

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH
ORDINANCE NO. 97 -7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT BY LEE COUNTY OF A MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT (MSTU) TO BE KNOWN AS THE LEE COUNTY PRESERVATION LANDS TAXING UNIT; RELATING TO LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE 97-08; PROVIDING AUTHORITY; CONSENT AND INCLUSION OF TOWN PROPERTY IN THE TAXING UNIT; THE TERM FOR WHICH SAID CONSENT IS GIVEN; EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, CONFLICT AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Town and County jointly desire to accomplish certain public health and welfare objectives relating to the acquisition, preservation and restoration of environmentally sensitive or critical lands within all of Lee County; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 125 and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, authorizes municipalities and counties to jointly provide health and welfare services in the best interests of all citizens of the county, to include the creation by a county of taxing units within the town with the town's specific consent; and,

WHEREAS, Lee County has duly adopted Lee County Ordinance 97-08, providing for a county-wide municipal service taxing unit to assist in the implementation of the county's Environmentally Critical and Sensitive Lands Acquisition and Restoration Program as presently codified in Lee County Ordinance 96-12, and hereby requests the Town's consent to such unit within the Town's boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Town finds that the adoption of this ordinance serves a public purpose;

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA as follows:

SECTION ONE: AUTHORITY.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 95-494, Laws of Florida, Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.