

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 98- 22

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH,  
FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE RESPONSIBLE  
GROWTH MANAGEMENT COALITION CONTESTING THE REZONING  
OF ESTERO RIVER BAY; PROVIDING SUPPORT; REQUEST FOR  
RECONSIDERATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Myers Beach has a vested interest in maintaining and enhancing the quality and productivity of the coastal waters of Southwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, a substantial part of the economy, property values, recreational activities and aesthetic qualities that form the character of the Town are dependent upon these coastal waters; and

WHEREAS, activities that occur inland are major determinants of the quality and productivity of the coastal waters; and

WHEREAS, Pine Island Sound, Matlacha Pass, San Carlos Bay, the Caloosahatchee River and Estero Bay are all interconnected and interdependent parts of the coastal ecosystem of Southwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners has doubled the allowable zoning density on the property now known as Estero River Bay adjacent to Estero Bay; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of large tracts of land surrounding Estero Bay to high intensity urban uses is detrimental to the quality and productivity of the coastal waters of Estero Bay and adjacent coastal waters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida:

Section 1. Support. The Town of Fort Myers Beach hereby supports the lawsuit filed by the Responsible Growth Management Coalition, The Citizens Association of Bonita Beach, Save the Manatee Club, and the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida and the intervening organizations (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Southwest Florida Audubon) contesting the rezoning of Estero River Bay.

Section 2. Request for Reconsideration. The Town of Fort Myers Beach hereby urges the Lee County Board of County Commissioners to reconsider its position regarding this and other rezoning requests which place undue stress upon the environment.

Section 3. Effective date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Anita T. Cereceda	<u>aye</u>
Daniel Hughes	<u>aye</u>
John Mulholland	<u>aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>aye</u>
Ray Murphy	<u>aye</u>

DULY ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1998.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By: Marsha Segal-George

Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

By: Anita T. Cereceda

Anita T. Cereceda, Mayor

Approved as to form by

Richard V.S. Roosa  
Richard V.S. Roosa, Town Attorney