

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE COUNTYWIDE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND FURTHER SUPPORTING THE FUNDING OF SAID OFFICE THROUGH COUNTY AD VALOREM TAX DOLLARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010, the voters of Palm Beach County approved a referendum to amend the Palm Beach County Charter to create a countywide Office of the Inspector General (the "IG Program"), which would be in effect in both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Haverhill fully supports the creation and continued existence of the countywide IG Program as it provides a valuable service and benefit to all County residents;

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners for Palm Beach County (the "BCC") adopted Ordinance No. 2011-009, which implemented the newly approved countywide IG Program, and which required the Municipalities within Palm Beach County to budget and pay for a portion of the IG Program's funding; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2016, the Fourth District Court of Appeal issued an opinion holding that the County's efforts to force Municipalities to pay for the IG Program were barred by the doctrine of municipal sovereign immunity; and

WHEREAS, the County recently has requested that all Municipalities in Palm Beach County voluntarily pay their "fair share" of the costs toward the countywide IG Program; and

WHEREAS, the budget, staffing levels, and levels of service for the countywide IG Program are controlled by the BCC and not the Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by the countywide IG Program are County services, not municipal services; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Town of Haverhill just like residents of all Municipalities within Palm Beach County, are also County residents; and

WHEREAS, Haverhill residents, whether individuals or businesses, pay taxes to the County in the same amount as taxpayers residing in the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, Haverhill residents along with all other municipal residents pay millions of dollars to the County each year in County taxes; and

WHEREAS, Haverhill residents, therefore, already are paying for the countywide IG Program through payment of their County taxes; and

WHEREAS, the BCC has the authority to continue funding the countywide IG Program through County tax dollars at whatever level it approves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The Town Council of the Town of Haverhill fully supports the continued existence and work of the countywide IG Program as it is a valuable County service and resource available to all County residents, and further supports the BCC's continued funding of the Program through County taxes.

Section 2: The Town Council of the Town of Haverhill does not support contributing Town tax dollars to pay for the countywide IG Program since Haverhill residents already pay for and support the Program through payment of their County taxes.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Section 4: The Town Administrator is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the BCC, the County Administrator, the cities in Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

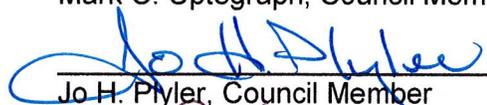
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Jay G. Foy, Mayor

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Lawrence Gordon, Vice Mayor

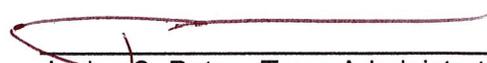
  
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Mark C. Uptegraph, Council Member

  
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Jo H. Plyler, Council Member

  
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ATTEST:

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Janice C. Rutan, Town Administrator

