

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 4, 2017

Consent **Regular**
 Ordinance **Public Hearing**

Department:

Submitted By and For: ADMINISTRATION

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: Resolution No. 12-17: a Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Tequesta, Florida, expressing support for the extension of the "Minimum Speed/No Wake Zone" in the Indian River Lagoon Intracoastal Waterway north from the C.R. 707 Bridge to the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park for a distance of 0.8 mile; directing the Village Manager to do all things necessary to effectuate the intent of the Village Council as expressed herein; directing the Village Clerk to provide copies of this Resolution to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Palm Beach County, the towns of Jupiter and Jupiter Inlet Colony, and the Marine Industry Association of Palm Beach County; providing an effective date; and for other purposes.

Summary: It is the policy of the Board to receive and file any received outside documentation if it involves Palm Beach County policies, programs and/or projects to make the information part of the Board's official record.

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachment:

Resolution No. 12-17 from the Village of Tequesta

Recommended by: Patty Hendle 3/17/17
Agenda Coordinator Date

Approved by: [Signature] 3-20-17
Assistant County Administrator Date
Deputy

Village of Tequesta

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Tequesta, FL 33469



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February 17, 2017

Palm Beach County Board of County Commission
Attn: Verdinia Baker, County Administrator
301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Ms. Baker:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of Resolution 12-17 expressing support for the extension of the "Minimum Speed / No Wake Zone" in the Indian River Lagoon Intracoastal Waterway North from the C.R. 707 Bridge to the Northern boundary of Coral Cove Park for a distance of .8 miles.

Please contact Vice-Mayor Vince Arena at 561-768-0465 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lori McWilliams, MMC
Village Clerk / PIO
561-768-0443

Enclosure:

- Resolution 12-17

Vice-Mayor Vince Arena
Council Member Steve Okun

Mayor Abby Brennan
Village Manager Michael Couzzo

Council Member Tom Paterno
Council Member Frank D'Ambra

RESOLUTION NO. 12-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE "MINIMUM SPEED / NO WAKE ZONE" IN THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY NORTH FROM THE C.R. 707 BRIDGE TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF CORAL COVE PARK FOR A DISTANCE OF 0.8 MILE; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AS EXPRESSED HEREIN; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION, PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE TOWNS OF JUPITER AND JUPITER INLET COLONY, AND THE MARINE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Indian River Lagoon between the C.R. 707 Bridge (South Beach Road) and the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park is a popular location for boating, kayaking, paddleboarding, snorkeling and general recreational swimming; and

WHEREAS, current Intracoastal Waterway regulations allow powerboats to travel at speeds up to 25 miles per hour in the navigable channel and at "slow speed – minimum wake" outside of the channel in this area; and

WHEREAS, powerboat acceleration and deceleration, along with the wake generated by boats traveling at such speeds creates a variety of issues harmful to the public health, safety and welfare, including physical danger and injury to snorkelers and swimmers, dangerous bridge navigation by multiple competing boats of varying sizes, accelerated degradation and erosion of adjacent and near-by shorelines, loss of mangrove islands, harm to special status species (e.g. West Indian Manatee, and Johnson Seagrass), and damage to infrastructure and personal property such as docks and other boats; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the "minimum speed / no-wake zone" (which currently terminates at the C.R. 707 Bridge) north to the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park would impose a boating restriction in this area requiring boats in the navigable channel to travel at slow speed and produce minimum wake, and would further require boats outside of the navigable channel to travel at idle speed and produce no wake; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of such boating restrictions in this area would increase boater safety especially related to bridge navigation; would, on average, only increase travel time through this area by a matter of minutes; and would reduce, minimize, and even eliminate the above referenced dangers to the public health, safety and welfare caused by current powerboat acceleration and deceleration, along with the wake generated by boats traveling at the higher speeds that are currently permitted; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has been made aware of a current local effort to extend the "minimum speed / no-wake zone" (which currently terminates at the C.R. 707 Bridge) north to the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park for the reasons articulated above; and

~~**WHEREAS**, the Village Council desires to express its support for this effort as an important means of protecting the public health, safety and welfare.~~

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The above recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated into this Resolution and are hereby specifically made a part hereof.

Section 2: The Village Council of the Village of Tequesta hereby expresses its support for the local effort to extend the "minimum speed / no-wake zone" (which currently terminates at the C.R. 707 Bridge) north in the Indian River Lagoon from the C.R. 707 Bridge (South Beach Road) to the northern boundary of Coral Cove Park, thereby requiring boats in the navigable channel of the Intracoastal Waterway in this area to travel at slow speed and produce minimum wake, and thereby further requiring boats outside of the navigable channel in this area to travel at idle speed and produce no wake.

Section 3: The Village Manager is directed to do all things necessary to effectuate the intent of the Village Council as expressed herein.

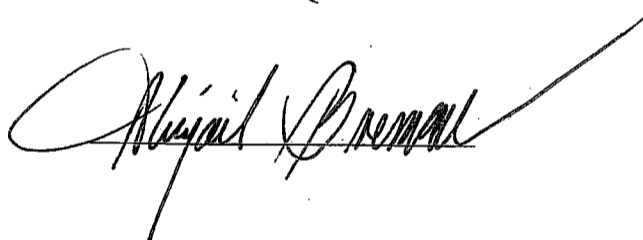
Section 4: The Village Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Palm Beach County, the Towns of Jupiter and Jupiter Inlet Colony, and the Marine Industry Association of Palm Beach County.

Section 5: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

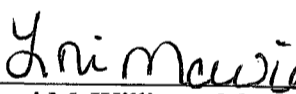
RESOLUTION 12-17			
MOTION Council Member Frank D'Ambra		SECOND Vice-Mayor Vince Arena	
VOTE			
	FOR ADOPTION	AGAINST ADOPTION	ABSENT
Mayor Abby Brennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Mayor Vince Arena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Steve Okun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Tom Paterno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Frank D'Ambra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted on 9-Feb-2017

MAYOR OF TEQUESTA



ATTEST:


 Lori McWilliams, MMC
 Village Clerk

