RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR OPTIONAL RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Chatham County, North Carolina has been allocated funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and

WHEREAS, it is the objective, spirit and intent of the Community Development Block Grant to achieve the revitalization of neighborhoods through improvements of housing conditions for low and moderate income citizens; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of some dwelling units is so extensive that the work cannot be accomplished without temporarily dislocating the residents from their properties; and

WHEREAS, some occupied dwelling units are unfit for human habitation, financially, and structurally infeasible for rehabilitation, and require demolition; and

WHEREAS, it is often undesirable to permanently dislocate some residents from their properties, change their status from homeowners to tenants, or increase their financial burden for housing costs; and

WHEREAS, Section 570.602(c) of the Community Development Block Grant Regulations permits a CDBG grantee to design and administer an "Optional Coverage" relocation program which can provide benefits to owner occupants of dilapidated units which are subject to removal through local code enforcement activities (without real property acquisition) or provide assistance to residents that are temporarily dislocated from their properties; and

WHEREAS, such relocation benefits must be utilized by the qualified recipient to acquire a standard dwelling unit or cover moving and related costs for those individuals displaced by Block Grant activities (demolition); and

WHEREAS, an Optional Coverage Relocation Policy Manual has been prepared by the CD Director and has been reviewed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Chatham County to foster such worthy objectives with the Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chatham County, North Carolina does hereby adopt a policy of "Optional Coverage Relocation Benefits" as set forth in Section

570.602(c) of the Block Grant Regulations for the Small Cities Block Grant Programs. Such policy is to cover any and all financial obligations incurred during any necessary relocation of affected citizens.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina in their regular session, this the 4th day of October, 1999.

Rick Givens, Chairman

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board

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