

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 7, 2008

Consent Regular
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: **ADMINISTRATION**

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file:

A) Resolution No. 96-2008 of the City of Boca Raton expressing concerns over the large population of green iguanas in the City and requesting that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission enact regulations governing the possession, distribution and release of green iguanas within the State;

B) Resolution No. 3204 of the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida, urging the 2009 Florida Legislature to equalize funding based on population to provide each region of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of State funding; and

C) Resolution No. 08-08-01 of the Town of Pembroke Park, Florida, urging the Florida Legislature to equalize funding based on population to provide each region of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of State funding.

Summary: N/A

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments: Original Documents

Recommended By: _____

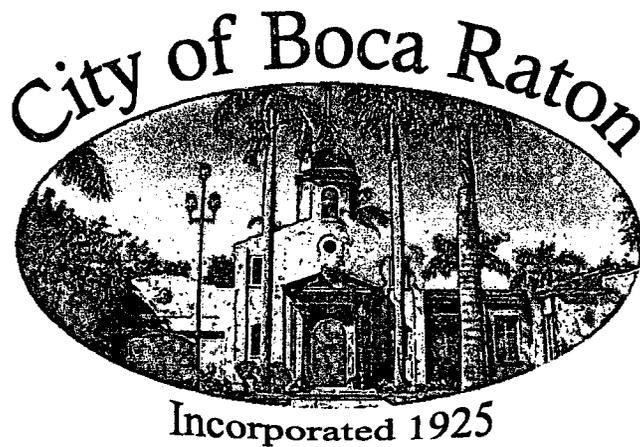
Patty Handle
Agenda Coordinator

9/18/08
Date

Approved By: _____

N/A
Assistant County Administrator

Date



RESOLUTION

96-2008

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2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOCA RATON
3 EXPRESSING CONCERNS OVER THE LARGE
4 POPULATION OF GREEN IGUANAS IN THE CITY AND
5 REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE
6 CONSERVATION COMMISSION ENACT REGULATIONS
7 GOVERNING THE POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION AND
8 RELEASE OF GREEN IGUANAS WITHIN THE STATE;
9 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR
10 REPEALER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
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12 WHEREAS, the City of Boca Raton has become home to a large population of green
13 iguanas, as have other cities in the region, with said population rapidly expanding; and

14 WHEREAS, the large South Florida population of free roaming green iguanas, an
15 invasive species, is largely the result of the pet trade and owners who have released or allowed
16 the green iguanas to escape; and

17 WHEREAS, free roaming green iguanas often destroy gardens and landscaping; dig
18 burrows that undermine sidewalks, foundations and seawalls; cause damage to property; and
19 create sanitary nuisances within the City; and

1 WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution vests the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
2 Commission with the authority and responsibility to regulate wild animal life such as the green
3 iguana; and

4 WHEREAS, the City of Boca Raton, therefore, has limited authority to control the
5 possession, distribution, release and propagation of green iguanas within its borders; now
6 therefore

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8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOCA
9 RATON:

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11 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Boca Raton wishes to express their
12 concerns to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regarding the widespread
13 population of green iguanas within the City and the region and requests that the Commission
14 designate green iguanas as "Reptiles of Concern" under the Florida Administrative Code or
15 enact appropriate rules and regulations designed to control the possession, distribution, release
16 and propagation of green iguanas throughout the State.

17 Section 2. The City Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Florida Fish and
18 Wildlife Conservation Commission, Governor Charlie Crist, members of the Cabinet, members
19 of the Palm Beach County Delegation of the Florida Legislature, the Palm Beach County Board
20 of County Commissioners, the Florida League of Cities and the Palm Beach County League of
21 Cities.

22 Section 3. If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this resolution is held
23 invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

24 Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and
25 hereby are repealed.

26 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Boca Raton this 26th
day of August, 2008.

CITY OF BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Sharma Hagerty
Sharma Hagerty, City Clerk

Susan Wheelchel
Susan Wheelchel, Mayor

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COUNCIL VOTE			
	YES	NO	ABSTAINED
MAYOR SUSAN WHELCHER	✓	/	
DEPUTY MAYOR PETER R. BARONOFF	✓	/	
COUNCIL MEMBER M. J. MIKE ARTS	✓	/	
COUNCIL MEMBER BILL HAGER	✓	/	
COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN HAYNIE	✓	/	

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2008-R-35

RESOLUTION NO. 3204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA URGING THE 2009 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of approximately \$66 billion; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal year 2008-2009 budget cut approximately \$5 billion from the previous year's budget of more than \$71 billion; and

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach Counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Miami Herald concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 million back, resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach County in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than a half billion dollars between what the

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people of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these three counties receive back in state services and programs; and

WHEREAS, state funding probably can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to provide each different region of the state its fair share of state funding;

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines believes that equitable distribution of state funding based on population, as set forth herein, is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are confirmed and ratified as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Commission for the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida hereby urges the 2009 Florida Legislature to provide to each region of the State of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of State funding based on population.

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Section 3. The City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors, Chairs and members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. If any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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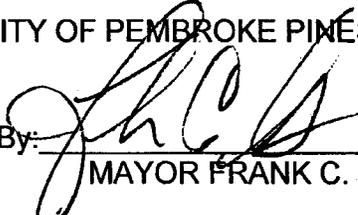
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2008.

ATTEST:

 8/20/08

JUDITH A. NEUGENT, CITY CLERK

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA

By: 

MAYOR FRANK C. ORTIS

ORTIS _____ AYE

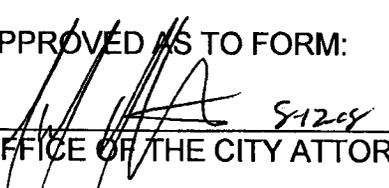
CASTILLO _____ AYE

McCLUSKEY _____ AYE

SHECHTER _____ AYE

SIPLE _____ AYE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 8/20/08

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY



RESOLUTION NO. 08-08-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, IT'S FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING; SUPERSEDING CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-09 of approximately \$66 billion; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal year 2008-09 budget cut approximately \$5 billion from the previous year's budget of more than \$71 billion; and

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Miami Herald concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 billion back, resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach County in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than a half billion dollars between what the people of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these three counties receive back in state services and programs; and

WHEREAS, state funding probably can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to provide each different region of the state its fair share of state funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: The Pembroke Park Town Commission urges the Florida Legislature to provide each region of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of state funding.

Section 2: The Pembroke Park Town Commission directs the Clerk Commissioner to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County

Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors, Chairs and members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Section 3: That the Town Commission directs the Town's representatives in Tallahassee to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2009 state legislative package.

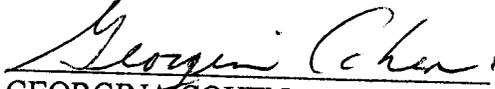
Section 4: That all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August, A.D., 2008.


EMMA SHOAFF
Mayor-Commissioner

ATTESTED:


GEORGINA COHEN
Clerk-Commissioner

