

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 059

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA OPPOSING ANY EFFORT BY BROWARD COUNTY TO PLACE ANY WASTE TO ENERGY (WTE) PLANT(S) ADJACENT TO, OR NEARBY, THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, current discussions and events involving the Interlocal Agreements (ILA) between Broward County (County) and the surrounding municipalities concerning the development of a Solid Waste Authority (Authority) have introduced the idea that final disposal of solid waste may best be served by an incinerator commonly referred to as a Waste to Energy ("WTE") plant in the future; and

WHEREAS, of particular concern is the County's desire to place the WTE plant adjacent, or nearby, to the municipal boundary of Southwest Ranches on property owned by the County; and

WHEREAS, the placement of a WTE plant has the potential to adversely affect the health and safety of Town of Southwest Ranches specifically and all the residents of Broward County generally; and

WHEREAS, the placement of a WTE plant is incongruous to the Town's desire to maintain its rural lifestyle as empirical data suggests such WTE plants negatively impact the environment by emitting harmful contaminants into the atmosphere, and their byproducts contain injurious materials that if landfilled could contaminate the water supply that our residents rely on; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches hereby formally opposes the placement of any WTE plant on property adjacent to, or nearby, the Town's municipal boundary owned by the County, or any subsequent Authority created under the ILA, and

WHEREAS, furthermore the Town urges the County and any Authority created under the ILA to refrain from considering the placement of any WTE facilities anywhere else in the County until serious study and consideration is given to other options for final solid waste disposal including Zero-Waste, recycling, and composting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1: The recitals above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: The Town Council hereby formally opposes any effort to place a Waste to Energy (WTE) on property adjacent to the Town's municipal boundary owned by the County, or any subsequent Solid Waste Authority created by the ILA.

Section 3. The Town urges the County and any Authority created under the ILA to refrain from considering the placement of any WTE facilities anywhere else in the County until serious study and consideration is given to other options for final solid waste disposal including Zero-Waste, recycling, and composting.

Section 4. The Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this email to the Broward County Commission, and all Broward municipalities.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest

Ranches, Florida, this 13th day of July, 2023, on a motion by C/M Kuczenski
and seconded by C/M Hartmann.

Breitkreuz	<u>yes</u>	Ayes	<u>yes</u>
Allbritton	<u>yes</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Hartmann	<u>yes</u>	Absent	<u>1</u>
Jablonski	<u>absent</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Kuczenski	<u>yes</u>		


Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

Attest:


Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney
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