

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 087

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, IN FURTHERANCE OF SECTION 200.185, FLORIDA STATUTES, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NONVOTED MILLAGE RATE, WHICH WAS LEVIED IN THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR; DIRECTING THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER AND TAX COLLECTOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches has been reported to be one of the most fiscally conscious municipalities in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Town has maintained a 3.0 millage rate for the past seven years; and

WHEREAS, the Town's 2006 audit has revealed that the Town would not be able to provide its most basic municipal functions at a reduced millage rate; and

WHEREAS, during a Special Session, the 2007 Florida Legislature approved a law that strictly regulates the millage rates set by municipalities; and

WHEREAS, understanding that certain municipalities have been fiscally conscious, the Florida Legislature included a provision that enables the Town to maintain its current millage rate, upon a unanimous vote of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that this Resolution is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

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

Section 1. That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

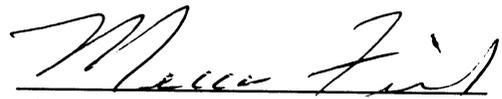
Section 2. The Town Council, in furtherance of Section 200.185 Florida Statutes, hereby authorizes the establishment of the nonvoted millage rate, which was

levied in the 2006-2007 fiscal year. This rate is equivalent to 110 percent of the rolled-back rate.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a Certified Copy of this Resolution to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector for Broward County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 19th day of July 2007, on a motion by Vice Mayor Don Maines and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.

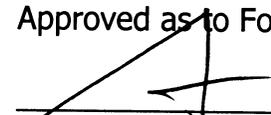
Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Y</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>		


Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


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