

Memorandum



Date: May 12, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: City of Miami Beach Fire Department Rate Increase Request

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Agenda Item No.
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a request by the City of Miami Beach to increase the City's Fire Department emergency medical services (EMS) rate schedule. The requested schedule was approved by the City of Miami Beach Commission on September 17, 2008.

SCOPE

This proposed resolution affects the City of Miami Beach, in Commission Districts 4 and 5.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

The Consumer Services Department (CSD) is responsible for regulating for-hire transportation, including ambulance services.

BACKGROUND

Chapter 4, Article I of the Miami-Dade County Code, sets forth regulations governing air and ground ambulances and emergency medical transport vehicles. Pursuant to Section 4-7, all rates charged for the transportation of persons in these units, including rates charged by governmental entities, shall be established by the Board after public hearing. No other rates may be charged except as provided in Section 4-7(a), which includes rates as may be determined by federal law.

The current EMS rate schedule for the City of Miami Beach has been in place since October 2003. Since that time, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has risen 21.5 percent. The City submitted its request for an ambulance rate adjustment on March 30, 2009.

Currently, the City's Fire Department rates are lower than the allowable Medicare reimbursement rates, which results in forfeiture of funds that could legitimately be collected by the City from Medicare. The City's current schedule is \$9 less than the current rate allowed under Medicare for Basic Life Support (BLS), \$23 less for Advance Life Support 1 (ALS1), and \$93 less for Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS2). Therefore, the City is requesting a revised EMS rate schedule for BLS, ALS1, and ALS2 transports, as approved by the City Commission on September 17, 2008 via Resolution No. 2008-26909 (attached). The rates for mileage, supplies, drugs and procedures will remain unchanged.

The proposed schedule of rates per patient is as follows:

	Current Rate	Adjusted Rate
Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS1)	380.00	500.00
Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS2)	490.00	630.00
Basic Life Support (BLS) Emergency	330.00	430.00
Mileage, per mile or fraction thereof	7.50	No change
Oxygen per tank or fraction thereof	30.00	No change
IV/IO Solutions	25.00	No change
Cardiac Monitoring	25.00	No change
Intubation	25.00	No change
Spinal Immobilization	25.00	No change

Last year, the City's Fire Department transported 5,645 people. Approximately 48 percent of the trips were BLS, 51 percent were ALS1 and 1 percent were ALS2. According to the City's records, 30 percent of their transports are Medicare related; 8 percent Medicaid; 19 percent private insurance; and 43 percent private pay. As for uninsured and underinsured patients who are unable to pay, it remains the policy of the City of Miami Beach not to pursue payment, and their outstanding balances are not collected. Their overall collection rate is 57 percent.

In the case of a Medicare transport, Medicare pays 80 percent of the allowable rate. The remaining 20 percent represents the co-pay amount, which is submitted to a patient's secondary insurance or Medicaid (if applicable), or billed directly to the patient. Medicare will not pay more than their allowable rate regardless of the local fee structure. The Medicare co-pay under the proposed rates is \$67.86 for BLS trips, \$80.50 for ALS1 trips and \$116.64 for ALS2 trips. This represents a minimal increase in the co-pay from the current schedule of \$1.86 for BLS, \$4.50 for ALS1, and \$18.64 for ALS2. These amounts would increase by the CPI factor each year with the annual Medicare adjustment.

The revised rate schedule will have no impact on Medicaid clients. Medicaid pays a flat rate of \$136 for BLS trips and \$190 for ALS1 and ALS2 trips. Ambulance providers cannot bill the client for the difference.

A comparison of ambulance and emergency medical service rates in Florida and nationally is attached. The comparison provides an average of rates in Florida for each of the different categories, an average of rates in jurisdictions around the nation and a comparison of Florida/nationwide jurisdictions. The proposed BLS rate is lower than the average Florida rate while the proposed ALS1 and ALS2 rates are higher than the average Florida rates but lower than the average nationwide rates.

The annual budget for the Rescue Division of the City's Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2008-09 is \$14,236,679, of which \$1,300,000 is derived from the current rate schedule. The City is projecting \$720,000 in additional revenue under the new rate structure.



