

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, CREATING A DISTRICTING ADVISORY BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SAID BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 2.04(b) of the Charter of the Town of Southwest Ranches provides that,

“... Subsequent to the decennial census of 2000, but at least 6 months before the qualifying period for the municipal election of 2002, the Council shall divide the Town into four residential districts which shall be as nearly equal in population as practicable. The Council shall designate each of the districts one of the numbers 1 through 4. Each seat number shall correspond with a residential district number. Beginning with the municipal election of 2002, and for each election thereafter, the four members of the Council other than the Mayor must be electors of the Town and residents of the particular residential district on the date on which they qualify for election...”; and

WHEREAS, the decennial census of 2000 having been completed, the Town Council is desirous of initiating the process for creating the Districts for the 2002 election; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous to solicit the assistance and input of the citizens of the Town of Southwest Ranches in the process.

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

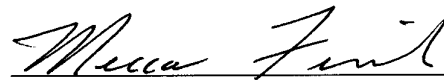
Section 1: Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: There is hereby created a Districting Advisory Board consisting of nine (9) members. Each member of the Town Council shall have the right to appoint one member to the Districting Advisory Board, with rights of removal with or without cause. After the individual members of the Town Council select their choices for the Districting Advisory Board, the members of the Town Council shall nominate other individuals to serve as members of the Districting Advisory Board, at a Meeting of the Town Council. Thereafter, each member of the Town Council shall cast his/her vote for four (4) additional members from those nominated. The four nominees receiving the highest plurality of votes cast shall serve. In the event of a tie vote, the members shall cast votes to break the tie. Those members of the Districting Advisory Board elected by the Town Council can be removed, with or without cause, by the Town Council, which shall elect their replacements. The nine (9) members shall select from among themselves a chairperson. The goal of the Districting Advisory Board shall be to consult with experts familiar with the districting process and to bring to the Town Council

alternative district recommendations. The recommendations of the Districting Advisory Board are advisory in nature, and as such the Town Council shall be free in its own judgment and discretion to accept a plan recommended by the Districting Advisory Board or to reject any and all of the Districting Advisory Board's recommendations and to select a districting plan which it, in its sole discretion, determines to be in the best interest of the Town.

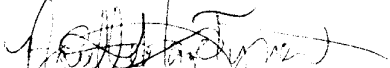
Section 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 8th day of February, 2001.




Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



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