

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-82**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS REGARDING MARIA THORNHILL, AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ("HUD") FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTLING CLAIMS MADE BY THORNHILL PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW, 42 U.S.C. SECTIONS 3601-3619, AND SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AND SETTLING CITY CODE VIOLATIONS AS ESTABLISHED IN CASE NOS. 99-6743, 99-6764 AND 99-6748.

BE IT RESOLVED OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

**SECTION 1.** That the agreements between the City, Maria Thornhill and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") settling claims made by Ms. Thornhill are authorized as follows:

Ms. Thornhill was found to have violated City ordinances in Code Compliance Cases, Nos. 99-6743, 99-6764 and 99-6748. In 2004, Ms. Thornhill filed an administrative complaint with HUD alleging discriminatory housing practices and retaliation under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, the Federal Fair Housing Law, 42 U.S.C. Sections 3601-3619, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Agreement entitled Title VIII Conciliation Agreement between Maria Thornhill and the City of Coral Gables ("HUD Agreement"), is approved by HUD. In exchange for Ms. Thornhill's dismissal of the complaint that she filed with HUD and the correction of all code violations, the City agrees to dismiss the Code violations related to Case Nos. 99-6743, 99-6764 and 99-6748 and release the liens associated with those cases.

The Agreement entitled Settlement Agreement and General Release is entered into between the City and Ms. Thornhill. This Agreement provides for all of the same relief as that provided for in the HUD Agreement, but additionally provides the parties to the agreement with a full waiver and release of claims against each other.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Agreements.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2008.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Kerdyk)

(Yeas: Kerdyk, Withers, Anderson, Cabrera, Slesnick)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: I-3)

APPROVED:



DONALD D. SLESNICK II  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ  
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