

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMPETITIVELY PROCURE AN INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM TO REVIEW THE SEVEN (7) PERMITS IDENTIFIED IN THE RECENT INDICTMENT AGAINST THE CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANY REMEDIAL ACTION NEEDED AND THE BEST METHODOLOGY TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL PERMITS THAT SHOULD BE REVIEWED THAT MAY FIT THE SAME CATEGORY OF FALSIFIED PERMITS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2025 Monroe County State Attorney Dennis Ward announced that a Monroe County Grand Jury had indicted Rajindhar Michael Ramsingh, 56, of Key West, Florida, on seven felony counts of Official Misconduct under Florida Statute 838.022(1)(a) & (b); and

WHEREAS, according to the indictment, Rajindhar Michael Ramsingh knowingly and intentionally falsified, concealed, covered up, or altered multiple official building permit records across a range of properties in the City of Key West between 2021 and 2024 which are alleged to have benefited Ramsingh personally, Strykker-Avery Homes LLC, and several property owners; and

WHEREAS, the alleged charges are related to falsified permit records for the following properties:

- Count 1: 98 Golf Club Drive (Permit #BLD2021-1543)

- Count 2: 1309 United Street (Permit #BLD2021-3116)
- Count 3: 1020 White Street (Permit #BLD2023-0619)
- Count 4: 3528 Eagle Avenue (Permit #BLD2022-1173)
- Count 5: 534 Duval Street (Permit #BLD2023-3375)
- Count 6: 1101 Simonton Street (Permit #BLD2022-2247)
- Count 7: Ramsingh's own residence at 2827 Harris Avenue (Permit #BLD2021-1399); and

WHEREAS, the allegations set forth in the indictment handed down by the Monroe County Grand Jury include conduct that caused unlawful harm to the City of Key West and/or resulted in personal or financial gain;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission hereby directs the City Manager to procure an independent auditing firm to review the seven (7) permits identified in the recent indictment against Rajindhar Michael Ramsingh, Chief Building Official, City of Key West, Florida, to provide details and recommendations for any remedial action needed.

Section 2: The independent auditing firm shall also provide the City of Key West with recommendations for reviewing and identifying any additional potentially falsified or improperly approved building permits.

Section 3: The initial audit findings shall be presented to

the City Commission at its meeting on June 3, 2025.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage, adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2025.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK