

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE UNIFORM COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, historically and through 2025, the Broward County Department of Finance and Administrative Services served as the tax collector for Broward County under Article IV of the Broward County Charter; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Florida Constitution was approved by the state's electorate to require that all designated Constitutional Officers, including Tax Collectors, to be elected officials; and

WHEREAS, during the November 2024 general election, the electors of Broward County elected the Honorable Abey Ajayi as the Broward County Tax Collector, and she was thereafter sworn into office on January 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Broward County's legal authority or obligation to provide for the collection and remittance of the Town's non-ad-valorem assessments has terminated by virtue of the election of the County Tax Collector, which now requires the Town to enter into an agreement with the County Tax Collector for the uniform collection of its non-ad-valorem special assessments; and

WHEREAS, through the agreement the County Tax Collector shall be reimbursed by the Town of the actual costs of collection of the non-ad valorem assessment, for necessary administrative costs, for any separate tax bill (not the tax notice) necessitated by any inability of the Tax Collector to merge the Town's non-ad valorem special assessment roll pursuant to Section 19.3632 of the Florida Statutes and Rule 12D-18.004(2) of the Florida Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Tax Collector shall take all actions legally required to collect the Town's non-ad valorem assessments pursuant to Chapter 197 of the Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that adopting the agreement is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of its 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 approves an Agreement with the Broward County Tax Collector for the uniform collection of non-ad valorem special assessments in substantially the same form as that attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 3. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Administrator to execute the Agreement in substantially the same form as that attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and to make such modifications, additions and/or deletions which they deem necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 22nd day of January, 2026 on a motion by

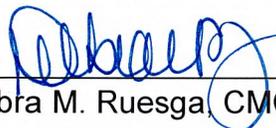
V/m JABLONSKI and seconded by C/m KUCZENSKI.

Breitkreuz	<u>YES</u>
Jablonski	<u>YES</u>
Allbritton	<u>YES</u>
Hartmann	<u>YES</u>
Kuczenski	<u>YES</u>

Ayes	<u>5</u>
Nays	<u>1</u>
Absent	<u>1</u>
Abstaining	<u>1</u>


Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

Attest:


Debra M. Ruesga, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney