

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3374**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TOWN POLICY TO ALLOW CONTINUED BENEFITS AND ACCESS TO TOWN FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR CHAMPLAIN TOWERS SOUTH (CTS) SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO RESIDE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS LIFETIME MEMBERS OF THE SURFSIDE COMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Champlain Towers South (“CTS”) tragedy was the third deadliest structural failure in the United States history;

**WHEREAS**, the CTS tragedy resulted in the deaths of 98 souls and the displacement of 126 survivors;

**WHEREAS**, most of the survivors and their families were forced to relocate outside of the Town of Surfside to nearby municipalities;

**WHEREAS**, the Parks & Recreation Department has been accommodating survivors and their families who wish to use Town facilities and participate in Town programs;

**WHEREAS**, the Town has not yet formally adopted a policy to allow for continued benefits and access to Town facilities and programs for CTS survivors and their families;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Town to help with the continued healing of the CTS survivors and their families residing in Miami-Dade County by officially recognizing them as part of the Town’s community;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission wishes to authorize the Town Manager to implement a policy in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission finds that implementation of this Town policy is in the best interest and welfare of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals Adopted.** Each of the above-stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

**Section 2. Implementation.** The Town hereby adopts a policy for the CTS survivors and their families for the continued benefits and access to Town facilities and programs in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and hereby directs the Town Manager and/or designee to take any and all action necessary to implement this Resolution, subject to such non-substantial changes as are acceptable to the Town Manager.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11th day of February, 2025.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Paul

Second By: Commissioner Coto


**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:**

Commissioner Ruben A. Coto	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>Yes</u>


**ATTEST:**

  
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Sandra N. McCready, MMC  
Town Clerk



  
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Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE  
AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**

  
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Thais Hernandez, Esq.  
Town Attorney

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## Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department Champlain Towers South (CTS) Resident Policy

### Purpose:

This policy ensures continued access to **Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation** facilities and programs for individuals residing in Miami-Dade County, Florida who previously resided at **Champlain Towers South (8777 Collins Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154)** at the time of its collapse.

### Eligibility:

- Individuals with a household account in the **Parks and Recreation system** (*managed through RecTrac software*).
- **Annual Surfside ID renewal is required** (October 1st – September 30th each fiscal year).
- **Eligibility is limited to existing household records**—no new additions will be permitted, except as outlined below.

### Adding Household Members:

- **Minors not previously listed in the household:**
  - A resident may add a minor child who was not originally listed by providing a **birth certificate** as proof of parent/guardian relationship.
- **Other individuals requesting to be added or creating a new household account:**
  - Any individual **not currently listed in a household or attempting to create a new household account** must have their request reviewed on a **case-by-case basis** by the Parks and Recreation Director or Assistant Director before approval.

## Benefits:

- Access to:
  - Community Center pools
  - Beach furniture service (chairs & umbrellas)
  - Tennis courts
  - Kayak launch
  - Parks and Recreation special events
  - Party rentals at the Community Center (greenspace)  
(*subject to rental fees*)
  - Resident rates for all fee-based Parks and Recreation programs

## Guest Access & Fees:

- Residents may bring up to **five (5) guests** at the current charge (presently **\$5.00 per guest, per day**).
- Residents may also purchase guest passes at the current rate:
  - **3-day guest pass:** \$10.00 per guest
  - **7-day guest pass:** \$25.00 per guest

## Renewal Requirements:

To maintain access, **CTS residents** must renew their **Surfside ID** each **fiscal year (October 1 – September 30)** by providing:

- A valid photo ID
- **Signed waivers** as required for Town facility use and programs

## Implementation & Review:

- This policy will be **reviewed annually** to ensure effective administration.
- Town staff will manage eligibility verification and recommend any policy updates.