

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 97- 32

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA,  
PLACING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CHARTER FOR REFERENDUM  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Myers Beach, incorporated under Chapter 95-494,  
Laws of Florida, which by Section 13.03, provides for the appointment of a five- member  
charter review commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council appointed such a commission and the commission  
held public hearings and presented proposed changes to the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a minimum of two public hearings on  
proposed changes; and ,

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted an ordinance Proposing An Amendment  
To The Charter Subject To Referendum, Imposing A 3% Utility Tax For The Purchase  
Of Real Property.

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

Section 1. Placing proposed changes on scheduled election ballot. The Town Council  
hereby places the following proposed changes to the Town Charter on the scheduled  
election ballot:

TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENTS

1. A Town Charter Amendment changing the election of the members of the council  
from at large to only by electors residing in single member districts.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

Yes \_\_\_  
No \_\_\_

Currently the council members are elected by all of the voters. If the change is approved  
the Town would be divided into five districts and each district would elect one council  
member.

2. A Town Charter Amendment authorizing the council to impose a tax of three percent  
upon the purchase of electricity and restricting the use of the revenue to acquisition of  
real estate within the town.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

Yes

No

While the Town Council could, without voter approval, impose the tax, this amendment would restrict the use of the tax only to the purchase of real estate located within the Town.

3. A Town Charter Amendment changing the requirement of a referendum, prior to issuance of revenue bonds or prior to entering a lease purchase contract, to two public hearings.

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

Yes

No

Currently the voters must approve any borrowing or lease with option extending more than three years. This amendment would permit the council, without voters approval, to pledge revenues other than property taxes. Council action could only be taken after holding two public hearings.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council.

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>
Ted FitzSimons	<u>absent</u>
William (Rusty) Isler	<u>aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>aye</u>
Ray Murphy	<u>aye</u>

DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of September, 1997.

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