

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 094**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION TABLE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL ILLUMINATION AND SECURITY DEVICES IN ALL RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT PARKING AREAS; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING ALL BROWARD MUNICIPALITIES TO JOIN THE TOWN IN REQUESTING THE TABLING OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL BROWARD MUNICIPALITIES, AND TO THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, in reaction to help deter criminal activity in retail establishments, the County Commission is reviewing an Ordinance that would require the installation of additional illumination and security devices in all retail establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Town supports general measures to thwart criminal activity, the current Ordinance is too far reaching and will negatively impact the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance's definition of "retail establishment" is overbroad and would include non-profits such as religious institutions, parks, and government centers, if they have small concessions or gift shops; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Town has a very limited commercial center, its single family residences are intermingled with its religious institutions, parks, and government centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional illumination required violates the Town's Charter, its lighting regulations, and will have a negative impact on the surrounding residential community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town also believes that the requirement to install security cameras will fiscally impact its "retail establishments" and that it will yield a tremendous amount of additional liability for these establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southwest Ranches respectfully urges its fellow municipalities, and the Broward County Commission to table this proposed Ordinance.

**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 of the Town of Southwest Ranches hereby opposes the consideration of the proposed Broward County Ordinance that would require the installation of additional illumination and security devices in all retail establishment parking areas until such time as a well publicized late afternoon workshop amongst the many stakeholders can be convened to consider the impact of the ordinance on stakeholders and create an ordinance that is workable.

**Section 3.** The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches respectfully requests the Broward County Commission to table this proposed Ordinance until the above referenced workshops can be convened.

**Section 4.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to all Broward municipalities, and to the Broward County Commission.

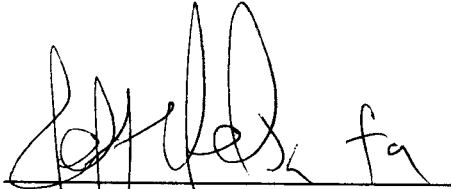
**Section 5.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

**[Signatures on following page]**


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008 on a motion by Council Member Steve Breitkreuz and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.

Fink	<u>ABSENT</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Y</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>

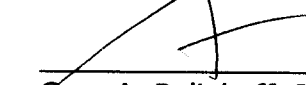
Ayes	<u>4</u>
Nays	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>1</u>
Abstaining	<u>0</u>

  
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Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

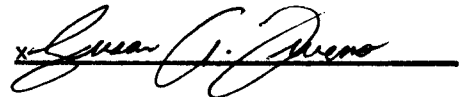
  
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Susan A. Owens, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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

I certify this to be a true and correct copy of the record. WITNESSETH my hand and official seal of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008  
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Town Clerk

  
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