

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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


**DATE:** June 3, 2008

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the  
County Mayor or his designee  
to report within thirty days on  
the feasibility of Miami Dade  
County designing, building and  
operating pet hotels at Miami  
International Airport and the  
Miami Seaport

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of  
Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

  
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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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6-3-08

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS  
DESIGNEE TO REPORT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS ON THE  
FEASIBILITY OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY DESIGNING,  
BUILDING AND OPERATING PET HOTELS AT THE MIAMI  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE MIAMI SEAPORT

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that Americans spend \$3 billion a year boarding and grooming their pets, and, in light of the fact that passengers need to provide care and boarding to their pets while they are traveling, it is in the best interest of Miami Dade County to study the feasibility of designing, building and operating pet hotels at the Miami International Airport (“MIA”) and the Miami Seaport (“Seaport”); and

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of airports are seeing pet hotels being built inside or near to their airport facilities; pet hotels are already open and running near the airports at Jacksonville, New Orleans and Portland, Oregon, and pet hotel operators have plans to open facilities or are in discussions with Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Chicago O’Hare, Chicago Midway, Houston Bush Intercontinental, Houston Hobby and Minneapolis; and

**WHEREAS**, because the operation of a pet hotel is a way for airports to boost their non-aviation revenue, many airports will run their airport pet hotel as a for-profit operation; in Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, for example, the Animal Humane Society was the successful bidder to run a for-profit pet boarding facility that will accommodate up to 141 guests, and it is estimated that the airport will collect approximately \$4 million in rent and concession fees from the facility over a fifteen year period,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Board requests the Mayor or designee to report to the Board within thirty (30) days, on the feasibility of Miami

Dade County designing, building and operating pet hotels at MIA and the Seaport. The study should identify land available inside or outside MIA and the Seaport for the project.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz 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:

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|                      | 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 Moss                        |
| Dorrin D. Rolle      | Natacha Seijas                     |
| Katy Sorenson        | Rebeca Sosa                        |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto |                                    |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 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 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.

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