

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO RECENT CHANGES TO STATE LAW REQUIRING ELECTED MAYORS AND GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS OF MUNICIPALITIES TO COMPLETE AND FILE THE FORM 6 "FULL DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS" AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO JOIN ANY FUTURE COORDINATED POLITICAL OR LEGAL EFFORTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO RESCIND, REVISE OR OTHERWISE CHALLENGE THIS REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, during the 2023 legislative session, Senate Bill 774 was passed and codified at Laws of Florida 2023-09, amending Sec. 112.3144, *Florida Statutes*, to require all elected municipal mayors and elected municipal governing body members who are in office as of January 1, 2024 to file the Form 6 "Full Disclosure of Financial Interests;" and

WHEREAS, Form 6 has historically only applied to state level elected officials and constitutional officers, with municipal elected officials having to file the Form 1 "Statement of Financial Disclosure;" and

WHEREAS, Form 6, unlike Form 1, requires the public disclosure of an individual's net worth, assets, and liabilities; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of this requirement at the local level, especially in smaller municipalities and especially in municipalities whose elected officials are volunteers that receive no compensation for their service, creates opportunities for local detractors to harass such municipal officials at a level of magnitude beyond that to which state level and constitutional officer level officials are subject; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores will support coordinated political and legal efforts with other governmental entities to rescind, revise or otherwise challenge this requirement.

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

Section 1: The above recitals are hereby approved as findings of fact and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores, Florida, hereby expresses its opposition to recent changes to state law requiring elected mayors

and governing body members of municipalities to complete and file the Form 6 "full disclosure of financial interests" as of January 1, 2024.

Section 3: The Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores, Florida, hereby declares its support of any future coordinated political or legal efforts with other governmental entities to rescind, revise or otherwise challenge this Form 6 filing requirement in the future.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this **22nd** day of January 2024.

TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES



Alan Fiers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jude Goudreau, Town Clerk