

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 068

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FINAL FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COMPUTATION OF FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS; INCORPORATING THE FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT REPORT; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL BENEFIT AND FAIR APPORTIONMENT; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR A DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, has enacted Ordinance No. 2001-09 (the "Ordinance"), which authorizes the imposition of Fire Service Assessments for fire services, facilities, and programs against Assessed Property located within the Town; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 2001-09, the re-imposition of a Fire Services Assessment for fire services, facilities, and programs for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 requires certain processes such as the preparation of the Preliminary Fire Services Assessment Roll; and

WHEREAS, annually, a Preliminary Fire Services Assessment Resolution describing the method of assessing fire costs against assessed property located within the Town, directing the preparation of an assessment roll, authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof is required by the Ordinance for re-imposition of Fire Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council imposed a Fire Assessment for the previous fiscal year (FY 2014-2015), and the re-imposition of a Fire Assessment for fire services, facilities, and programs each fiscal year is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning Fire Assessed Costs among parcels of Assessed Property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, during the Fiscal Year 2012-2013, made a policy decision and adopted Resolution 2012-034, regarding legally recognized disabled veterans who live on homesteaded properties titled in their name in the Town, and who have received a Disabled Veterans ad valorem tax exemption

providing them with a 100% exemption for Fire Service Assessments and wish to provide for such exemption for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, desires to re-impose a fire service assessment program within the Town using the tax bill collection method for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2015, and deems it to be in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches to adopt this Annual Rate Resolution so that the Town may re-impose Fire Assessments for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

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

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. Authority. This final resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 2001-9, the Preliminary Assessment Resolutions (Resolution 2015-062), and sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 3. Purpose and Definitions. This Resolution constitutes the Final Fire Services Assessment Resolution as defined in the Ordinance (codified as Sections 12-19 through 12-85 in the Town of Southwest Ranches Code of Ordinances), which re-imposes Fire Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015. All capitalized words and terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Ordinance. Unless the context indicates otherwise, words imparting the singular number include the plural number, and vice versa. As used in this resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context hereof otherwise requires:

"**Dwelling Unit**", as it relates to this Fire Assessment which, may differ from the definition contained within the Town's Land Development Code, means (1) a building, or portion thereof, available to be used for residential purposes, consisting of one or more rooms arranged, designed, used, or intended to be used as living quarters for one family only, or (2) the use of land in which lots or spaces are offered for rent or lease for the placement of mobile homes or the like for residential purposes. A mobile home is an individual Dwelling Unit. For purposes of this Resolution and imposition of the Fire Assessment, a Dwelling Unit, as defined herein, may be located on parcels other than residential property under the Town's zoning and development regulations.

Section 4. Provision and funding of Fire Protection Services. Upon the imposition of a Fire Protection Assessment for fire protection services, facilities, or programs against Assessed Property located within the Town as determined by the Broward County Property Appraiser (BCPA) in conjunction with the Town's Fire Assessment Study, the Town shall provide fire protection services to such Assessed

Property. A portion of the cost to provide such fire protection services, facilities, or programs shall be funded from proceeds of the Fire Protection Assessments. The remaining costs of providing fire protection services, facilities, and programs shall be funded by lawfully available Town revenues other than Fire Protection Assessment proceeds. Costs related to the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) have not been included in the Fire Protection Assessed Costs and shall be paid for by the Town from other lawfully available funds and shall not be paid out of Fire Assessment revenues.

A. It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that each parcel of Assessed Property located within the Town will be benefitted by the Town's provision of fire protection services, facilities, and programs in an amount not less than the Fire Protection Assessment imposed against such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in this Initial Assessment Resolution.

Section 5. Imposition and Computation of Fire Protection Assessments.

Fire Protection Assessments shall be imposed against all Assessed Parcels within the Assessment Property Categories as determined by the Broward County Property Appraiser in conjunction with the Town's Fire Assessment Study. Fire Protection Assessments shall be computed in the manner set forth in this Final Assessment Resolution, more specifically as presented in Attachment "A" which utilizes the Assessment methodology in the Fire Assessment (Willdan) Report dated September 12, 2011 and approved by Council on September 12, 2011. Where the use of a building or buildings on a parcel indicates a use different from the DOR Code assigned to the parcel, the Town and the BCPA has the authority to impose the appropriate rate based on the use of the building or buildings regardless of the DOR Code assigned to the parcel. Where multiple buildings on a parcel have different uses, the Town and the BCPA shall impose the appropriate rate based on the use of each individual building. The Fire Protection Assessment imposed on the parcel shall be the total of the Fire Protection Assessments calculated for all buildings on the parcel, excluding for barns on Residential Property with an assessed Dwelling Unit or non-commercial barns on Vacant/Agricultural Property.

