

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 058**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2001-3, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 162.03 FLORIDA STATUTES, BY REPLACING THE TERMINOLOGY "SPECIAL MASTER" WITH "SPECIAL MAGISTRATE"; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2001-3 BY INCREASING THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE'S COMPENSATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2000, pursuant to Resolution No. 2001-3, the Town Council approved an agreement with Eugene Steinfeld to serve as the Special Master for the Town of Southwest Ranches, in accordance with Section 162.03 of the Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, the Florida Legislature enacted a law that changed the terminology from Special Master to Special Magistrate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires the terminology of its Special Magistrate Resolution to be in conformity with Florida law; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2001-3, also sets the Special Magistrate's compensation at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per hour and the Town's Special Magistrate has respectfully requested an increase in compensation to One Hundred and Twenty Five (\$125.00) per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Administrator has generally found this rate increase to be appropriate and standard throughout Broward County;

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

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

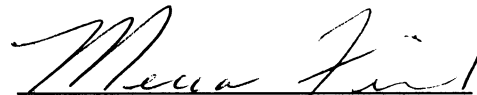
**Section 2.** The Town Council hereby amends Resolution No. 2001-3 by replacing the terminology "Special Master" with "Special Magistrate" in accordance with Section 162.03, Florida Statutes.

**Section 3.** The Town Council hereby amends Resolution No. 2001-3 by increasing the Special Magistrate's compensation from One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per hour to One Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars (\$125.00) per hour.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007, on a motion by Council Member Steve Breitkreuz and seconded by Vice Mayor Don Maines.


Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>3</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>2</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Y</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Knight	<u>N</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>N</u>		

  
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Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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