



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0798

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: December 3, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Termination of the Lease Agreement Between
Covenant House Florida, Inc. and the City of Fort Lauderdale -
(Unincorporated Broward County)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a termination of the lease agreement Between Covenant House Florida, Inc. and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

On July 5, 2022, the City of Fort Lauderdale approved a lease agreement with Covenant House Florida (CHF), a nonprofit organization supporting homeless youth, for City-owned property at SW 42 Terrace. The lease was set for fifty (50) years at an annual rent of \$1.00. The terms required CHF to develop and operate a facility on the premises providing housing and supportive services for at-risk youth. CHF agreed to fund and complete property improvements, including any required permits, as part of the project (Exhibit 1).

On August 22, 2024, CHF formally requested the termination of the lease, effective immediately. The organization cited community opposition, as a significant barrier to implementing its project, which intended to provide independent living support and essential services for homeless youth. Given the lack of community support, CHF decided to relocate the project to another area and no longer requires the SW 42 Terrace property (Exhibit 2).

CHF confirmed that no liens, unpaid fees, or expenses are outstanding related to the property, and all vendor payments for due diligence were completed.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Lease Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Termination Letter

Exhibit 3 – Location Map

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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