

RESOLUTION 2019-062

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, URGING ITS CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MINIMIZE THE COMMERCIAL AIR TRAFFIC OVER THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES AND TO MAXIMIZE THE ALTITUDE OF COMMERCIAL AIR TRAFFIC OVER THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES APPROACHING AND DEPARTING FROM THE FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches (the "Town") lies 9.19 statute miles due west of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, from the Town's eastern boundary to the airport's western boundary, and the approach to the airport's runways is directly over the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (the "FAA") is the federal agency responsible for the management, operation, and control of the airspace for aviation over the United States, including over the Town; and

WHEREAS, the FAA is implementing NextGen, a switch to a satellite-based navigation system that is more precise than traditional ground-based navigation aids and will enable the FAA to create optimum routes anywhere in the National Airspace System (NAS) for departure, cruising altitude, approach and arrival operations, that can reduce flying times, fuel use, and aircraft exhaust emissions while getting passengers to their destinations at more predictable times; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has initiated the South-Central Florida Metroplex, that includes the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, to redesign airspace and address inefficiencies, introduce new performance based navigation procedures, and make use of Time Based Flow Management to make the Florida Metroplex airspace more efficient and improve access to its airports; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has initiated the 14 CFR Part 71 Proposed Amendment of the Miami, FL, Class B Airspace; and the Fort Lauderdale, FL, Class C Airspace, wherein the Class C airspace in the vicinity of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport would extend 25 nautical miles to the east and 20 nautical miles to the west from the current 10 nautical miles in both directions, with the ceiling remaining at 4,000 feet; and

WHEREAS, Broward County, through its Board of County Commissioners, owns and operates the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and has initiated the CFR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study to evaluate aircraft noise compatibility of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport with the local communities; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town are concerned about the altitude and frequency of commercial air traffic over the Town approaching and departing from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and its impact on their quality of life.

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

Section 1: The foregoing recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2: The Town Council urges Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Rick Scott, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to use its best efforts to minimize the commercial air traffic over the Town and to maximize the altitude of commercial air traffic over the Town approaching and departing from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, and to assure that the residents of the Town have the opportunity to offer public comment through the federal rulemaking process prior to the FAA making any changes that may impact the airspace over the Town, which could adversely affecting the quality of life of the Town's residents.

Section 3: The Town Clerk, is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Rick Scott, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, the FAA Southern Regional Administrator, and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4: The appropriate Town officials are authorized to execute all necessary documents and to take any necessary action to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Section 5: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

Ranches, Florida, this 12th day of September, 2019, on a motion by

Mr Schroeder and seconded by *Mr Jablonski*.

McKay	<u><i>yes</i></u>	Ayes	<u><i>4</i></u>
Jablonski	<u><i>yes</i></u>	Nays	<u><i>0</i></u>
Fisikelli	<u><i>vacant</i></u>	Absent	<u><i>0</i></u>
Hartmann	<u><i>yes</i></u>	Abstaining	<u><i>0</i></u>
Schroeder	<u><i>yes</i></u>		

Doug McKay
Doug McKay, Mayor

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

Approved as to Form and Correctness:
Keith Poliakoff
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