

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: May 18, 2010

Consent       Regular  
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: ADMINISTRATION

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file:** Resolution No. R-12-10 of the Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores, Florida, expressing opposition to the proposed Palm Beach County 1% Fire Rescue Sales Surtax; memorializing the Town Commission's decision to decline participation with Palm Beach County in a proposed Interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County which a majority of fire rescue providers must execute as a condition precedent to the matter being considered by County electors; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

Summary: N/A

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments: Original Document

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Recommended By: Patty Arnold      5/4/10  
Agenda Coordinator      Date

Approved By: Bulafem      5/5/10  
Assistant County Administrator      Date

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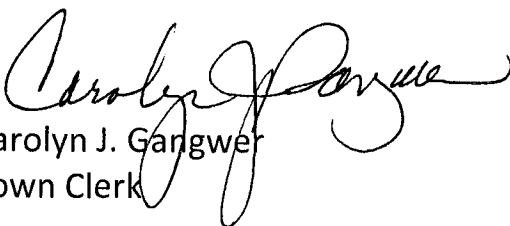
Town Clerk  
Carolyn J. Gangwer

April 23, 2010

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution R-12-10, as adopted by the Town Commission at their regular meeting, April 19, 2010.

This Resolution expresses the Town's opposition to the proposed Palm Beach County 1% Fire Rescue Sales Surtax. Please provide this information to your elected officials.

Thank you,

  
Carolyn J. Gangwer  
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**RESOLUTION NO. R-12-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED PALM BEACH COUNTY 1% FIRE RESCUE SALES SURTAX; MEMORIALIZING THE TOWN COMMISSION'S DECISION TO DECLINE PARTICIPATION IN A PROPOSED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY WHICH A MAJORITY OF FIRE RESCUE PROVIDERS MUST EXECUTE AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE MATTER BEING CONSIDERED BY COUNTY ELECTORS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, at its April 6 meeting, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners voted to place on the August 24, 2010 primary ballot a referendum question which, if approved by county electors, would allow for a one percent county sales surtax to fund Palm Beach County fire rescue services from participating providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the participation by a majority of all county fire rescue service providers in an interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County for the collection and distribution of said surtax is a condition precedent to the matter being placed before the county electors for consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, if adopted by the county electors, said surtax would be in lieu of ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments which are currently collected for fire rescue services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Palm Beach Shores is a fire rescue service provider, and has, historically, successfully funded its volunteer fire rescue services by means of ad valorem levies and/or non-ad valorem assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous issues and questions regarding the proposed surtax exist, including but not limited to the relative volatility of sales tax revenue compared to property tax revenue, the proposed method of surtax collection and the equity of the proposed method of distribution to participating providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission, having thoroughly studied and discussed the proposed surtax, has determined that its imposition would not be a benefit to the Town or to those who utilize the Town's fire rescue services; and

**WHEREAS**, at its April 19, 2010 commission meeting, the Town Commission discussed this issue and agreed that it would not become a party to the requisite interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County and would not participate in the proposed surtax.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores hereby expresses its opposition to the proposal of Palm Beach County to institute a 1% sales surtax for the purpose of funding Palm Beach County fire rescue services, the proceeds of which surtax, if approved, must be in lieu of any ad valorem taxes and/or non-ad valorem assessments for fire rescue services that are currently collected by the Town.

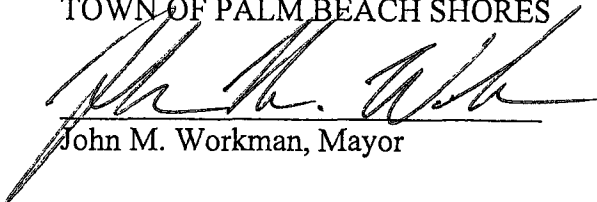
**SECTION 2:** The Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores hereby memorializes its decision to decline participation in a proposed interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County which a majority of fire rescue providers must execute as a condition precedent to the surtax being considered for approval by county electors.

**SECTION 3:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

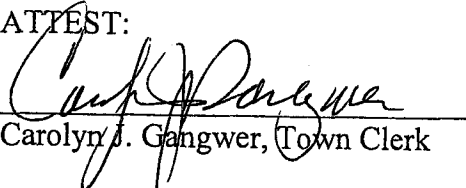
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES

(SEAL)

  
John M. Workman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Carolyn J. Gangwer, Town Clerk