

RESOLUTION No. 2002-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, CREATING PER SECTION 7.03 OF THE TOWN CHARTER A CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SAID BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches Charter Section 7.03 states, "The Council shall appoint a Charter Review Committee, which shall contain at least five registered electors who are residents of the Town and whose responsibilities shall include the review and analysis of the Charter and recommendations to the Council of proposed Charter amendments, including, without limitation, issues such as District voting versus town-wide elections for Council members. All recommendations of the Charter Review Committee shall be considered by the Council at least once every 4 years, and the Council may by ordinance propose amendments to this Charter upon recommendation of the Charter Review Committee. Upon passage of the initiating ordinance, the Council shall submit the proposed amendments to a vote of the electors for the Town at the next general election held within the Town or at a special election called for such purpose".

WHEREAS, a review of charter review committee action within other municipalities within Broward County has been conducted by the Town Administrator; and

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

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 Charter Review Advisory Committee consisting of nine (9) members. Each member of the Town Council shall have the right to appoint one member to the Charter Review Advisory Committee, with rights of removal with or without cause. The additional four (4) members are to be chosen by a drawing from residents that submit their names as a volunteer on the committee. The nine (9) members shall select from among themselves a chairperson.


The goal of the Board shall be to consult with experts familiar with charter review and other residents. Presentation report, including charter review change recommendations, shall be presented to Council.

The recommendations of the Charter Review Advisory Committee 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 Charter Review Advisory Committee or to reject any and all of the Advisory Committee's recommendations and to select changes which, in its sole discretion, it determines to be in the best interest of the Town.

Section 3: The Council shall select Charter Review Advisory Committee members on April 10, 2003. Presentation report shall be provided to Town Council by October 9, 2003. Council shall review recommendations and adopt an ordinance of changes to be sent to the Supervisor of Elections by December 31, 2003. Changes, if any, will be on the general election ballot of March 9, 2004 and / or November 9, 2004, as shall be determined at the discretion of the Town Council.

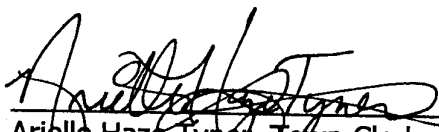
Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 10th day of January, 2002.



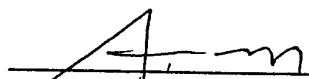
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



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