

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 -069

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA FOR FY 2015-2016 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; INCORPORATING THE SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY REPORT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council has adopted a Solid Waste Service Assessment Ordinance, Ordinance Number 2002-8 (the "Ordinance") on final reading at the Town Council meeting of June 24, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of solid waste assessment rates resulting from the Town Council's policy direction requires the annual adoption of an Initial Assessment Resolution and the annual adoption of a Final Assessment Resolution, as required under the Ordinance as well as under the Uniform Method of Collection provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 197.3632;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1. Authority. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 2002-8 as codified and as may have been amended, sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 2. Purpose and Definitions. This resolution constitutes the Final Assessment Resolution as defined in the Ordinance (codified as Sections 16-108 through 16-173 in the Town of Southwest Ranches Code of Ordinances, hereinafter "Code"). 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:

"Assessed Parcel" means those parcels with one or more Dwelling Units which are specially benefitted by the provision of solid waste collection and disposal services and which are subject to the Solid Waste Assessments authorized by this Initial Resolution.

"Bulk Waste" means materials including yard trash, white goods, and clean debris, as such terms are defined in §16-108 of the Code, as may be amended, generated from residential activities and those materials generally outlined in §16-19 of the Code as acceptable for bulk trash pickup.

"Commercial Property" or "Non-residential Property" means collectively those Parcels with DOR Codes or Use Codes indicating uses other than single-family residential uses and that have no Dwelling Units present on the parcel. Commercial Property or Non-residential Property, for the purposes of this Resolution, includes commercial, institutional, industrial/warehouse, vacant/agricultural and other all uses, except for Residential Property as defined in this Initial Resolution. As Non-residential Properties are billed directly for services by the Town's Solid Waste Provider, such parcels are not subject to the Assessments authorized by this Initial Resolution.

"DOR Code" means a property land use code established in Rule 12D-8.008, Florida Administrative Code, assigned by the Property Appraiser to Parcels within the Town. Additionally, the Broward County Property Appraiser assigns property Use Codes to parcels and structures. DOR Codes and associated Use Code descriptions are used in the development of the Solid Waste Assessments set forth in this Resolution and in preparation of the Assessment Roll.

"Dwelling Unit", as it relates to the Solid Waste 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 Solid Waste Assessment, a Dwelling Unit, as defined herein, may be located on parcels other than residential property under the Town's zoning and development regulations.

"Estimated Solid Waste Assessment Rate Schedule" means that rate schedule as specified in the Report set forth in Attachment "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, specifying the Solid Waste Assessed Costs and the estimated Solid Waste Assessments.

"Household Waste" means and includes garbage, rubbish, and recovered materials, as those terms are defined in §16-108 of the Code, as may be amended, and recyclable materials as defined in §16-24 of the Code, as may be amended, generated from residential activities and excluding Bulk Waste.

"Report" or "Town of Southwest Ranches Solid Waste Assessment Report" means the report detailing the development of the Solid Waste Assessment

Rates by New Community Strategies amended and revised per Council action dated September 12, 2011.

"Residential Property" means those Assessed Parcels with a DOR Code number on the following list or range: 1 - 9, 63 used as residential, 66 - 69 used as residential, 71 used as residential, or otherwise designated as residential property under the DOR Codes and Use Codes as determined by the Broward County Property Appraiser, in conjunction with the Town's Solid Waste Assessment Study. Residential Property includes single family/duplex as well as single family developed property with multiple dwelling units. Residential Property, for purposes of this Resolution and imposition of Solid Waste Assessments, shall include all parcels with one or more Dwelling Units present on the parcel regardless of the DOR Code number or Use Code assigned to the parcel as determined by the Broward County Property Appraiser in conjunction with the Town's Solid Waste Assessment Study. All Residential Property shall be assessed based on the number of Dwelling Units for Household Waste and based on parcel size for Bulk Waste according to the rate schedule in the Report, by New Community Strategies amended and revised per Council action dated September 12, 2011, as may be modified in the Final Resolution adopted after the September 12, 2013 Public Hearing.

"Vacant/Agricultural Property" means those Assessed Parcels designated as vacant or agricultural in the Property Appraiser's Data Base and that have no dwelling units on the parcel. For purposes of this Resolution, Vacant/Agricultural Property is treated as Commercial or Non-residential Property.

