

RESOLUTION

NO. R-26-190

CITY HALL: May 7, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBER WILLARD (BY REQUEST)

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, projects funded by Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) or Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (“CDBG-MIT”) funds are subject to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (“NEPA”), as well as to U.S. Department of Urban Development (“HUD”) environmental review regulations; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations require local governments to designate a “certifying officer” to confirm compliance with applicable regulations as part of a federally funded program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the federal regulations, the certifying officer for a local political subdivision is the chief elected official, chief executive official, or other official designated by formal resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, pursuant to her legal authority to manage the executive branch, has empowered and authorized Jeffrey Schwartz, the Director of the Office of Community Development, to serve as a certifying officer for the City of New Orleans in connection with CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT projects and to execute related environmental certifications on the City’s behalf; and

WHEREAS, to comply with the foregoing federal regulations, the Mayor requests that the City Council, as the governing authority for New Orleans, implement the foregoing authorization by adopting a resolution formally designating Jeffrey Schwartz as a certifying officer; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That Jeffrey Schwartz is hereby designated and authorized to act as a certifying officer for the City of New Orleans in connection with projects funded by Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery or Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation funds, and all activities related to those projects, which are subject to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and environmental review regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That certified copies of this resolution be delivered immediately to the Office of Community Development.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Person responsible for routing

**CHECK SHEET TO BE USED FOR
CLEARING ORDINANCES, MOTIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS
BEFORE SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL CLERK**

The originating agency shall attach a copy of each proposed ordinance, motion, or resolution to the check sheet for processing in the sequence indicated after preparing a synopsis. The detailed memorandum of explanation shall also be attached to this check sheet.

SYNOPSIS OF DOCUMENT: Resolution to authorize Jeff Schwartz as a certifying officer for the
City for purposes of certifying to HUD, pursuant to their regulations, that the City is in compliance with
applicable regulations.

- 1. Jenny Mains M.D. *J.M.O.*
Department Head
- 2. *[Signature]*
Department of Law
- 3. *[Signature]*
Chief Administrative Officer
- 4. *[Signature]*
Director of Council Relations
- 5. _____
Initials of Sponsoring Council Member

COUNCIL ACTION

Council Members Present: _____

Absent: _____

AMENDMENTS:

FINAL ADOPTION:

 MOVED:
 2ND:

 YEAS:

 NAYS:

 ABSENT:

 RECUSED:

7. _____
Reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer after adoption by the City Council and prior to the Mayor's signature.



**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
TO ACCOMPANY RESOLUTIONS**

BEFORE SUBMISSION TO CLERK OF COUNCIL

Requesting Department or Agency: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Initials of Sponsoring Councilmember(s): _____

DETAILED SYNOPSIS OF DOCUMENT

Please generally describe the purpose, intent, and effect of the proposed resolution.

REQUESTED ADOPTION DATE: _____

Reference: Council Rule 41 & City Code Section 2-813