

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 045**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIANA WASSERMAN-RUBIN TO SEEK THE REMOVAL OF 172 AVENUE FROM THE TRAFFIC WAYS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE REMOVAL OF 172 AVENUE FROM THE TRAFFIC WAYS PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature formed the Town of Southwest Ranches to preserve the lifestyle of one of Broward County's remaining rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, to promote the edict of the Florida Legislature, the Town must sometimes take certain actions that divert from plans embraced by neighboring communities; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2001, the Town Council approved Resolution 2001-21, which turned down \$8.9 million in County funding for the widening of Dykes Road from two lanes to four lanes with a turn lane; and

**WHEREAS**, although the County's funding offer was generous, the Town Council felt that the widening of Dykes Road would fail to preserve the lifestyle of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town believes that certain existing roadway plans and programs will negatively effect the community and it has already seen the impact of the high volume and speed of traffic on Dykes Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has further seen the impact of truck traffic, new County bus routes (not requested by Town), increased traffic volume and traffic speed on 172 Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of these roadways have been caused solely by the surrounding communities and not by the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the surrounding communities have alternative viable existing options through the use of I-75, US 27, and, in the near future, the use of Griffin Road and Sheridan Street, which is being widened from two to four lanes; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14 2001, the Town Council passed Resolution 2001-68 seeking the removal of 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from the traffic ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was later withdrawn because the initial purpose of the application had been resolved; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town to create a roadway system in the Town that is safe, has reduced traffic volume, reduced traffic speed, and ensures the health, safety and welfare of the Town's residents.

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

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

**Section 2.** The Town Council hereby respectfully requests County Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin to seek the removal of 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from the traffic ways program.

**Section 3.** The Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Attorney are authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate the removal of 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from the traffic ways program.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005, on a motion by Vice Mayor Aster Knight and seconded by Council Member Don Maines.

Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Blanton	<u>Y</u>	Absent or	
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>		

**[Signatures Appear on Following Page]**

Mecca Fink  
Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shari Canada  
Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

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