

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO. 98- 5

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF FORT MYERS BEACH urging the 1998 Florida Legislature to pass SB 1510 which authorizes a change in the mandatory language of the Truth In Millage Notices; and providing for an effective date.

WHEREAS municipalities such as the Town of Fort Myers Beach are obligated to inform their residents of upcoming changes in the tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the language included in those notices are mandated and can not be modified or altered and,

WHEREAS, the current mandated language does not clearly distinguish between true increases in taxes and other tax levies which do not raise taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this legislation is an attempt to clarify the mandated language so as to assist the public and their ability to evaluate and understand the impacts of their anticipated tax burden; and, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA:

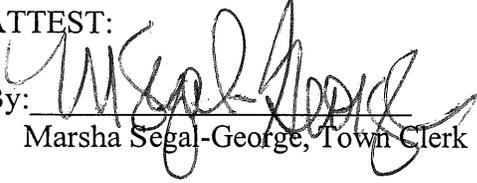
1. The Council supports legislative efforts to provide more clear and coherent mandated language to be used in the Notices of an upcoming tax levy, and urges the Legislature to pass into law SB 1510 as introduced.
2. The Council authorizes and directs the Town Manager to furnish copies of this Resolution to our State Legislative Delegation, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of Florida House of Representatives.
3. Effective Date.
This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion and second and, upon being put to a vote, the result was a follows:

Anita T. Cereceda	<u>aye</u>
Ted FitzSimons	<u>aye</u>
John Mulholland	<u>aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>aye</u>
Ray Murphy	<u>aye</u>

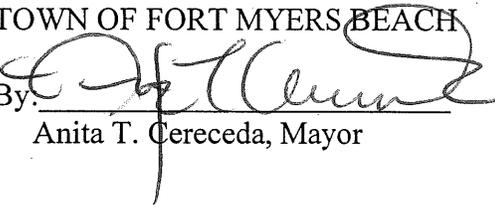
DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 1998

ATTEST:

By: 

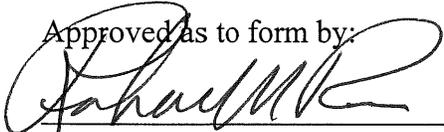
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By: 

Anita T. Cereceda, Mayor

Approved as to form by:



Richard V. S. Roosa, Town Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE

From: Missy

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to notices of tax levies; amending s. 200.065, F.S.; revising the notice that must be published by taxing authorities other than school districts if they tentatively adopt a millage rate in excess of 100 percent of the rolled-back rate; redesignating the document as a notice of tax levy, rather than a notice of proposed tax increase; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislaturc of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 200.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

200.065 Method of fixing millage.--

(3) The advertisement shall be no less than one-quarter page in size of a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type no smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or in a geographically limited insert of such newspaper. The geographic boundaries in which such insert is circulated shall include the geographic boundaries of the taxing authority. It is the legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than 5 days a week, or that the advertisement appear in a geographically limited insert of

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1 such newspaper which insert is published throughout the taxing
 2 authority's jurisdiction at least twice each week. It is
 3 further the legislative intent that the newspaper selected be
 4 one of general interest and readership in the community and
 5 not one of limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 30.

6 (a) For taxing authorities other than school districts
 7 which have tentatively adopted a millage rate in excess of 100
 8 percent of the rolled-back rate computed pursuant to
 9 subsection (1), the advertisement shall be in the following
 10 form:

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 12 NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE
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14 The ...(name of the taxing authority)... has
 15 tentatively adopted a ~~measure to increase its property tax~~
 16 levy for the fiscal year beginning October 1, ...(year)...

17 Your actual taxes are determined by applying the
 18 ...(name of taxing authority)... adopted millage against the
 19 taxable value of your property.

20 The ...(name of taxing authority)... millage last year
 21 was: ...(taxing authority's adopted millage for previous
 22 year)....

23 The ...(name of taxing authority)... millage for this
 24 year is proposed to be: ...(taxing authority's proposed
 25 millage)....

26 The proposed millage is ...(increased/decreased)... by
 27 ...%.

28 The ...(name of taxing authority)... collected ad
 29 valorem tax revenues last year of \$

30 The ...(name of taxing authority)... proposes to
 31 collect ad valorem tax revenues this year of \$

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The proposed ad valorem tax revenues are an
... (increase/decrease) ... of \$....

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax rate increase to be held on ...(date and time)... at ...(meeting place)....

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax rate increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Amends the notice that must be published by a taxing authority other than a school district which has tentatively adopted a millage rate in excess of 100 percent of the rolled-back rate. Redesignates the notice of proposed tax increase as a notice of tax levy and amends the format of the notice accordingly.

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