

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3448

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3374 WHICH ADOPTED 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 TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE TOWN'S INTENT TO BENEFIT ALL CTS SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY ELIMINATING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT; 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; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2025, the Town formally adopted Resolution No. 2025-3374 and policy ("Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department Champlain Towers South (CTS) Residents Policy", attached hereto as Exhibit "A") to allow for continued benefits and access to Town Facilities and programs for CTS survivors and their families, limited to those who reside in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Town now wishes to extend such benefits to the

survivors and families, regardless of their residency; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to help with the continued healing of all survivors and their families, regardless of residency, to officially recognize them as part of the Town's community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission wishes to amend the "Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department Champlain Towers South (CTS) Residents Policy" to substantially the same form as the policy attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that implementation of the amended Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department Champlain Towers South (CTS) Residents Policy is in the best interests 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 of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department Champlain Towers South (CTS) Residents Policy is amended to substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit "B," is hereby approved, and 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.

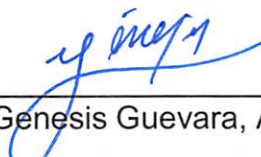
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of October, 2025.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Paul
Second By: Commissioner Velasquez

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:



Genesis Guevara, Acting Town Clerk





Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Thais Hernandez, Town Attorney



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**
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Implementation & Review:

- This policy will be **reviewed annually** to ensure effective administration.
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