

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, IN FURTHERANCE OF FLORIDA STATUTORY SECTION 316.006 2(a), CLOSING VEHICULAR ACCESS TO S.W. 185TH WAY AND 186TH AVENUE NORTH OF 63RD STREET; S.W. 188TH AVENUE AT 63RD STREET; S.W. 54TH AND 57TH STREETS AT THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE GRIFFIN 345 PLAT; PROVIDING A PUBLIC PURPOSE FOR THE ROAD CLOSURES; AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF THE EFFECTIVE DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town is the legal owner of those portions of S.W. 185th Way, 186th Avenue, S.W. 188th Avenue, S.W. 54th Street, and S.W. 57th Street Avenue, which lie within Town of Southwest Ranches' boundary (hereinafter collectively the "Roads"); and

WHEREAS, these local roads are void of any traffic signals and were created solely to service a rural residential community and its equestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, due to the Roads' connection with arterial roadways, the Town has seen a significant increase in the vehicular use of the Roads; and

WHEREAS, in part, due to the Roads' long uninterrupted expanse, motorists commonly treat the Roads as speedways and fail to abide by any of the traffic rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town has had numerous reports of residents relating to hazardous encounters and near misses caused by vehicles speeding down the Roads; and

WHEREAS, after analyzing the various options, and the recommendations of the Town's Traffic Engineer, the Town has determined that in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents that the Roads need to be closed; and

WHEREAS, the Town has found that there will be no adverse economic impact caused by the Roads' closure and that the Roads do not service a commercial facility.

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

Section 1: The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby ratified and confirmed by the Town Council.

Section 2: That, at duly noticed public hearings held on April 14th, 2005 and May 19th, 2005, the Town Council, having considered the evidence submitted, the analysis of the Town Staff, and comments from interested parties, upon a motion duly made and acted upon, has determined that closing vehicular traffic to S.W. 185th Way and 186th Avenue North of 63rd Street, S.W. 188th Avenue at 63rd Street, and S.W. 54th and 57th Streets at the Eastern Boundary of the Griffin 345 Plat is in the public interest and that the road closure is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town's residents and to preserve the rural nature of the community.

Section 3: The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Administrator to take whatever actions are necessary to facilitate the closing of the Roads following the conclusion of the school year and after working with the residents of the Griffin 345 Plat to ensure their ingress and egress to the Griffin 345 Plat from Griffin Road.

Section 4. The Town Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance and the appropriate Town officials are hereby authorized to execute said documents.

Section 5. The Town Clerk is hereby directed, if necessary, to record a copy of this Ordinance in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

Section 6. Conflicts. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. Severability. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence or section of this Ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of any remaining portions of this Ordinance.


Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 14th day of April, 2005 on a motion made by Council Member Knight and seconded by Vice Mayor Blanton.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this 19th day of May, 2005, on a motion made by Council Member Maines and seconded by Vice Mayor Blanton.

Fink	<u>Y</u>
Knight	<u>A</u>
Blanton	<u>Y</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>

Ayes	<u>4</u>
Nays	<u>0</u>
Absent or Abstaining	<u>1</u>



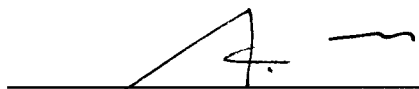
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney
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