

RESOLUTION 2025-055

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 103 AND SENATE BILL 122 WHICH SEEK TO REPEAL SECTION 205 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES RELATING TO LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 205 of the Florida Statutes grants municipalities the right to levy a business tax for the privilege of engaging in or managing a business, profession, or occupation within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, business tax licenses can serve several different functions, including monitoring business activities operating within the city's jurisdiction, regulating certain types of business activities to ensure public safety and code compliance, as well as generating revenue for the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the administrative cost associated with the City's review of businesses' compliance is borne by the business taxpayer, as opposed to shifting the burden to payers of property taxes, making it an equitable method of monitoring compliance; and

WHEREAS, beyond central government funding, the primary revenue streams for municipal governments are service fees, fines, and taxes; and

WHEREAS, local governments rely on streams of revenue to raise funds, such as tax revenue and fee and fine collection; and

WHEREAS, money raised by those revenue streams are necessary to be utilized to build and maintain roads, bridges, and other infrastructure, as well as parks and other recreational areas, and public safety services, including police and fire departments; and

WHEREAS, ensuring government collection of revenue allows governments to operate more cohesively and make impactful changes within the community; and

WHEREAS, , Representative Botano filed House Bill 103, and Senator Truenow filed Senate Bill 122 which seek to repeal Chapter 205 of the Florida Statutes to deny municipalities the right to collect local business taxes; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition against collecting local business taxes would significantly impede the duty of municipalities to implement critical components of its strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, if either Bill passes, municipalities would be significantly impacted in such a way that its duty to provide necessary public services and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizenry would be severely impacted; and

WHEREAS, if either Bill passes, the City of Coral Springs would lose business tax revenue in the amount of approximately \$1.3 million in the first year alone; and

WHEREAS, this yearly revenue deficit could result in higher milage rates and/or a reduction in necessary public services; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the community to oppose House Bill 103 and Senate Bill 122;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Commission of the City of Coral Springs hereby strongly opposes House Bill 103 and Senate Bill 122.

SECTION 3. Authorizing and directing the City Clerk to forward this Resolution to the Florida Legislature, the Broward League of Cities, Governor Ron DeSantis, the media, and all interested persons.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

SCOTT BROOK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GEORGIA ELLIOTT, CMC, CITY CLERK

Unanimous _____
Motion /2nd

Yes No

_____	_____	MAYOR BROOK	_____	_____
_____	_____	VICE MAYOR METAYER BOWEN	_____	_____
_____	_____	COMMISSIONER CERRA	_____	_____
_____	_____	COMMISSIONER MCHUGH	_____	_____
_____	_____	COMMISSIONER SIMMONS	_____	_____