Section 6. Legislative Determination of Special Benefit and Fair Apportionment. The legislative determinations of special benefit and fair apportionment embodied in the Initial Assessment Resolution and Final Assessment Resolution are affirmed and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 7. Determination of Fire Protection Assessment costs; Establishment of Final Fire Protection Assessment Rates.

A. The Fire Protection Assessed Costs to be assessed and apportioned among benefitted parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and the Parcel Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, is the amount determined in the Estimated Fire Protection Assessment Rate Schedule as described in the, attached as Attachment "A". The approval of the Final Fire Protection Assessment Rate Schedules by the adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution determines the amount of the Fire Protection Assessed Costs. The remainder, if any, of such Fiscal Year budget for fire protection services, facilities, and

programs shall be funded from available Town revenue other than Fire Protection Assessment proceeds.

B. The estimated Fire Protection Assessments specified in the Preliminary Fire Protection Assessment Rate Schedules as described in the Report are hereby established to fund the specified Fire Protection Assessed Costs determined to be assessed in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 commencing on October 1, 2015.

C. The estimated Fire Protection Assessments established in this Final Assessment Resolution for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shall be the proposed assessment rates applied by the Town Administrator or Town Financial Administrator in the preparation of the Final Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2015, as provided in Section 7 of this Final Assessment Resolution.

Section 8. Final Assessment Roll.

A. The Town Administrator or Town Financial Administrator is hereby directed to prepare, or cause to be prepared, a Final Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2015, in the manner provided in the Code. The Assessment Roll shall include all Assessed Parcels within the Property Use Categories. The Town Administrator or Town Financial Administrator shall apportion the estimated Fire Protection Assessed Cost to be recovered through Fire Protection Assessments in the manner set forth in this Final Assessment Resolution and the Report.

B. A copy of this Final Assessment Resolution, documentation related to the estimated amount of the Fire Protection Assessed Cost to be recovered through the imposition of Fire Protection Assessments, and the Final Assessment Roll shall be maintained on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and open to public inspection. The foregoing shall not be construed to require that the Final Assessment Roll be in printed form if the amount of the Fire Protection Assessment for each parcel of property can be determined by the use of a computer terminal available to Town staff.

C. It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that the method of determining the Fire Protection Assessments for fire protection services as set forth in this Final Assessment Resolution and the attached as Attachment "A" is a fair and reasonable method of apportioning the Fire Protection Assessed Cost among parcels of Assessed Property located within the Town as determined by the Broward County Property Appraiser in conjunction with the Town's Fire Assessment Study.

Section 9. Recognized Disabled Veterans Exemption. Legally recognized Disabled Veterans, who live on homesteaded properties titled in their name within the Town, who have received a disabled veteran's ad valorem tax exemption from the BCPA,

shall be exempt from the collection of the Fire Assessment. The Town shall buy down this 100% exemption with non-assessment funds.

Section 10. Confirmation of Public Hearing. The Town Council hereby confirms that a public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. on September 15, 2015, at the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers, 13400 Griffin Road, Florida, 33330, at which time the Town Council received and considered comments on Fire Assessments from the public and affected property owners and considered imposing Fire Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015, and collecting such assessments on the same bill as ad valorem taxes.

Section 11. Notice by Publication. The Town Council confirms that a notice of the September 15, 2015, public hearing for the Final Rate Resolution has been published in the manner and time provided in the Ordinance. The published notice is attached hereto as Attachment B.

Section 12. Notice By Mail. The Town Council confirms, in the event circumstances described in the Ordinance so require, that the Town through the Broward County Property Appraiser has provided notice by mail to the Owner of each parcel of Assessed Property. Notices were mailed no later than Monday, August 24, 2015. The notices are in compliance with the provisions of section 200.069(10)(a), Florida Statutes, and are consistent with the requirements of the Uniform Assessment Collection Act and the Ordinance.

