

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 084**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA OPPOSING THE CREATION OF A MASS BURN FACILITY PLANT (INCINERATOR) BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AT OR NEAR THE BROWARD COUNTY LINE NEAR THE CITY OF MIRAMAR; FURTHER ENCOURAGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CONSIDER AND TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DISPOSING OF SOLID WASTE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Commission is considering approving a mass burn facility ("Incinerator") for the combustion of municipal solid waste with a proposed location in North Miami-Dade County near the Broward County Line ("Proposed Location"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Mayor has demonstrated her support for the development and operation of the Incinerator at the Proposed Location; and

**WHEREAS**, the development and subsequent operation of the Incinerator in such close proximity to the Broward County line may have long lasting harmful impacts on the Town of Southwest Ranches residents and others living in South Broward County; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2023, Mayor Steve Breitkreuz submitted a letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", to the Miami-Dade County Mayor expressing his and the Town's opposition to incineration as a means for waste disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches desires to express its opposition to the proposed Incinerator's proximity to the Town, Broward County, and the Everglades; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council strongly encourages Miami-Dade County to explore and to consider alternative methods of providing waste disposal services that are more ecologically friendly and that do not involve incineration; and

**WHEREAS**, furthermore the Town urges Miami-Dade County to refrain from considering the placement of any Incinerator facilities anywhere else in the County until serious study and consideration is given to other options for final solid waste disposal including Zero-Waste, recycling, and composting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council believes that the requests referenced herein are in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of all area residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA:**

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

**Section 2:** The Town Council hereby formally opposes the proposed Incinerator and its proposed proximity to the Town, Broward County, and the Everglades.

**Section 3.** The Town Council strongly encourages Miami-Dade County to consider and to explore alternative methods of providing waste disposal services that are more ecologically friendly and that do not involve incineration.

**Section 4.** The Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County Mayor and each member of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest

Ranches, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, on a motion by Chris Hartmann and seconded by Chris Jablonski.

Breitkreuz	<u>Yes</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Allbritton	<u>Yes</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Hartmann	<u>Yes</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Jablonski	<u>Yes</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Kuczenski	<u>Yes</u>		

Steve Breitkreuz  
Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

Attest:

Russell Muñiz  
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Keith Poliakoff  
Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

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**Emil Lopez, CPM, MAcc, Town Financial Administrator**

September 14, 2023

Mayor Daniella Levine Cava  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
29<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, FL 33128

RE: The Development of an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan in Miami-Dade County Discussion.

Dear Mayor Daniella Levine Cava,

We have been notified that the Board of County Commissioners will be discussing Miami-Dade County's Resources Recovery Facility which has remained inoperable due to the unfortunate fire that occurred in February.

The Town of Southwest Ranches Council as well as residents, have grave concerns if the County implements incineration as a recourse for waste disposal services. Utilizing incineration for waste disposal services will be environmentally damaging not just to the environment, our residents will ultimately be adversely affected.

As a Municipality that has an unfaltering commitment to preserve, protect, and enhance the quality of life for all here in the Ranches, are against the incinerator.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Steve Breitreuz  
Town of Southwest Ranches

C: Members of Town Council  
Andy Berns, Town Administrator  
Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney