

RESOLUTION NO. 2006 – 092

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE FLORIDA COMMUNITY TRUST GOVERNING BOARD TO PROMOTE THE TOWN'S RURAL LIFESTYLE BY WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR PAVED SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE TOWN'S JURISDICTION BY SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S DEFINITION OF A SIDEWALK; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2000 the residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches voted to preserve its "Rural Lifestyle" through the formation of their own municipality; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of a rural lifestyle includes regulation of street lights, concrete curbs, and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, both the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and the Town of Southwest Ranches Town Council, in their respective adopted Comprehensive Plans, designated a majority of the area within the Town's jurisdiction to be protected for rural purposes; and

WHEREAS, both Broward County's and the Town of Southwest Ranches' Comprehensive Plans prohibit future density increases within the Town's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, both governments' Comprehensive Plans have been found to be in compliance with the State of Florida's Laws and Administrative Rules, the South Florida Regional Planning Council's Strategic Plan, and Broward County's 1976 Comprehensive Plan, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council notes that the specific definition of a sidewalk is not adopted in either the Town's or Broward County's Land Development Code and respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners to recognize the Federal Highway Administration's definition, which furthers the Town's rural lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the Town is greatly concerned that placing a concrete sidewalk over four (4) miles of land along the south side of the Griffin Road widening project, from Flamingo Road to Bonaventure Blvd, is both incompatible with the Town's rural quality

of life and increases Broward County's and the Florida Department of Transportation's cost estimates for constructing the Griffin Road widening project; and

WHEREAS, Broward County has recently decided not to pursue constructing a Greenway trail on the north side of the C-11 Canal due to resistance from the adjoining communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches is constructing a 12' wide multi-purpose Greenway trail on the north side of Griffin Road to offset the need for Broward County to fund the cost of placing the Greenway on the north side of the C-11 Canal; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council agrees to place and to maintain a Greenway trail, with a stabilized base, over the area of the proposed sidewalk along Griffin Road until the need for a harder sidewalk surface has been determined.

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

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

Section 2: The Town Council hereby respectfully requests the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to direct its Development Management Director to adopt a Policy waiving the requirement for paved sidewalks to be placed in developments along any road, excluding Sheridan Street which shares jurisdiction with Pembroke Pines, located within the Town's jurisdiction.

Section 3: The Town Council respectfully requests the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Community Trust Governing Board to recognize the Federal Highway Administration's definition of a sidewalk, as provided below, and to apply this definition within the rural oriented jurisdictional limits of the Town of Southwest Ranches:

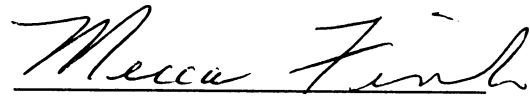
"Sidewalk- the unpaved or paved portion of the highway, road, or street intended for pedestrians"

Section 4: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches does hereby authorize its Town Administrator to transmit this Resolution and applicable documentation, to attend all necessary meetings and to coordinate the execution of any final agreements, if any, between the parties

Section 5: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 7th day of September 2006, on a motion made by Vice Mayor Don Maines and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.


Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>4</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>1</u>
Blanton	<u>N</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>		


Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:


Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


Gary A. Poliakoff, S.D., Town Attorney

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