Section 3. Provision and Funding of Solid Waste Services.

A. Upon the imposition of a Solid Waste Assessment for solid waste collection and disposal services, facilities, or programs against Assessed Property located within the Town, solid waste collection and disposal services shall be provided to such Assessed Property. It is the Town's intent to fully fund residential solid waste services, facilities, or programs from proceeds of the Solid Waste Assessments.

B. 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 solid waste services, facilities, and programs in an amount not less than the Solid Waste Assessment imposed against such parcel, computed in the manner set forth in this Final Assessment Resolution.

Section 4. Imposition and Computation of Solid Waste Assessments.

Solid Waste Assessments shall be imposed against all Assessed Parcels according to the applicable property size rate classification as determined by the Broward County Property Appraiser in conjunction with the Town's Solid Waste Assessment Study. Solid Waste Assessments shall be computed and imposed in the manner set forth in this Final Assessment Resolution, more specifically as presented in the Report by New Community Strategies amended and revised per Council action dated September 12, 2011.

Section 5. Legislative Determination of Special Benefit and Fair Apportionment. It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that the solid waste services to be funded by the Solid Waste Assessments provide special benefit to the Assessed Property based upon the following legislative determinations.

A. Upon the adoption of this Initial Assessment Resolution determining the Solid Waste Assessed Costs and identifying the Assessed Property to be included in the Assessment Roll, the legislative determinations of special benefit ascertained and declared in Sections 16-109 and 16-110 of the Code are hereby ratified and confirmed.

B. It is fair and reasonable to use the DOR Codes, Use Codes, number of Dwelling Units, and parcel size data maintained by the Broward County Property Appraiser in the apportionment methodology because: (1) the Tax Roll database employing the use of such property use codes is the most comprehensive, accurate, and reliable information readily available to determine the property use and acreage for property within the Town, and (2) the Tax Roll database employing the use of such property use codes is maintained by the Broward County Property Appraiser and is thus consistent with parcel designations on the Tax Roll. This compatibility permits the development of an Assessment Roll in conformity with the requirements of the Uniform Method of Collection.

C. Where data available from the Broward County Property Appraiser was insufficient, the Town has verified and/or supplemented such data as needed for use in the determination of the Cost Apportionment and the Parcel Apportionment. It is fair and reasonable to use such additional data provided by the Town because such data provides a more accurate and complete record of property use and the structures on property.

D. Apportioning Solid Waste Assessed Costs among residential property based upon studies of demand for service and waste generation quantities by type of waste stream and by service areas within the Town is fair and reasonable and proportional to the special benefit received.

E. The value of Residential Property does not determine the scope of the required solid waste collection and disposal services. The Town has determined that the special benefit to Assessed Parcels and the demand for solid waste services

varies by the type of waste stream. Household Waste has been determined to relate primarily to the number of Dwelling Units on Assessed Parcels. Bulk Waste has been determined to relate primarily to the size of the parcel. Based upon studies conducted for the Town, the relative potential demand for solid waste services to residential properties is driven by the number of dwelling units for Household Waste and the size of the assessed parcel for Bulk Waste.

F. A Solid Waste Services Assessment Report (SWSAR) by New Community Strategies amended and revised per Council action dated September 12, 2011, analyzed waste generation by type of waste and incorporates findings of several studies of waste generation in the Town. Based on such studies, it has been determined that a large portion of the Town's waste stream results from Bulk Waste, which primarily consists of vegetative debris. Given the high rate of Bulk Waste generation in the Town, it is fair and reasonable to separately analyze the costs of and demand for solid waste services by the following types of waste: Household Waste and Bulk Waste.

G. Household Waste is generated relatively consistently on a per dwelling unit basis. Therefore, it is fair and reasonable to assess for costs related to Household Waste based on the number of Dwelling Units on each Assessed Parcel. Such per dwelling unit rates for Household Waste are fair and reasonable and do not exceed the special benefit to Assessed Parcels.

H. Bulk Waste, including but not limited to vegetative debris and livestock waste, generation rates are generally proportionate to the size of the parcel. Waste generation studies have concluded that areas of the Town with larger lots generate substantially greater tonnage of Bulk Waste per parcel than areas of the Town with smaller parcels.

