

# **TOWN OF DAVIE**

## **TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM/PHONE:** Christopher J. Kovanos, Interim Town Administrator

**PREPARED BY:** Russell C. Muniz, CMC, Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Resolution

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:** Townwide

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA FARM BUREAU TO AMEND THEIR POLICY REGARDING AGRICULTURAL LANDOWNERS THEREBY AFFORDING THIS UNDERSERVED SEGMENT OF THE COMMUNITY THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN INSURANCE COVERAGE ON THEIR RESIDENCES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** The Florida Farm Bureau was established 64 years ago, and now has over 152,000 member-families. Its charter identifies giving Florida farmers a special identity, and representing farmers in the legislature as important goals. At this time agricultural landowners in Davie are at a crossroads, the Town encourages them to maintain their present lifestyle, but they are coming under increasing pressure by the surge of development. Threatening their existence further is the fact that insurance companies including Farm Bureau Insurance, and Citizen's Property & Casualty Insurance Corporation, the state insurance pool, will not write policies for agricultural properties.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** N/A

**CONCURRENCES:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A

Has request been budgeted?

If yes, expected cost: \$

Account Name:

If no, amount needed: \$

What account will funds be appropriated from:

Additional Comments:

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Motion to approve resolution.

**Attachment(s):** N/A

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, the Town of Davie has worked diligently to maintain the rural lifestyle enjoyed by its residents and has encouraged that lifestyle by preserving open space, and developing an extensive trail system; and

WHEREAS, farms within the Town of Davie as small as 1 acre and as large as 40 acres offer horse boarding, training and trail riding, and a variety of nurseries; and

WHEREAS, at the present time there exists an inability of our agricultural landowners to obtain insurance coverage on their residences since no companies are writing coverage in our area; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Property & Casualty Insurance Corporation, the state insurance pool, of last resort, is neglecting to write policies for Davie agricultural landowners because an agricultural business is being conducted on the property; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Farm Bureau, whose charter identifies giving Florida farmers a special identity, is also neglecting to write policies for this underserved segment of Davie residents.

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

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida, hereby urges the Florida Farm Bureau to reexamine and amend their policy regarding insurance coverage for agricultural landowners so that their lifetime investments are not lost.

SECTION 2. The Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this executed resolution to Carl Loop, President of the Florida Farm Bureau.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.