

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2230

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA (“TOWN”) DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER AND THE SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CREATE PROCEDURES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND FIREARM ACCESSORIES FROM RESPONSIBLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND RETAILERS; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL SOUTH FLORIDA MUNICIPALITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., ALL MEMBERS OF FLORIDA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND TO THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, guns are used in more than 71 percent of homicides in Florida; and

WHEREAS, 721 gun murders were committed in Florida in 2012 alone, an increase of 44 percent since 2000; and

WHEREAS, a 2000 report released by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and explosives (ATF) indicated that many guns used in crime are obtained directly from federally licensed gun dealers, which are one of the largest sources of illegally trafficked guns; and

WHEREAS, guns often fall into criminal hands through “straw purchases,” in which a friend or family member of a criminal purchases a gun and passes it along; and

WHEREAS, a recent study published in the Journal of Public Policy and Marketing finds that responsible practices by gun manufacturers, distributors, and retailers helps to prevent guns from falling into criminal hands and leads to a lower incidence of guns recovered from the scenes of violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Surfside Police Department has the duty to preserve the public peace, prevent crime, detect and arrest offenders, and protect the rights of persons and property in accordance with the laws of this state and the ordinances of this county; and

WHEREAS, the Surfside Police Department is committed to integrity, ethical conduct and truthfulness in all relationships, and believes these core values are promoted through a policy

designed to ensure that its officers use firearms purchased from responsible manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside, joining other Miami-Dade County municipalities, commends the voluntary efforts of responsible gun manufacturers and distributors who contribute to reducing gun violence and gun-related crimes in our communities, and supports the growing coalition of municipalities in support of initiatives to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Authorization and Direction. The Town Commission hereby directs the Town Manager and the Surfside Police Department to further the goals described above by requiring that every bidder who submits to the procurement process for firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories for the Police Department submits, as part of its bid, a written report detailing the company's efforts and practices in combating gun trafficking and the illegal transfer of guns. This report shall include, but shall not be limited to, the company's practices for the sale, transfer, transport, and marketing of such products. The Town Manager and Police Department will consider this information in awarding bids.

Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to all South Florida municipalities, The Florida League of Cities, Inc., Members of Florida's Congressional Delegation, and to the Obama Administration.

Section 4. Severability. If any section clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Kanukis, second by Commissioner Olcheyk.

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

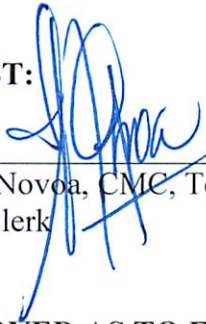
Commissioner Barry Cohen
Commissioner Michael Karukin
Commissioner Marta Olchyk
Vice Mayor Eli Tourgeman
Mayor Daniel Dietch

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Novoa, CMC, Town Clerk
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**



Linda Miller, Town Attorney