I. It is fair and reasonable to create assessment rate classes for Bulk Waste based on lot square footage ranges identified through analysis of solid waste generation and collection studies performed for the Town. It is fair and reasonable to allocate Bulk Waste assessed costs to each rate class in a manner that increases the share of costs on the assessed parcel as the parcel size increases. Therefore, the proposed Bulk Waste services assessment rates presented in the SWSAR Report are fair and reasonable and do not exceed the special benefit to Assessed Parcels.

Section 6. Determination of Solid Waste Assessed Costs; Establishment of Final Solid Waste Assessment Rates.

A. The Solid Waste Assessed Costs to be assessed and apportioned among benefitted parcels for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 commencing October 1, 2015, is the amount determined in the Solid Waste Assessment worksheet, attached as Attachment "A" to this Resolution. The approval of the Estimated Solid Waste

Assessment Rate Schedule by the adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution determines the amount of the Solid Waste Assessed Costs.

B. The estimated Solid Waste Assessments specified in the Estimated Solid Waste Assessment Rate worksheet are hereby established to fund the specified Solid Waste Assessed Costs determined to be assessed in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 commencing on October 1, 2015.

C. The estimated Solid Waste Assessments established in this Final Assessment Resolution for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shall be the estimated 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 7. Final Assessment Roll.

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 Residential Assessed Parcels within the Assessment Rate Categories. The Town Administrator or Town Financial Administrator shall apportion the estimated Solid Waste Assessed Cost to be recovered through Solid Waste Assessments in the manner set forth in this Final Assessment Resolution and the Report.

A. A copy of this Final Assessment Resolution, documentation related to the estimated amount of the Solid Waste Assessed Cost to be recovered through the imposition of Solid Waste Assessments, and the preliminary 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 preliminary Assessment Roll be in printed form if the amount of the Solid Waste Assessment for each parcel of property can be determined by the use of a computer terminal available to Town staff.

B. It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared that the method of determining the Solid Waste Assessments for residential solid waste services as set forth in this Final Assessment Resolution and the SWSAR report is as represented in Attachment "A" and is a fair and reasonable method of apportioning the Solid Waste Assessed Cost among parcels of Assessed Property located within the Town.

Section 8. Confirming a Final Public Hearing.

The Town Council hereby confirms that a final public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. on September 15, 2015, at the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers, 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida, 33330, at which time the Town Council

received and considered comments on the Solid Waste Service Assessments from the public and affected property owners. Accordingly, the Town Council, at the final public hearing, considered the imposition of a Non-Advalorem Solid Waste Services Assessments and collection of such assessments on the same bill as ad valorem taxes by adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution.

Section 9. Notice by Publication. The Town Council confirms that the Town published a notice of the final public hearing described in Section 10 herein in the manner described in Section 2.6 in the Ordinance. The published notice is attached hereto as Appendix B.

Section 10. 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 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 11. Severability. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or section of this resolution is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of any remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 12. Application of Assessment Proceeds. Proceeds derived by the Town from the Solid Waste Assessments shall be deposited into the Solid Waste Assessment Fund and used for the provision of solid waste 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 solid waste services, facilities, and programs.

Section 13. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 14. Severability. If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 15. 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 Jim Brithon and seconded by Jim McKay.

Nelson Aye
Fisikelli Aye
Breitkreuz Aye
Jablonski Aye
McKay Aye

Ayes 5
Nays 0
Absent 0

Jeff Nelson
Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:
Russell Muñiz
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:
Keith Poliakoff
Keith Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney

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**Town of Southwest Ranches
Proposed FY 2015/2016**

Solid Waste Assessment Worksheet

ATTACHMENT A

Sources:

SWS Contract
Broward County Property Appraiser
Munilytics Consultant Study

Description	Solid Waste & Recycling	Bulk Waste	Total Proposed FY 15/16
% Allocation Direct Expenses Only	66%	34%	

Direct Expenses:

