

1. Requested Motion:

Meeting Date: 8/19/13

Motion to approve Resolution 13-15, National Flood Insurance Reform Act.

Why the action is necessary: The Resolution urges the U.S. Congress to take action to prevent catastrophic flood insurance rate increases.

What the action accomplishes: Authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute the Resolution.

2. Agenda:

3. Requirement/Purpose:

4. Submitter of Information:

Consent
 Administrative

Resolution
 Ordinance
 Other

Council
 Town Staff
 Town Attorney

5. Background: The Town has been made aware that coastal communities, like the Town of Fort Myers Beach, will experience dramatic increases in flood insurance premiums if the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 is not repealed or its effective date delayed. The Resolution urges the U.S. Congress, and specifically those members who represent the Southwest Florida area, to take immediate action to repeal or delay the effectiveness of that legislation.

6. Alternative Action: Do not adopt the resolution.

7. Management Recommendations: Approve the resolution.

8. Recommended Approval:

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Parks & Recreation Director	Town Clerk
						

9. Council Action:

Approved Denied Deferred Other

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO DELAY OR REPEAL THE FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2012; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2012, the United States Congress passed the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, also known as the Biggert Waters Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act's stated purpose was to make the Federal Flood Insurance Program financially sound; and

WHEREAS, as real property owners in the Town of Fort Myers Beach and other areas of the Nation have discovered that the Biggert Waters Act imposes unreasonable flood base elevation requirements and unreasonable increases to flood insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, due to the new parameters established by the Biggert Waters Act and FEMA's revised advisory base flood elevations, citizens are being faced with significant increases in flood insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, these parameters will have a devastating financial effect on the local economy and on real property owners in the Town of Fort Myers Beach and Lee County; and

WHEREAS, Senators Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and David Vitter (R-VA) recently introduced an amendment that would delay the flood insurance premiums for the countless affected people across the nation; and

WHEREAS, a vote on the amendment was blocked by Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) who stated that he did not want citizens in 'low risk' areas to subsidize those located in 'high risk' areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The Town Council, on behalf of the citizens of Fort Myers Beach, hereby expresses its profound disappointment that Senator Pat Toomey blocked a vote that would delay increases in flood insurance premiums.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby urges the United States Congress, and specifically Florida Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio and U.S. Representative Trey Radel to take immediate action to delay or repeal those portions of the Act that impose a punitive and unjust financial burden on coastal real property owners as a result of the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and FEMA's revised Base Flood Elevation Maps.

Section 3. The Town Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to United States Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA), United States Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA), United States Senator David Vitter (R-VA), United States Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL), United States Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), and Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

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

Alan Mandel, Mayor	aye/nay
Joe Kosinski, Vice Mayor	aye/nay
Jo List, Councilmember	aye/nay
Dan Andre, Councilmember	aye/nay
Bob Raymond, Councilmember	aye/nay

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2013, BY THE
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

ATTEST:

By: _____
Alan Mandel, Mayor

By: _____
Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Fowler White Boggs, PA