HAVENS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR ANYONE SEEKING TO COMPLETE A CRAIGSLIST TRANSACTION OR SIMILAR TRANSACTION RELATED TO A CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT WEBSITE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, classified advertisement websites, such as Craigslist, have sections devoted to employment, housing, goods for sale, goods and services wanted and discussion forums; and

WHEREAS, classified advertisement websites do not oversee how their users conduct the sale of items posted on the site and have become a popular place for criminals to prey on the innocent and hardworking residents of Miami-Dade County and South Florida; and

WHEREAS, as a response to web-based sales robberies in the City of Weston and the City of Sunrise, the Broward County Sheriff's Office announced in July of 2014 that it's Weston sub-station would serve as a Safe Haven for residents seeking to complete an internet sales transaction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boca Raton's Police Department announced a similar Safe Haven plan of action after experiencing three (3) armed robberies in the span of a week that began as cellphone and computer sales via a classified advertisement website; and

WHEREAS, other South Florida municipalities like the City of Sunrise, Fort Lauderdale, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach have all announced to the public that they are welcome to complete their web-based transactions at Police Stations during regular business hours in an effort to deter further criminal activity and ensure the safety of their residents; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2015, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-126-15 (Exhibit "A"), directing the Mayor or Mayor's designee to examine the feasibility and advisability of providing locations, such as Miami-Dade police stations or other locations that would deter criminal activity, to serve as safe havens in Miami-Dade County for anyone seeking to complete a craigslist transaction or similar transaction related to a classified advertisement website; and

WHEREAS, identifying a location that would deter criminal activity, such as Miami-Dade Police Stations, to serve as Safe Havens in Miami-Dade County for internet sales transactions related to classified advertisement websites, could have a positive impact on the

safety of our local communities and potentially cause a decline in robberies related to these internet sales transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to express its support of the feasibility and advisability of providing locations to serve as Safe Havens in Miami-Dade County for anyone seeking to complete a sales transaction related to a classified advertisement website; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that this Resolution will promote the health, safety and welfare of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Support. The Town Council hereby expresses its strong support for the feasibility and advisability of providing locations, such as Miami-Dade police stations or other locations that would deter criminal activity, to serve as Safe Havens in Miami-Dade County for anyone seeking to complete a transaction solicited via a classified advertisement website.

Section 3. Implementation. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution and to take any action that is necessary to confirm the Town's support to all interested governmental and participating private entities including requesting the Town's lobbyist to assist in identifying and securing funding opportunities at the Local, State and Federal levels.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2015.

Attest:

PEGGY R. BELL
Mayor

JACQUELINE N. WILSON
Interim Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER
BAY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
Town Attorney

Moved By: _____
Seconded By: _____

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Peggy R. Bell _____
Vice Mayor Ernest Sochin _____
Council Member Roger Coriat _____
Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle _____
Council Member Mary Ann Mixon _____