

**RESOLUTION 2019-059**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CREATION OF THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), BUT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE AMENDMENT DOES NOT GOT INTO EFFECT UNTIL AND UNLESS ALL MEMBER CITIES BE GRANTED AN EQUAL VOTE; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO SEND A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL AFFECTED PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Fourth Amendment would allow the four Broward County Commissioners who sit on the MPO Board to have dedicated alternates (who are also County Commissioners) who would be able to vote at MPO meetings when one or more of the primary County Commissioners are absent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southwest Ranches supports this Fourth Amendment, but such amendment would mean that the MPO would usually have a quorum, which would mean that the Town would never have a vote; and

**WHEREAS**, with the passage of this amendment, the Town believes that it is critical for all member cities to be full voting members regardless of population size or District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southwest Ranches is one of the largest municipalities in Broward, by way of land mass, but has no vote on the MPO; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the MPO is limited to 25 total members by Florida Statute 339.175(3); and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO should actively work to amend State Statute to reflect MPOs in larger Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Town as well as the residents of the other 12 "Alternate Member" cities pay taxes that fund County operations including the MPO; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Alternate Member" cities deserve a voice in transportation planning projects that affect its own residents as well as the financing of transportation projects prioritized by the MPO; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town supports the fourth amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, but respectfully requests that it not go into effect until and unless the Alternate Members are given a right to vote.

**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 supports the Fourth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the creation of the Broward MPO and urge the MPO to amend Rule 1.01 and 2.01.1, but respectfully requests that it not go into effect until and unless the Alternate Members are given a right to vote.

**Section 3:** The Town Clerk, is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to County Mayor Mark Bogen and each County Commssioner, MPO Executive Gregory Stuart, each current representative of the Broward County MPO, and the leadership of the Florida Legislature.

**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:** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

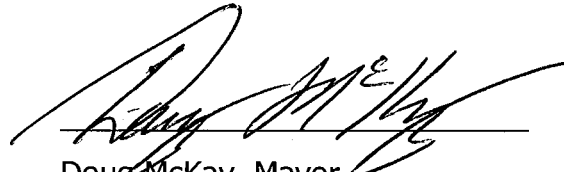
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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest

Ranches, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, on a motion by

C/M Schroeder and seconded by V/M Jablonski.

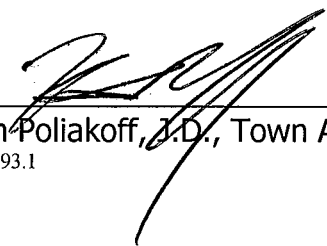
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Jablonski	<u>Yes</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Fisikelli	<u>Vacant</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Hartmann	<u>Yes</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Schroeder	<u>Yes</u>		

  
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Doug McKay, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

  
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Keith Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney  
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