Section 13. Severability. If any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered as eliminated and in no way affecting the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

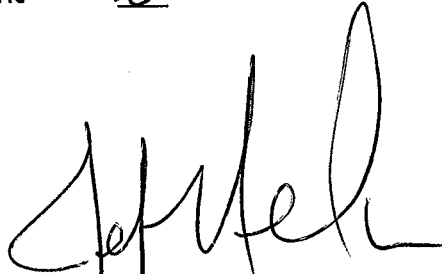
Section 14. Application of Assessment Proceeds. Proceeds derived by the Town from the Fire Protection Assessments shall be deposited into the Fire Protection Assessment Account and used for the provision of fire protection services, facilities, and programs. In the event there is any fund balance remaining at the end of the Fiscal Year, such balance shall be carried forward and used only to fund fire protection services, facilities, and programs.

Section 15. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 15th day of September, 2015, on a motion by C/M Bientzen and seconded by C/M McKay.

Nelson Ayes
Fisikelli Ayes
Breitkreuz Ayes
Jablonski Ayes
McKay Ayes

Ayes 5
Nays 0
Absent 0



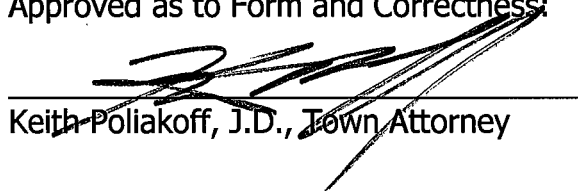
Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Keith Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney

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**Town of Southwest Ranches
Proposed FY 2015/2016
Fire Assessment Worksheet**

ATTACHMENT A

Sources:

Fire Administration Department
Volunteer Fire Service Department
Volunteer Fire Fund

Expenditures	Total FY 2015-2016 Proposed	General Fund Portion	Fire Assessment Portion
% Allocation per Consultant Study for FR Contractual Services Only		57.70%	42.30%

Direct Expenses:

Fire Rescue Contractual Service	\$ 2,686,174	\$ 1,549,922	\$ 1,136,252
Personnel Expenses	34,695	N/A	34,695
Operating Expenses	241,561	N/A	241,561
Non-Operating Debt	25,500	N/A	25,500
Capital Outlay	45,881	N/A	45,881
Sub-Total	\$ 3,033,811	\$ 1,549,922	\$ 1,483,889

Other Expenses

Publication & Notification Costs	5,000
Statutory Discount	75,928
Collections Cost	29,678
Fire Assessment Cost Allocation of Townwide Personnel/Contractual Costs	171,586
Total Fire Assessment Expenses	\$ 1,766,081

Based On Consultant Study

Property Category	Assess Unit Type	% Effort Allocation	Amount	Total Proposed Rates FY 15/16	Total Assessed Rates FY 14/15	Difference: (Decrease)
Residential - 2530 Units	Per Dwelling Unit	62.8912%	1,110,709	439.02	474.36	(35.34)
Commercial - 330,749 SF	Per Sq.Ft. Bldg Area	15.0283%	265,412	0.80	0.86	(0.06)
Indust/Warehouse - 118,168 SF	Per Sq.Ft. Bldg Area	9.5818%	169,222	1.43	1.54	(0.11)
Institutional - 476,409 SF	Per Sq.Ft. Bldg Area	6.2499%	110,378	0.23	0.25	(0.02)
Vacant/Agricultural - 1,492 Acre	Per Acre	6.2488%	110,359	73.97	79.43	(5.46)
Total		100%	\$ 1,766,081			

FLA. LOTTERY

SELECTED TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
MIDWAY Cash 1 3-6-3
Midway Play 4 1-9-7-9
High Cash 3 5-2-7
High Play 4 5-4-7-5
Mega Money see flalottery.com
Fantasy 5 see flalottery.com
Mega Millions see flalottery.com

MONDAY, AUGUST 17
FANTASY 5 7-14-17-24-33
CORRECT PAYOFF WINNERS
5 of 5 \$403,164.5 1
4 of 5 \$93 345
3 of 5 \$9 8,503

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
FANTASY 5 9-11-31-32-34
CORRECT PAYOFF WINNERS
5 of 5 \$18,863.17 1
4 of 5 \$12.29 261
3 of 5 \$9 2,589

