

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 18, 2008

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging Florida  
Legislature to pass HB 51,  
SB 1004 to provide additional  
flexibility in making partial  
payments of property taxes

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

  
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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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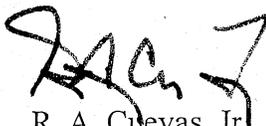


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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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03-18-08

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO  
PASS HB 51, SB 1004 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT  
PROVIDES ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN MAKING  
PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF PROPERTY TAXES

**WHEREAS**, recent downturns in the economy have created financial burdens for many homeowners and small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida law currently requires payment of the full amount of a property tax bill in order for the Tax Collector to accept the payment tendered; and

**WHEREAS**, bills have been filed for consideration during the 2008 state legislative session that would provide added flexibility in making partial payments of property taxes, SB 1004 by Senator Mike Fasano and HB 51 by Representative Seth McKeel; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 1004 and HB 51 authorize Tax Collectors to accept any payment that is a portion of the total amount of property taxes owed, with interest and penalties applying only to the amount of taxes that remain unpaid; and

**WHEREAS**, providing additional flexibility in paying property taxes could assist many homeowners and small businesses given the current economic conditions,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to pass HB 51, SB 1004 or similar legislation that would provide added flexibility to property owners in making partial payments of property taxes.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, Senator Mike Fasano and Representative Seth McKeel.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of March, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty