

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 065**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING THE TOWN'S ADAMANT OPPOSITION TO THE IMPROPER TETHERING OF DOGS WHEN SUCH TETHERING IS INJURIOUS TO A DOG'S HEALTH; DIRECTING THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO VIGILANTLY ENFORCE THE TOWN'S AND THE STATE'S ANIMAL PROTECTION REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2007 the Town Council heard a presentation concerning dog tethering and how some dogs spend their entire lives at the end of a chain; and

**WHEREAS**, the presenter asked the Town to pass an Ordinance to prevent such cruelty and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council, in reaffirming its commitment to the protection of all animals, asked staff to review the proposed Ordinance in accordance with the Town's current regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing the proposed Ordinance and the Town's current laws it became readily apparent that the Town's current regulations prohibit this inhumane treatment of canines; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-3 of the Town's Code specifically states that any person confining or leashing a dog must do so in a manner that is not injurious to the dog's health; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 828.12 Florida Statutes further prohibits such inhumane treatment of animals; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Town Council does not believe that a new Ordinance is necessary, it wishes to reaffirm its adamant opposition to the improper tethering of dogs when such tethering is injurious to a dog's health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to direct the Broward Sheriff's Office to vigilantly enforce the Town's and the State's animal protection regulations.

**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.

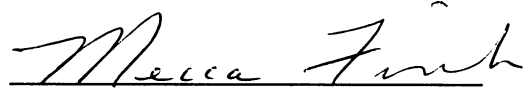
**SECTION 2.** The Town Council hereby reaffirms its adamant opposition to the improper tethering of dogs when such tethering is injurious to a dog's health.

**SECTION 3.** The Town Council hereby directs the Broward Sheriff's Office to vigilantly enforce the Town' and the State's animal protection regulations.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2008, on a motion by Council Member Don Maines and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.

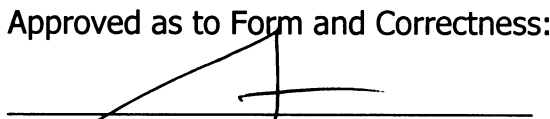
Fink	<u>  N  </u>	Ayes	<u>    3    </u>
Nelson	<u>    Y    </u>	Nays	<u>    2    </u>
Breitkreuz	<u>    N    </u>	Absent	<u>    0    </u>
Knight	<u>    Y    </u>	Abstaining	<u>    0    </u>
Maines	<u>    Y    </u>		

  
Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Susan A. Owens, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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

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