SAURDAY, AUG. 15
FANTASY 5 3-11-11-23-29
CORRECT PAYOFF WINNERS
5 of 5 \$52,648.99 1
4 of 5 \$190 359
3 of 5 \$9 12,112

LOTTO: 1-13-24-35-39-48 (80+25)
CORRECT PAYOFF WINNERS
6 of 6 \$9 million 0
5 of 6 \$5,438 6
4 of 6 \$97 111
3 of 6 \$5.50 23,531
Wednesday's jackpot: \$9 million

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Wi-Fi, GPS now on many school buses

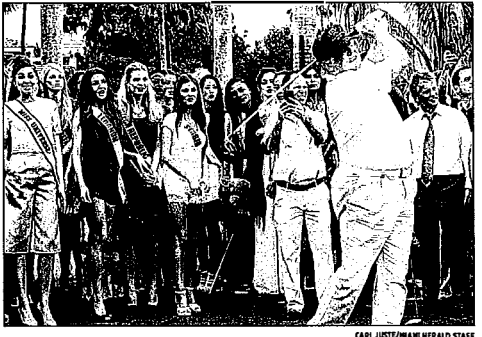
More than a thousand buses in Miami-Dade County are being prepared for the launch of the new school year, with new programs being offered for students and parents. Considered the largest school bus system in the world, an estimated 1,300 Miami-Dade County school buses took off Monday, preparing themselves for the nearly 60,000 children they will be taking daily during the school year starting Monday. "It's not about how many miles we travel. It's about how safely we travel those miles," Carvalho said. As they prepare for the new school year, there are a couple of new features to the buses meant for parents and students. The transportation department's Wi-Fi-on-the-Go program will have mobile "hot spots" on district-owned school buses for students going to and from school. The department says it allows students the opportunity for "mobile learning."

transport magnet students who do not live in the designated transportation service zone but are a bus route with available seating for them. The way this program works is students who don't live in the area will have another stop near a school or a park. From there, another bus will pick them up and take them out of the area, closer to their homes. The program will be established based on the number of magnet students in the area. A new GPS Bus Pilot program will allow the transportation dispatchers to track the whereabouts of buses. "It actually will tell us where the bus is located every 30 seconds of a particular corner or street. If it's delayed in traffic, what speed it is going at," said Orlando Alonso, administrative director of MDCPS Department of Transportation. Soon, an app will be available for parents to monitor their child's bus. "We're bringing peace of mind to the parents, comfort to the kids, and we're keeping the kids connected to learning as they travel Miami-Dade to get to school," Carvalho said. "By the end of this school year, the district said its fleet of buses will have traveled over 18 million miles."

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Trump gets a \$22,718 refund from Miami-Dade

Trump, FROM B
On Aug. 8, the county's Parks Department sent Trump a letter saying "direct costs in evaluating the unsolicited proposal amounted to \$2,281.39, consisting of County staff time in reviewing the proposal." Russo released the letter this week. Local blogger Al Crespo filed an ethics complaint over Trump and Russo not registering as lobbyists while they pursued a potential deal. Miami-Dade's Ethics Commission cleared Trump and Gimenez of any missteps connected to their golf game and exchange of letters, but said Russo should have registered before his meeting in January 2014 with Gimenez and aides. Though filed in the summer of 2014, Trump's Crandon proposal did not become public until the Miami Herald reported its existence in February. Gimenez recused himself from the matter in writing the next day, citing lobbying work one of his sons, C.J. Gimenez, performed for Trump in non-county matters. Russo, who headed Trump's Crandon efforts, said Tuesday that he's hoping Miami-Dade will eventually open Crandon up to bid from private operators through a formal request for proposal. "I have to say that it is such a significant gain for the county and the players in terms of fiscal impacts and environmental improvements that we may consider responding to an RFP when that occurs," he said.



GETTING REFUND: Donald Trump's organization paid the county \$25,000 to consider a golf proposal in 2014. He is now getting most of the money back.

