

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 3235

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SB 172, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION OR DISCOUNT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES BEFORE PURCHASING PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida law currently provides property tax exemptions and discounts for real estate that is owned and used as a homestead by certain permanently and totally disabled veterans, surviving spouses of certain veterans, surviving spouses of first responders who die in the line of duty, and certain disabled veterans confined to wheelchairs under Sections 196.081, 196.082, and 196.091 of the Florida Statutes (collectively, the “Veterans Exemption or Discount”); and

WHEREAS, Senator Tina Polsky and Senator Rosalind Osgood have co-introduced Senate Bill 172 (“SB 172”), which would require the Department of Revenue to establish an eligibility verification procedure by which a person may verify his or her eligibility to receive a Veterans Exemption or Discount *before* such person purchases property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that SB 172 would benefit veterans and their surviving spouses by allowing such individuals to verify their eligibility to qualify for a Veterans Exemption or Discount before purchasing property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission urges the Florida Legislature to adopt SB 172 in the upcoming Florida Legislative Session commencing on January 9, 2024, and ending on March 8, 2024; and

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

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Urging Resolution. The Town Commission urges the Florida Legislature to adopt SB 172 in the upcoming Florida Legislative Session commencing on January 9, 2024, and ending on March 8, 2024.

Section 3. Transmittal. The Town Commission authorizes the Town Clerk to transmit a copy of the Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, the Florida Speaker of the House Paul Renner, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, the Florida League of Cities, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, and all municipalities in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2023.

Motion By: Commissioner Landsman
Second By: Vice Mayor Rose

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Commissioner Fred Landsman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marianne Meisheid	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Absent</u>
Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rose	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>

Shlomo Danzinger

Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra McCready

Sandra McCready, MMC
Town Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE
AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**

L. Arango

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