

RESOLUTION R2011-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING POLICY INTENTIONS FOR SANTA ROSA ISLAND IN THE EVENT FEE SIMPLE OWNERSHIP BECOMES AVAILABLE; DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COURT TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2010 and January 20, 2011 the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners enacted Joint Resolutions (R2010-214 and R2011-20) with Santa Rosa County which requested Congressional sponsorship of a bill that would amend the federal deed regarding property on Santa Rosa Island; and

WHEREAS, should the proposed bill become law, Escambia County would be able to convey fee simple ownership of properties on Santa Rosa Island; and

WHEREAS, for those leaseholders within the jurisdictional boundaries of Escambia County, the potential of fee simple ownership on Santa Rosa Island poses uncertainties regarding the procedures that may be used for such conveyances; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County portion of Santa Rosa Island is overseen by the Santa Rosa Island Authority, a special district supported by lease fees; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners desires to set forth some intentions of how fee simple could be conveyed to leaseholders and regarding the potential future for oversight of the Escambia County portion of Santa Rosa Island; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners finds it is in the interest of Escambia County as well as its residents and visitors, to set forth some intent regarding this process without legally binding Escambia County at this early juncture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference in the body of this Resolution.

2. **Intentions.** The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves that it is their intent to proceed as set forth below:

A. Only proceed with the transfer to fee simple ownership if the U. S. Congress amends the federal deed, any applicable federal law and only if the Escambia County Property Appraiser legally assesses ad valorem taxes on both the improvements and land on Santa Rosa Island.

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Date: 5/9/11

B. If the option of fee simple title is available, it will be offered directly to sublessees wherever practical, legal and possible.

C. In the event fee simple title is available, and taxes are assessed on improvements and land, Escambia County will make efforts to eliminate lease fees for all leaseholders, including those who do not accept fee simple title.

D. Escambia County will maintain an entity on Santa Rosa Island to oversee certain services to help ensure the current levels of service regarding public safety, maintenance, recreation and promotions are upheld.

E. Escambia County does not intend to amend upwards the Pensacola Beach dwelling unit cap nor does it intend to amend the relevant portions of the Escambia County Master Plan or upzone properties unless proper quasi-judicial procedures warrant it.

3. **Distribution.** The Clerk of the Board of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners shall furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to W. A. "Buck" Lee, Executive Director of the Santa Rosa Island Authority and Jim Cox, President of the Pensacola Beach Advocates.

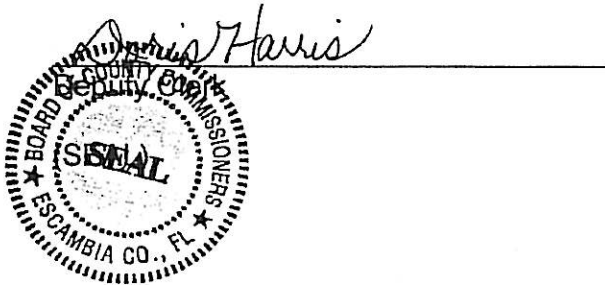
4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners on the 5th day of May, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

[Signature]
Kevin W. White, Chairman
Date Executed

ATTEST: ERNIE LEE MAGAHA
Clerk of the Circuit Court



5/5/2011
This document approved as to form and legal sufficiency
By [Signature]
Title County Attorney
Date 4/18/11