

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING RENEWAL OF A NONEXCLUSIVE, UNRESTRICTED PORT EVERGLADES MARINE TERMINAL SECURITY SERVICES FRANCHISE TO UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICE, LLC, d/b/a ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES, LLC, FOR A NEW FIVE-YEAR TERM; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 32, Part II, of the Broward County Administrative Code (“Administrative Code”) sets forth criteria for the granting of franchises to businesses to conduct certain operations at Port Everglades, including, but not limited to, marine terminal security services;

WHEREAS, Section 32.15 of the Administrative Code authorizes Broward County (the “County”) to grant different types of franchises: exclusive or nonexclusive; and restricted or unrestricted;

WHEREAS, Section 32.22 of the Administrative Code provides that franchises shall be granted by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) by Resolution after public hearing;

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019, by Resolution No. 2019-549, the Board granted Universal Protection Service, LLC, d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services, LLC (“Allied Universal”), a renewal of a nonexclusive Port Everglades marine terminal security

22 services franchise, with a five-year term commencing on January 1, 2020, and ending on
23 December 31, 2024 ("Prior Franchise");

24 WHEREAS, Allied Universal recently submitted an application for renewal of its
25 Prior Franchise so that it may continue providing marine terminal security services at Port
26 Everglades;

27 WHEREAS, the Board reviewed Allied Universal's application pursuant to the
28 requirements of Chapter 32 of the Administrative Code, and is relying on the
29 representations made by Allied Universal in that application;

30 WHEREAS, on October 22, 2024, a public hearing was held to consider Allied
31 Universal's application; and

32 WHEREAS, based on the representations of Allied Universal, and information
33 presented by Broward County staff and the public, as applicable, the Board does hereby
34 determine and establish that Allied Universal has met each of the factors set forth in
35 applicable provisions of Chapter 32 of the Administrative Code for the granting of a
36 renewal of Allied Universal's Prior Franchise so that it may continue providing marine
37 terminal security services at Port Everglades, NOW, THEREFORE,

38 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
39 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

40 Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby ratified by
41 the Board.

Section 2. Renewal of Prior Franchise to Franchisee.

Allied Universal is hereby granted renewal of its Prior Franchise so that it may continue to provide marine terminal security services at Port Everglades (the "Franchise"), subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

Section 3. Term.

The Franchise shall be for a period of five (5) years, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2029, unless sooner terminated in accordance with Section 32.29 of the Administrative Code.

Section 4. Franchise Conditions.

By its execution of the franchise renewal application, Allied Universal agreed to be bound by and comply with all terms and conditions set forth in Section 32.24 of the Administrative Code.

Section 5. Law, Jurisdiction, Venue, and Waiver of Jury Trial. The Franchise shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Except as provided herein, the exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with the Franchise shall be in the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. For matters that fall within the exclusive subject matter jurisdiction of the federal courts or those to which jurisdiction is confirmed by law upon the Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC"), the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida, or the FMC, as applicable. Allied Universal irrevocably subjects itself to the jurisdiction of said courts. **EACH PARTY**

64 **HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY**
65 **OF ANY CIVIL LITIGATION RELATED TO THE FRANCHISE.**

66 Section 6. Independent Auditor.

67 If requested by the Broward County Auditor, Allied Universal shall appoint, at its
68 sole cost, an independent auditor approved by the Broward County Auditor to (a) review
69 Allied Universal's ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the Franchise;
70 and (b) issue a compliance report to Broward County within thirty (30) calendar days after
71 the appointment of the independent auditor.

72 Section 7. Notices.

73 In order for a notice to a party to be effective under the Franchise, notice must be
74 sent via U.S. first-class mail, hand delivery, or commercial overnight delivery, each with
75 a contemporaneous copy via e-mail, to the addresses stated below and shall be effective
76 upon mailing or hand delivery (provided the contemporaneous e-mail is also sent). The
77 addresses for notice shall remain as set forth in this section unless and until changed by
78 providing notice of such change in accordance with the provisions of this section. Until
79 any change is made, notices to Allied Universal shall be delivered to the person identified
80 in the franchise application as having authority to bind Allied Universal, and notices to
81 Broward County shall be delivered to the following:

82 Broward County, Port Everglades Department

83 ATTN: Chief Executive/Port Director

84 1850 Eller Drive

85 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

86 E-mail: jmmorris@broward.org

Section 8. Issuance of Certificate.

In accordance with Section 32.27 of the Administrative Code, the Port Everglades Department, Business Development Division, will issue a franchise certificate to Allied Universal setting forth the terms and conditions of the Franchise.

Section 9. Severability.

If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

Section 10. Effective Date.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this day of , 2024. **PROPOSED**

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

By: /s/ Carlos Rodriguez-Cabarrocas 09/03/2024
Carlos Rodriguez-Cabarrocas (date)
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