

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING THE APPEAL OF STEPHANIE GRUTMAN ZAUDER, A LOBBYIST, REGARDING THE FINE FOR LACK OF TIMELY SUBMITTAL OF THE REQUIRED LOBBYIST ANNUAL STATEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City has a registration process under Code Section 30.15 for all lobbyists; and

WHEREAS, Code Section 30.15(B)(1) requires all lobbyists to register annually with the City Clerk before they can engage in any lobbying; and

WHEREAS, Code Section 30.15(B)(2) requires the lobbyist to annually submit to the City Clerk's Office a signed statement under oath, disclosing all lobbying expenditures, contingency fees, and the sources from which funds for making such expenditures and paying such contingency fees have come, which shall be filed no later than August 31st of each year (the "Lobbyist Annual Statement"); and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Grutman Zauder registered as a lobbyist with the City for the period August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, under Code Section 30.15(B)(2), the Lobbyist Annual Statement was due in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 P.M. on August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Office did not receive the Lobbyist Annual Statement from Ms. Grutman Zauder by the deadline; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk sent a certified letter by United States mail as directed by the Code to Ms. Grutman Zauder; and

WHEREAS, in addition, emails were sent to Ms. Grutman Zauder and phone calls made to Ms. Grutman Zauder prior to the deadline; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grutman Zauder filed a new registration on November 11, 2021, for the current year, but was notified that the prior year Lobbyist Annual Statement was delinquent; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grutman Zauder filed the Annual Lobbyist Statement for the period of August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021, and was notified of the \$5,000.00 fine, which is \$50.00 for each day late up to a maximum of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Code allows for the lobbyist to file an appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date; and

WHEREAS, the lobbyist may request and shall be entitled to a hearing before the City Commission, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grutman Zauder has filed an appeal with the City Clerk within the requisite time period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission approves/denies the appeal of Stephanie Grutman Zauder for waiver of the \$5,000.00 fine for the delinquent Lobbyist Annual Statement for the period of August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY