

# RESOLUTION NO.705

## AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CREATING THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Whereas, there are thirteen municipalities in the Treasure Coast Counties of Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee which interact on a continuing basis with county government and the State of Florida regarding local government matters; and

Whereas, many of the matters are of common concern to all of the municipalities which makes it more efficient to reach solutions as a group, rather than by having each city negotiate on its own with the State or its respective county; and

Whereas, it is probable that better solutions to the common problems will be arrived at by having all cities and their combined resources working jointly; and

Whereas, this type of governmental cooperation would benefit the constituents of not only the municipalities but also of the unincorporated areas and the State; and

Whereas, Florida law and, in particular, Section 163.02 Florida Statutes, allows local governments to create councils of local public officials by adopting an interlocal agreement for a purpose consistent with the authority of each government's powers; and

Whereas, various municipal officials from the Treasure Coast have determined that the creation of such a council of local public officials would be in the public interest;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the undersigned municipalities situated in Indian River County, St. Lucie County, Martin County, and Okeechobee County that:

### **Section 1 Creation of the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities**

There is hereby created a council of local public officials under the authority of and pursuant to Section 163.02 Florida Statutes, to be composed of the undersigned municipalities situated in the counties of Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee (hereinafter the "Treasure Coast"), which council shall be called "The Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities." The League shall be a corporation not for profit.

### **Section 2 Purposes and Powers**

The purpose of this League shall be to serve as a forum for jointly studying and resolving issues of local government which concern the Treasure Coast municipalities, for the exchange of

ideas and information, for providing aid to member municipalities in the solution of common problems, and for promoting communication among the member municipalities.

To that end, the League shall have the power to:

- a) Study such area governmental problems, as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to matters affecting health, safety, welfare, education, economic conditions, and area development;
- b) Promote cooperative arrangements and coordinate action among its members:  
and
- c) Make recommendations for review and action to the members and other public agencies that perform local functions and services within the area.

### **Section 3 Types of Membership**

#### **A. Active Membership**

All municipalities with the Treasure Coast are eligible to be members of the League and may become active members upon execution of a copy of this interlocal agreement and upon payment of whatever annual membership dues have been imposed. Members in good standing shall have voice, vote and office holding rights within the association. The representative for each municipality shall be the elected chief executive or other member of the governing body. Each municipality may also appoint an alternate who shall serve when the primary representative is unable to serve. Each member city shall have one vote. Each municipality shall determine the term of its representatives.

#### **B. Honorary Membership**

Honorary membership may be bestowed upon individuals only who shall be selected by vote of the League. All Past Presidents shall be honorary members once they are no longer in elected or appointed office. Honorary members may not vote or hold office.

#### **C. Associate Membership**

Associate members are non-voting members selected from the private, public or non-profit sectors, including, but not limited to, the school boards or county governments. All shall be approved by the League. Associate members shall not vote or hold office but may enter into discussion.

### **Section 4 Bylaws**

At the organizational meeting of the League the members shall elect a President, a Vice-President, and a Treasurer for terms of one year with a term limit of two years. There shall also be a Secretary, who shall be provided by the city represented by the President. Five members of

the League shall constitute a quorum and no matter shall be considered passed by the League without at least five votes for the motion. The President shall run the meeting and rule on procedural matters subject to being overruled by a vote of the League. Only a simple majority of those present and voting is required to overrule the President. The President shall not have the right to move or second matters. The Vice-President shall serve when the President is unable to. The Secretary shall keep the official minutes of the meetings in a journal and shall be responsible for noticing meetings. The Treasurer shall be responsible for opening a bank account at a convenient institution and for writing checks on that account for expenses approved by the League. The officers shall be elected at the general meeting of the League held in January. The initial officers of the League, who shall serve until the League has its first meeting after ratification of this agreement by five members, shall be: Chair, Thomas P., White Mayor of the City of Vero Beach, Vice-Chair, Sal Neglia, Councilmember of the City of Sebastian, Treasurer, Dowling Watford, Councilmember of the City of Okeechobee, and Secretary, Tammy Vock, Clerk to the City of Vero Beach.

### **Section 5 Meeting Times and Places**

The League shall have the power to set convenient times and places for meetings, which shall be held, at a minimum, twice a year, one meeting within the Treasure Coast Counties (the “general” meeting), and once a year at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference. The meetings shall be advertised by at least one week’s notice published in the newspaper in each county or by posting notices of such meetings in each of the members’ City Halls. The meetings shall be open to the public and minutes shall be taken and kept in a journal. It shall be proper for the meeting to be hosted by each municipality in turn or by such other method as the League determines. Special meetings may be called by the President or by any three members writing the League Secretary requesting such a meeting.

### **Section 6 Financial Matters**

The League may employ a staff, consult and retain experts, and purchase or lease or otherwise provide for such supplies, food, materials, equipment and facilities, as it deems desirable and necessary. The member governments may appropriate funds to meet the necessary expenses of the League. Services of personnel, use of equipment and office space, and other necessary services may be accepted from members as part of their financial support. The League may accept funds, grants, gifts, and services from the state, from any other governmental unit, whether participating in the council or not, from the Government of the United States, and from private and civic sources.

### **Section 7 Annual Report**

The League shall make an annual public report of its activities to each of the member local governments, and shall have its account audited annually.

### **Section 8 Exiting League, Dissolution**

Any member may withdraw from the League upon 60 days' notice subsequent to formal action by its governing body. The League itself can be dissolved by a simple vote. Upon dissolution of the League any remaining funds shall be donated to the Florida League of Cities.

### **Section 9 Effective Date**

This League shall become effective on April 1, 2007, or on such later date as the fifth municipality has executed this interlocal agreement. If there are not at least five member cities by June 1, 2007, then this agreement shall be null and void. Any municipality may indicate its acceptance of this interlocal agreement by executing a copy of this document and such execution shall be as valid as if the original had been signed. The Mayor of the City of Vero Beach shall collect the executed copies of this agreement and determine when to call the organizational meeting of the League.

The following municipalities, as witnessed by the attached original of the executed signature page, have executed this Interlocal Agreement on the date written underneath the signature of the authorized signer.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT:

Sign: Ann-Marie S. Basler  
Print: Ann-Marie S. Basler  
Title: City Clerk

Sign: Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch  
Print: Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch  
Title: Acting Mayor

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**COUNTY OF MARTIN**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, by Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, as Acting Mayor, and attested by Ann-Marie S. Basler, as Town Clerk of the Town of Sewall's Point, Florida. They are **personally known to me** and **did not** take an oath.



[NOTARY SEAL]

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

Sign: Ann-Marie S. Basler  
Print: Ann-Marie S. Basler  
State of Florida at Large  
My Commission Number: DD 724736  
My Commission Expires: Oct. 14, 2011