

# Memorandum



**Date:** December 2, 2008

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

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Supplemental report relating to taxicab medallion lottery

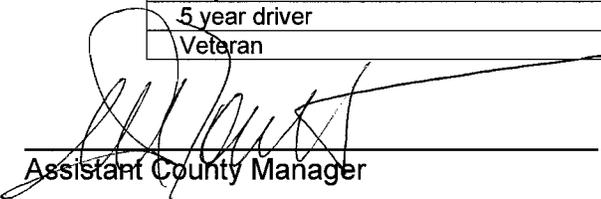
Supplement to  
Agenda Item No. 7(H)

At its November 12, 2008 meeting, the Economic Development and Human Services (EDHS) Committee forwarded the proposed ordinance authorizing a taxicab medallion lottery, and its supplemental report, to the Board of County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation. Procedurally, though, the amendments were not incorporated. The following details the amendments which were discussed by the Committee and are being proposed for Board adoption.

1. There will be one lottery consisting of 35 medallions that occurs in 2009, instead of a series of three lotteries.
2. Ten of the 35 medallions are regular taxicabs operating countywide, 15 are wheelchair accessible taxicabs operating countywide, five are assigned to the North Miami-Dade Underserved Area and five are assigned to the South Miami-Dade Service Area.
3. Nine medallions each are allocated to chauffeurs who have driven for 20 and 25 years or more; five medallions each are allocated to chauffeurs who have driven 15, 10 and five years or more, respectively; and two medallions are allocated to chauffeurs who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces.
4. All of the lottery medallions are prohibited from transporting passengers from Miami International Airport, and the price charged for each medallion is \$25,000.

The recommended amendments were the result of a compromise reached at an industry meeting held on October 23, 2008. The lottery will yield revenues of \$875,000 in 2009, which are retained by the Consumer Services Department to support taxicab activities. The table below details the amendments.

	Agenda Item	Amendment
<b>Number of Annual Lotteries</b>	3	1 lottery in 2009
<b>Number Medallions in Each Lottery</b>	43	35
<b>Distribution</b>		
Regular Taxicabs (Countywide)	0	10
Wheelchair Taxicabs (Countywide)	26	15
North Miami-Dade Underserved Area Taxicabs	9	5
South Miami-Dade Area Taxicabs	8	5
<b>Allocation by Driver Category</b>		
25 year driver	13	9
20 year driver	12	9
15 year driver	6	5
10 year driver	5	5
5 year driver	5	5
Veteran	2	2

  
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