

RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 2860

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED FLORIDA SENATE BILL 1024 AND HOUSE BILL 741, "NET METERING," REVISING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS RELATING TO REDESIGN OF NET METERING TO AVOID CROSS-SUBSIDIZATION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE COSTS BETWEEN CLASSES OF RATEPAYERS; URGING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO REJECT OR VETO THE BILLS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside ("Town") supports the existing net metering system that allows residents with solar panels or other renewable energy generators connected to a public-utility power grid to transfer surplus power onto the grid and offset the cost of power drawn from the utility; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2021, Senate Bill 1024 ("SB 1024"), entitled "Net Metering," was filed in the Florida Senate, seeking to revise legislative findings relating to redesign of net metering to avoid cross-subsidization of electric service costs between classes of ratepayers, require the Public Service Commission to propose new net metering rules to comply with specified criteria by a certain date, and authorize certain customers who own or lease renewable generation before a specified date to remain under the existing net metering rules for a specified time; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2021, the companion House Bill 741 ("HB 741") was filed; and

WHEREAS, if SB 1024 and/or HB 741 (collectively, the “Bills”) were to pass as written, utilities will be allowed to add in base facilities charges, electric grid access fees, monthly minimum bills, or other fixed charges to customers’ bills; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission opposes the Bills and recommends that the State Legislature oppose the Bills, as currently proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Town.

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

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

Section 2. Opposition/Veto. The Town Commission hereby opposes the Bills and urges Governor Ron DeSantis to reject or veto the Bills.

Section 3. Transmittal. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, the Senate President, the House Speaker, the Florida League of Cities, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, and the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

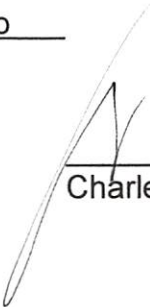
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th of March, 2022.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Paul

Second By: Commissioner Kesl

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Commissioner Charles Kesl	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Eliana R. Salzhauer	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>No</u>



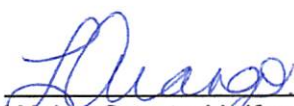
Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra McCready, MMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney