

## **RESOLUTION 19-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS OVER THE TOWN, INCREASE THE ALTITUDE OF AIRCRAFT WHEN ARRIVING OVER THE TOWN AND MAKING RUNWAY 24 THE PREFERRED RUNWAY AT NIGHT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) implemented on September 30, 2008 a redesign of the airspace impacting arrivals and departures for the Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) in Fort Myers, Florida, and

**WHEREAS**, following the redesign, aircraft now fly over the southern half of the Town of Fort Myers Beach ("Town") and the number of over flights for the entire Town has increased significantly, and

**WHEREAS**, the FAA airspace redesign for RSW was implemented without a public hearing, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has been working with the FAA and RSW to implement quality of life improvements for the Town, in a way that is consistent with FAA NextGen and Metroplex programs, is consistent with the RSW Part 150 noise recommendations and without negatively impacting other communities surrounding RSW, and

**WHEREAS**, additional information and issues impacting residents and visitors of the Town have arisen since Resolutions Nos. 09-03, 12-02, 13-01 and 17-09 were approved by Town Council on March 16, 2009, January 3, 2012, January 7, 2013 and April 17, 2017 respectively, and

**WHEREAS**, low flying aircraft continue to fly over highly populated and environmentally sensitive areas of the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, Town residents and visitors continue to be subjected to the negative health effects and disruption of aircraft noise that starts before 5 AM and lasts well after midnight, and

**WHEREAS**, there have been air quality concerns raised from the smell of burned aircraft fuel, particle pollution and residue buildup on surfaces below aircraft arrival routes in the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, there have been safety concerns raised due to birds striking aircraft at low altitudes and laser beams being aimed at aircraft.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and by this reference are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. The Town does hereby request that:

- a) The number of over flights continue to be reduced by increasing the use of the RNAV Back Bay Approach to Runway 06 that was made public in October 2017, so that aircraft fly over Estero Bay rather than over Estero Island.
- b) The number of over flights be further reduced by making release points and runway alignment procedures for Runway 06 be the same distances from the airport as currently allowed and demonstrated by RSW Webtrak data for Runway 24. This change would have significant economic benefit for the airlines, reduce ATC control in RSW airspace, increase RSW efficiency, and reduce aircraft noise for the Town and several other residential communities.
- c) All aircraft that must fly over Estero Island be above 3,000 ft, whether flying under visual (VFR) or instrument (IFR) conditions until east of Estero Island. It is requested that the RNAV arrival procedures to Runway 06 be made the same as the current ILS procedures and change both procedures to be higher and less noisy over Estero Island.
- d) Runway 24 operate as the designated preferred runway during nighttime operation, e.g. from 10 PM to 6:59 AM, to be consistent with the FAA definition of "nighttime."
- e) The Town be an active participant in the Metroplex Florida program and discussions of how a second RSW runway will operate.

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

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon motion by Council Member Hosafros and second by council Member Shamp and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2019.

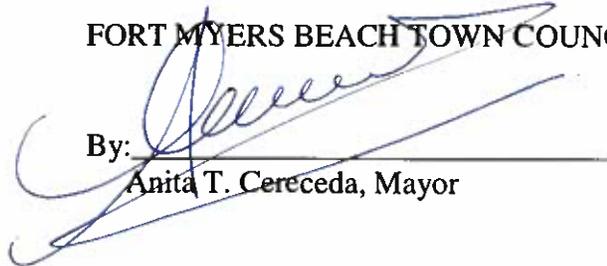
Anita Cereceda, Mayor      aye  
Rexann Hosafros            aye  
Joanne Champ                aye

Ray Murphy, Vice Mayor    aye  
Bruce Butcher                aye

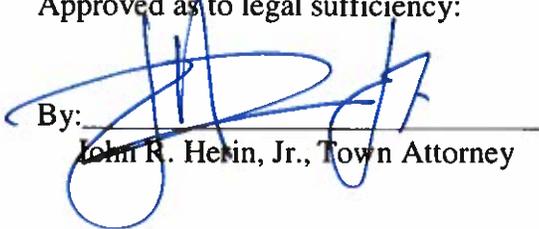
ATTEST:

FORT MYERS BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

By:   
Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

By:   
Anita T. Cereceda, Mayor

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

By:   
John R. Herin, Jr., Town Attorney