



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

**#20-0131**

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

**FROM:** Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

**DATE:** February 4, 2020

**TITLE:** Resolution Appointing Eugene M. Steinfeld, Esquire as a Special  
Magistrate for the City of Fort Lauderdale for Purposes of Hearing  
Reasonable Accommodation Requests for Community Residences -  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission appoint Eugene M. Steinfeld, Esquire, as Special Magistrate for the City of Fort Lauderdale for purposes of hearing requests for reasonable accommodations for Community Residences in accordance with §47-24.13, *et seq.*, through December 31, 2022.

**Background**

On April 17, 2018, the City Commission enacted Ordinance No. C-18-11, therein amending the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) to regulate Community Residences, which are not licensed by the State of Florida, but provide a residential environment conducive to rehabilitation for persons with disabilities in our communities. Sec. 47-24.13 of the City's ULDR's implements a procedure for processing requests for reasonable accommodations for housing for persons with disabilities as provided by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. §3601, *et seq.*) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §12131, *et seq.*). Furthermore, Sec. 47-24.13(E) of the City's ULDR's provides for the utilization of Special Magistrates for hearing and acting upon requests for reasonable accommodations.

Consequently, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the City's ULDR's, it is necessary to appoint a Special Magistrate to hear and act upon reasonable accommodation requests received by the City of Fort Lauderdale regarding Community Residences.

**Resource Impact**

<i>Funds available as of January 30, 2020</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-ATT010101-3119	City Attorney	Services & Materials/ Legal Services	\$906,667	\$681,043	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$50,000</b>

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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