

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-006

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA ENDORSING SENATE BILL 1000/HOUSE BILL 365, ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY SALES SURTAXES AND OFFSETTING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Loxahatchee Groves is elected by the people of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves to provide for safe and effective fire rescue and emergency medical services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves recognizes that public safety is often greater than fifty percent (50%) of a municipality's budget and that the budget derives the majority of its revenues through the imposition of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves recognizes that residents are demanding alternatives to ad valorem (property) taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves Town Council desires to assist its citizens by reducing ad valorem property taxes for its residents while maintaining a high level of service the citizens have come to expect; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves recognizes that the current economy demands that funding for fire rescue and emergency medical services be diversified and this diversification is essential to maintain a safe level of service for the residents and visitors of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves recognizes the proposed Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 provides for mandatory inter-local agreements with condition precedent to an election with departments covering fifty (50%) of municipal population; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves recognizes the proposed Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 allow for surtax not to exceed one percent (1%) and includes a corresponding reduction in ad valorem taxes that will assist residence with lower property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves recognizes the proposed Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 provides for a referendum of the public on a county by county basis; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves recognizes the proposed Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 provides for a regional service coordinator shall be responsible for the development and administration of the inter-local agreement(s) authorized by this act.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are confirmed and ratified as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida endorses Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 and urges all members of the State of Florida Legislature to vote in favor of this legislation.

Section 3. That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Florida, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, all members of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, and the members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. Severability. If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part or application shall be considered as eliminated and so not affecting the validity of the remaining portions or applications remaining in full force and effect.

Section 5. Conflicts. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflicts hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effective immediately upon its passage.

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ADOPTED by the Town Council of the TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, this 7th day of April, 2009.

ATTEST:

Matthew Lippman
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA

David Browning
Mayor David Browning

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Vice Mayor Dennis Lipp

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Council Member

Ryan Bell
Council Member

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