

RESOLUTION 2000-9

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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING ALL NEW POWER LINE INSTALLATIONS TO BE UNDERGROUND.

WHEREAS, the Town of Juno Beach, the Town of Jupiter, the City of Palm Beach Gardens, the Village of North Palm Beach, the Town of Lake Park, the City of Riviera Beach, the Village of Tequesta, and Palm Beach County were all subjects of a Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Study titled "Seven Cities: Northern Palm Beach County US 1 Corridor Study"; (the "Study"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Study was to establish guidelines and to provide direction on protecting and developing both the aesthetics on US Highway One ("US 1") and the economic viability of US 1; and

WHEREAS, the Study addresses the issue of utility poles and wires in the section titled "Overall Strategy" and establishes as a priority that such overhead lines should not be located on US 1 but should be placed either underground or located at alternative sites; and

WHEREAS, this issue has been brought to the forefront by the installation of large transmission poles and lines on U. S. Highway One in Juno Beach; and

WHEREAS, such construction and installation of overhead transmission lines do not conform to the recommendations of the Study; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Juno Beach cannot afford the cost of installing these lines underground; and

WHEREAS, Florida Power & Light cannot assume the cost differential associated with placing these lines underground because of Florida Public Service Commission Regulations; and

WHEREAS, installing transmission lines underground has other benefits besides aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, under ground lines would remove traffic and accident hazards from rights-of-way and would lessen the impact of a major hurricane event by reducing the interruption of this essential service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA,

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