

RESOLUTION 02-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONCERNING AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL INEQUITIES IN FLORIDA'S TAX SYSTEM BY GRANTING CERTAIN TAX BREAKS TO SOME TAXPAYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TAXPAYERS; PROVIDING A CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2018 general election ballot as "Amendment 1"; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed constitutional change exempts the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 1 is expected to cost \$644.7 million per year-resulting in either service reductions or tax hikes; and

**WHEREAS**, local communities may be forced to increase local property tax rates to offset revenue reductions; and

**WHEREAS**, changing local property taxes should be done locally, not through a constitutional amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, instead of fixing Florida's complicated tax system, Amendment 1 makes it more complicated and less fair; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's tax system should work for all homeowners, and most of Amendment 1's benefits go to only a handful of homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 1 exposes local businesses to a much higher tax burden, and this one-size-fits-all scheme is made to look like a tax cut but it is really a tax shift that will further disenchant millions of already-skeptical Florida voters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Malabar, Florida:

**SECTION 1.** The Town of Malabar will evaluate the impact Amendment 1 will have on its property taxes.

**SECTION 2.** The Town of Malabar urges its residents to carefully consider the potential adverse consequences of Amendment 1 before voting in the November 2018 general election.

**SECTION 3.** A copy of this resolution will be provided to the Florida League of Cities and other interested parties.

**SECTION 4.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption, by Council Member White. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivet and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Council Member Grant Ball	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Laura Mahoney	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Steve Rivet	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Dick Korn	<u>Excused</u>
Council Member Danny White	<u>Aye</u>

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council, Town of Malabar, Brevard County, Florida this 7 day of May, 2018.

**BY: TOWN OF MALABAR**

Patrick T. Reilly  
Mayor Patrick T. Reilly, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Debby K. Franklin  
Debby K. Franklin, C.M.C.  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

(seal)

Approved as to form and  
legal sufficiency by:

Karl W. Bohne, Jr.  
Karl W. Bohne, Jr.  
Town Attorney