LEGISLATURE

Prison population affecting state redistricting fight

DISTRICTS, FROM B
It's a bad way to do a census, said Peter Wagner, executive director of the Prison Policy Initiative. By counting prisoners where they are incarcerated, states are giving people living in

town and counties they are counted in. His group is lobbying the U.S. Census Bureau to change how it tallies inmates at the next census in 2020 to count prisoners in the communities where they're from instead of where they are held. How prison populations affect the districts was a key part of the debate in the Florida House on Tuesday. "Congressional people do not have to do a single thing for people that are in prison but yet these people are counted," state Rep. Barbara Watson, D-Miami, said. Even the head of the House redistricting committee, Rep. Jose Oliva, a Miami Republican, warned how prisoners could affect Brown's district. "I think that's a major concern," Oliva said. Oliva and House members who supported the redistricting plan were clear that they are only accepting the new Congressional District 5 because it represents what the Florida Supreme Court prescribed when it invalidated the state's current congressional districts last month. The House on Tuesday passed a map 76-35 based on the Supreme Court's instructions with the support of most of the chamber's Republicans and nine Democrats. Now the map will go to the Senate, where lawmakers have already made changes to district boundaries in Hillsborough and Sarasota counties. The chambers have until Friday to meet a self-imposed deadline for a consensus map. Brown's district is set to be one of the most altered. Instead of running snake-like from Jacksonville to Orlando and counties they are counted in.

do, it will go east-west from Jacksonville to Tallahassee. Like all of Florida's districts, it would have 696,345 people, but 12,000 of those people would be in some sort of correctional facility, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That includes people in state prisons, reformatories, houses of correction and other state institutions for the confinement and correction of convicted persons and juveniles, according to the Census. Only two congressional districts would have more people in correctional facilities: Congressional District 3, held by Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Gainesville, would have 18,000. And Congressional District 2, represented by Tallahassee Democrat Gwen Graham, would have 33,000. Firing those numbers has proven vexing even for people who agree with Brown. State Sen. Audrey Gibson, D-Jacksonville, proposed a plan that would increase the black voting age population in Brown's district to 46.6 percent. Gibson cited concerns over the prisons as one of her points of contention, yet her proposal, which is scheduled to be considered by the Senate on Wednesday, would boost the number of people incarcerated in Brown's district to nearly 23,000. Sen. Bill Mondford, a Tallahassee Democrat, took his own shot at redrawing the district, too. But while his plan increased the black voting age population, it would have required putting almost 30,000 inmates into Brown's district. Herald/Times staff writers Steve Bousquet and Michael Aune contributed to this report.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION AND SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider imposing a fire protection special assessment for the provision of fire protection services, and for solid waste services special assessments within the Town of Southwest Ranches for Fiscal Year 2016, commencing on October 1, 2015. The hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers, 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Town Council within 20 days of this notice.

If a person decides to appear at the hearing, they should bring a copy of the assessment with them. The hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers, 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Town Council within 20 days of this notice.

The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units tributary to that parcel. The following tables show the highest assessment rates the Town Council could impose for FY 2015-2016.

Table with 3 columns: Property Category, Maximum Rate Per Unit Indicated, and Rate per Dwelling Unit. Rows include Residential (\$439.02), Commercial (0.80), Industrial/Warehouse (1.43), Institutional (0.23), and Vacant/Agricultural (73.97).

Maximum Solid Waste Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

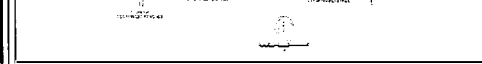
Table with 2 columns: Rate Class (based on parcel size) and Rate per Residential Parcel. Rows include A (103.61), B (123.41), C (147.28), D (159.80), E (183.30), and F (223.97).

Household Waste Assessment Component

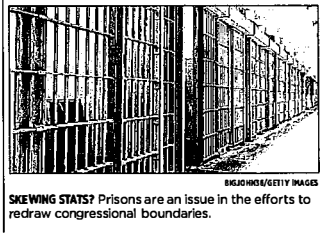
Table with 2 columns: Component and Rate per Dwelling Unit. Row includes Household Waste Assessment at \$286.04.

Copies of relevant ordinances and resolutions including the Fire Protection Assessment Ordinance No. 2001-08, Preliminary Fire Services Assessment Resolution No. 2015-062, Solid Waste Assessment Ordinance No. 2002-08 and Preliminary Solid Waste Assessment Resolution No. 2015-061 and the Preliminary Assessment Rolls for the Fire Services Assessment and the Solid Waste Assessment for the upcoming fiscal year are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office located in Town Hall, 13400 Griffin Road, Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida.

The fire and solid waste assessments will be collected on the ad valorem property tax bill which will be mailed in November 2015 as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause the certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. If you have any questions, please contact the Town of Southwest Ranches (854) 434-0008, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Russell Muñoz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk



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SKEWING STATS? Prisons are an issue in the efforts to redraw congressional boundaries.