Solid Waste Collection	\$ 291,199	\$ -	\$ 291,199
Recycling Collection	\$ 50,922	\$ -	\$ 50,922
Bulk Waste Collection	\$ -	\$ 109,466	\$ 109,466
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 187,755	\$ -	\$ 187,755
Bulk Waste Disposal	\$ -	\$ 163,132	\$ 163,132
Sub-Total	\$ 529,875	272,598	\$ 802,473

Other Expenses

Statutory Discount	42,956
Collections Cost	42,649
Townwide Personnel/Contractual Costs	185,828
Net Assets Available for Rate Stabilization	26,848
Total Solid Waste Assessment Expenses	\$ 1,100,754

Based On Consultant Study

Assessment	Lot Sq Ft. Range	Number of Units in Range	Solid Waste Cost Per Unit	Bulk Waste Cost Per Parcel	Total Proposed Rates FY 15/16	Total Assessed Rates FY 14/15	Difference: Increase
A	- 41,200	406	286.04	103.61	389.65	387.31	2.34
B	41,201 46,999	419	286.04	123.41	409.45	405.92	3.53
C	47,000 62,999	412	286.04	147.26	433.30	430.34	2.96
D	63,000 95,999	444	286.04	159.80	445.84	443.07	2.77
E	96,000 106,999	441	286.04	183.30	469.34	468.57	0.77
F	107,000 >107,000	419	286.04	223.97	510.01	500.21	9.80

FLA. LOTTERY

SELECTED TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
MIDDAY Cash 1 3-6-3
MIDDAY Play 4 1-9-7-9
High Cash 3 5-2-7
High Play 4 1-9-7-9
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
3 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
3 of 5 \$183,863.7 1
4 of 5 \$12.29 261
2 of 5 \$9 2,589

SAURDAY, AUG. 15
FANTASY 5 3-11-11-23-29
CORRECT PAYOFF WINNERS
3 of 5 \$52,648.99 1
4 of 5 \$190 399
3 of 5 \$9 12,112

LOTTO: 1-13-24-35-39-48 (09) x 25
CORRECT PAYOFF WINNERS
6 of 6 \$9 million 0
5 of 6 \$5,438 0
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.

"Retraining of sleeping giant" from its summer nap, 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.

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."

Local blogger Al Crespo filed an ethics complaint over Trump and Russo not registering as lobbyists while they pursued a potential deal with the county'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.

Legislation
LEGISLATION
Prison population affecting state redistricting fight

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.

transport magnet students who do not live in the designated transportation service zone but are en 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.

There are also special features in place to keep students from spending all of their time on social media. "The Wi-Fi that's installed in these school buses goes through a server that restricts access to non-approved sites," Carvalho said.

Another program for students is the "Flex Stops" program, which will help

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's 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.



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.

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.

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, Commercial, Industrial/Warehouse, Institutional, and Vacant/Agricultural.

Maximum Solid Waste Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
Total Solid Waste Assessment per Parcel will equal the Bulk Waste Assessment Component calculated per residential parcel plus the Household Waste Assessment Component per each residential parcel.

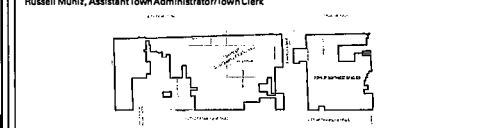
Table with 2 columns: Rate Class (based on parcel size) and Rate per Residential Parcel. Rows include A (less than or equal to 41,200 sq. ft.), B (41,201 - 49,999 sq. ft.), C (50,000 - 67,999 sq. ft.), D (68,000 - 99,999 sq. ft.), E (100,000 - 109,999 sq. ft.), and F (110,000 sq. ft. and larger).

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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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 prisons 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.

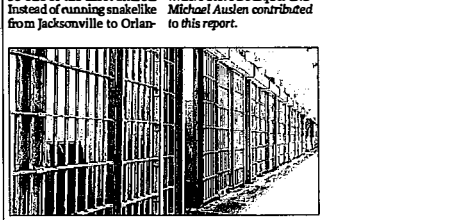
Brown's district is set to be one of the most altered. Instead of running snake-like from Jacksonville to Orlando, it will go east-west from Jacksonville to Tallahassee. Like all of Florida's districts, it would have 696,345 people, but 12,000 of those people would be in some sort of correctional facility, 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.



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

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