

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY; FINDING THAT THE INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS NECESSARY AND IN THE PUBLIC'S BEST INTEREST TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENT WITHIN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND ITS MUNICIPALITIES; URGING THAT A FAIR AND FULL FUNDING OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL BE CONFIRMED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL CAN EFFECTIVELY MEET ITS DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL BY THE ELECTORATE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY IN 2010; DIRECTING THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PROVIDED TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, since its incorporation, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves has promoted ethical government, as well as transparency and accountability in government; and,

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2009, the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves adopted Resolution 2009-013, in which the Town Council urged that the recommendations of the Palm Beach County Grand Jury Report, dated May 21, 2009, be implemented and that an independent office of Inspector General be established to protect the best interests of the public, residents and citizens of both the Town of Loxahatchee Groves and Palm Beach County; and,

WHEREAS, in December, 2009, the Palm Beach County Commission adopted County Ordinance 2009-049, to establish a County Inspector General, which had authority only within unincorporated Palm Beach County; and,

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WHEREAS, at the November 2, 2010, general election, the voters of Palm Beach County approved a ballot referendum question to amend the Charter of Palm Beach County, to create a Countywide Code of Ethics, a Countywide Commission on Ethics, and a Countywide Office of Inspector General, all of which are applicable to the municipalities of Palm Beach County, including the Town of Loxahatchee Groves; and,

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2011, the County Commission for Palm Beach County approved an Ordinance to implement the newly approved Countywide independent Office of the Inspector General, and provided for a funding source for the office that included a requirement for municipalities to provide a portion of the funding through a formula that provided that each municipalities would pay the equivalent of 0.25% of contract costs towards funding the independent Office of the Inspector General; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves believes that the 0.25% charge on municipal contracts is reasonable in order to ensure that an independent Office of the Inspector General is sufficiently funded and able to meet its duties and responsibilities of ensuring ethical government in Palm Beach County; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves finds that it is in the best interests of the Town, Palm Beach County, their residents, businesses and contractors, to have a fully funded, independent Inspector General to promote transparency in government, accountability of government, and overall ethics in government.

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

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Section 1. Each "WHEREAS" clause set forth above is true and correct and herein incorporated by this reference.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby expresses its support for the independent Office of the Inspector General of Palm Beach County, Florida, and finds that the independent Office of Inspector General ensures transparency and accountability in government, and promotes overall ethics in Palm Beach County.

Section 3. The Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves finds that it is in the best interest of the Town, Palm Beach County, and their residents and contractors, for the Office of Inspector General to be fully and fairly funded by Palm Beach County and the municipalities within Palm Beach County to ensure that the Office of Inspector General can fulfill its duties as approved by the electorate of Palm Beach County, and further finds that the 0.25% charge to municipal contracts in order to ensure that an independent Office of the Inspector General is sufficiently funded and able to meet its duties and responsibilities of ensuring ethical government in Palm Beach County and responsible uses of public resources and funds.

Section 4. The Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves directs that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Office of the Inspector General for Palm Beach County, the Chair of the Board of Palm Beach County Commissioners, and the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

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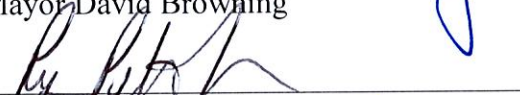

Janice M. Moore, Town Clerk

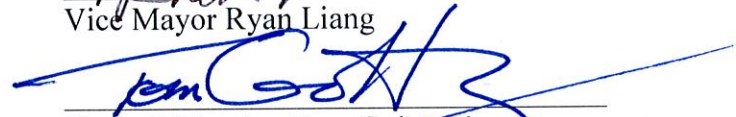
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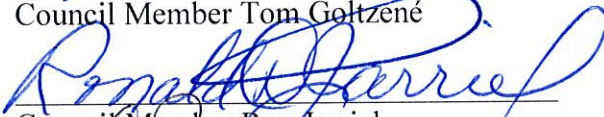

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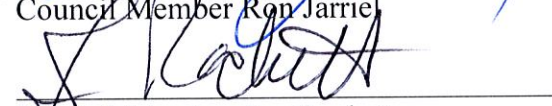
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