



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
February 12, 2008**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Resolution** approving creation of a Special Taxing District by Miami-Dade County for Hammock Lakes, Coral Gables, Florida, for purpose of providing for twenty-four hours stationary security guard service subject to compliance with applicable Miami-Dade County requirements, approving construction of a guard house facility, a road closure with an emergency access gate, operation of traffic control devices, and requiring execution of Interlocal Agreement between City and Miami-Dade County.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That a Resolution approving creation of a Special Taxing District by Miami-Dade County for Hammock Lakes, Coral Gables, Florida, for purpose of providing for twenty-four hours stationary security guard service subject to compliance with applicable Miami-Dade County requirements, approving construction of a guard house facility, a road closure with an emergency access gate, operation of traffic control devices, and requiring execution of Interlocal Agreement between City and Miami-Dade County, be approved by the City Commission.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Some of the citizens of Coral Gables residing in Hammock Lakes have petitioned Miami-Dade County under Chapter XVIII of the Miami-Dade County Code to create a Special Taxing District to provide Stationary Security Guard Service for Hammock Lakes.

The Hammock Lakes I & II Homeowners Association has requested the approval of the Coral Gables City Commission for Miami-Dade County to hold a referendum vote of the residents of Hammock Lakes, at no expense to the City of Coral Gables, to determine whether a Special Taxing District should be created in Hammock Lakes, subject to the following conditions:

- a. That the creation of a Special Taxing District by Miami-Dade County for Hammock Lakes, Coral Gables, Florida, in accordance with Chapter XVIII of the Miami-Dade Charter and Sections 18-2 and 18-3 of the Miami-Dade County Code, for the purpose of providing twenty-four hour stationary security guard service, is hereby approved, subject to the requirements set forth herein.
  
- b. That the formal creation of a Security Guard District and the levying of annual assessments to support this service and the construction and maintenance of the improvements shall require the execution of an inter-local agreement between the City of Coral Gables, the (City) and Miami-Dade County, the (County), wherein the City will furnish and install for the subject district all capital improvements necessary to complete the construction of a guard house, traffic control devices (gates) and road closure with emergency access gate system, including the necessary road improvements, water, sewer, electrical and telephone connections, concrete pads, sidewalk, curbing and required drainage improvements, lighting,

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landscaping, signage and striping as required by the Director of the Miami-Dade County Public Works Department to ensure the safe operation of said facilities in the public right-of-way.

- c. That the inter-local agreement will provide that the County shall reimburse the City for all of the City's costs of labor, materials, and supplies necessary to provide the capital improvements described herein.
- d. That title to the guard house and emergency access gate facilities shall remain with the City or its assignee and said facilities shall be leased in perpetuity to Miami-Dade County for \$10.00 per annum until such time as the district is legally abolished.
- e. That the guard house on School House Road south of N. Kendall Drive and the road closure with emergency access gate on Hammock Lakes Drive west of Old Cutler Road herein approved to be constructed shall be located within the public right-of-way.
- f. That the County shall be responsible for operating traffic control devices to enable guards to record the date and time of entry, vehicle make, model, color and license tag number, it being understood and agreed that no visitor to the District will be denied access or entry to the District under any condition.
- g. That the County shall be responsible for contracting for a uniformed commercial security guard service, duly licensed and bonded and State of Florida approved, for the purpose of providing service at the approximate location specified herein, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year; or in the alternative the same services may be provided using uniformed off-duty police officers.
- h. That the approvals herein granted shall be further conditioned upon the affirmative vote of the residents of Hammock Lakes in an election to be conducted according to the Miami-Dade County Code and further subject to the approval of the Miami-Dade Commission.

**ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Date	Board/Committee	Comments (if any)
01-15-08	Traffic Advisory Board	Approved the request of Hammock Lakes I & II

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)**

No.	Amount	Source of Funds
1.		
<b>Total:</b>		
<b>APPROVED BY:</b>		

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
N/A		

**PUBLICATION(S):**

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
N/A		

**APPROVED BY:**

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. cover form w/draft Resolution