

FACTS ABOUT KEY COLONY BEACH

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There are 857 residents of Key Colony Beach, but the population peaks to about 3,800 in mid-winter and averages around 2,500 most of the year. There are 779 registered voters. The city was founded in the early fifties by developer Phil Sadowski and was incorporated in 1957. The city is situated on 286 acres and contains approximately 1,429 units of housing, 95 undeveloped lots, and development of 5 lots in progress.

Development Includes:

- 274 single family homes including 4 under construction, 69 undeveloped lots
- 664 duplex homes on 332 duplex lots including 1 under construction, 23 undeveloped lots
- 487 condominiums in 20 complexes, 2 undeveloped lots
- 67 motel rooms and 16 time sharing units
- 4 residences attached to commercial buildings
- 15 commercial establishments, 1 undeveloped lot

City property includes City Hall Offices, Auditorium and Post Office Building, Adjacent Rental Property (bought for future expansion), City Recreation Area between 7th and 8th Streets, City Hall Park, Gazebo Park, East Side Park, Sunset Park and the Entrance Property.

The current total taxable property value in Key Colony Beach is \$797,885,694 down \$80,212,698 from the previous year. This year's millage rate is 1.4434 per \$1000 of assessed property value. Last year's millage rate was 1.3092. This year's rate of 1.4434 is equal to the rollback rate, the millage rate that would generate the same amount of tax dollars the year before. This year's approved budget is \$4,398,435 which includes the budget for the treatment plant. The city wastewater treatment plant and collection system is financed by user fees and has a current operating budget of \$1,034,420. Next fiscal year's budget will be finalized at public hearing in September 2009.

Five city commissioners elected for two-year, staggered terms govern Key Colony Beach. City elections are non-partisan and are held each year on the 2nd Tuesday in March. Current members of the city commission are Mayor Ron Sutton, Vice-Mayor Rusty Stevens, Commissioner Jeff Vorick, Commissioner Seneca "Tucker" DeGraw, and Commissioner Geraldine Zahn.

At its organizational meeting on April 1st each year the new commission elects a mayor and vice mayor from its members and appoints a city attorney, auditor and engineer. Management services of the city wastewater collection and treatment facilities and the city golf and tennis facilities are performed under contract.

Twelve employees assist the city commission including a staff of four in the city clerk's office, a five-member police department, and a staff of three in the building/public works department. Traditionally, the Mayor also serves as City Administrator, supervising staff and ongoing activities on a day-to-day basis.

Six volunteer committees advise and help the city commission and city administrator. These include: code enforcement board, utility board, planning and zoning committee, disaster preparedness committee, beautification committee, and recreation committee.

The KCB Community Association Inc. is a not for profit organization with approximately 500 members. Its president, Lyn Paterson, together with a 7-member board governs the organization that publishes the *KC Bee Line*, arranges community social functions and donates funds to the city for worthy improvements.