Assistant County Manager



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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: September 17, 2008

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2003-25302, SUBJECT TO AND EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, INCREASING THE FIRE RESCUE TRANSPORT FEES FROM \$330 TO \$430 FOR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT, FROM \$380 TO \$500 FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT 1, AND FROM \$490 TO \$630 FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT 2, AND MAINTAINING THE CURRENT FEES FOR ALL EXPENDABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, WITH SERVICES NOT TO BE WITHHELD DUE TO A PERSON'S INABILITY TO PAY.**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution.

ANALYSIS

The Miami Beach Fire Rescue Department transport fees provide needed revenue to offset budgetary costs. The proposed annual budget for the Rescue Division for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008/09 is \$14,236,679. Revenue for Rescue Transports is projected to be \$1,300,000 at the current fees as set by the City Commission. By amending Resolution 2003-25302 which is subject to and effective upon approval by Miami Dade County, the City will be able to further offset the operating costs of the Rescue Division. It is anticipated that the County will raise their transport fees this FY although the amount of the increase has not been set as yet.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission adopt the attached resolution approving and authorizing the transport fees subject to and effective upon approval by Miami-Dade County.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2003-25302, SUBJECT TO AND EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, INCREASING THE FIRE RESCUE TRANSPORT FEES FROM \$330 TO \$430 FOR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT; FROM \$380 TO \$500 FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT 1; AND FROM \$490 TO \$630 FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT 2; AND MAINTAINING THE CURRENT FEES FOR ALL EXPENDABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, WITH SERVICES NOT TO BE WITHHELD DUE TO A PERSON'S INABILITY TO PAY.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Fire Department serves as the provider of fire rescue transport services, and in order to comply with the provisions of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Chapter 4-7 (Ambulance and Medical Transportation- Rates), proposed emergency transport fees are subject to and effective upon approval by Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise the established Fire Rescue Transport Fees for Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support 1, and Advanced Life Support 2, due to increased operation expenses; and

WHEREAS, all fees for expendable medical supplies shall remain the same; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee increases for transport services are as follows:

	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Basic Life Support	\$330.00	<u>\$430.00</u>
Advanced Life Support 1	\$380.00	<u>\$500.00</u>
Advanced Life Support 2	\$490.00	<u>\$630.00</u>
Mileage Charge/per Mile	\$ 7.50	No change
Cardiac Monitoring	\$ 25.00	No change
I.V. / I.O.	\$ 25.00	No change
Intubation	\$ 25.00	No change
Oxygen	\$ 30.00	No change
Spinal Immobilization	\$ 25.00	No change; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the above, no individual shall be deprived of Fire Rescue Transport Services due to the inability to pay for such services.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that, subject to and effective upon approval by Miami-Dade County, Resolution No. 2003-25302, is hereby amended, increasing the present Fire Rescue Transport Fees as follows:

Basic Life Support	\$430.00
Advanced Life Support 1	\$500.00
Advanced Life Support 2	\$630.00
Mileage Charge/per Mile	\$ 7.50
Cardiac Monitoring	\$ 25.00
I.V. / I.O.	\$ 25.00
Intubation	\$ 25.00
Oxygen	\$ 30.00
Spinal Immobilization	\$ 25.00

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

9/16/08

Date

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COMMISSION ITEM SUMMARY

Condensed Title:

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, amending Resolution 2003-25302 subject to the approval of Miami Dade County, increasing the Fire Rescue transport Fees from \$330 to \$430 for Basic Life Support, from \$380 to \$500 for Advanced Life Support 1, and from \$490 to \$630 for Advanced Life Support 2, and maintaining the current fees for all expendable medical supplies, with services not to be withheld due to a person's inability to pay.

Key Intended Outcome Supported:

Increase resident ratings of public safety services.
Supporting Data (Surveys, Environmental Scan, etc.): According to the 2007 Community Survey 96% of residents rated the overall quality of City Fire as excellent or good; and according to the Environmental Scan, in 2006 the Fire Department received 18,131 calls and 13,532 of them were rescue related.

Issue:

Shall The City Commission Approve the amendment of Resolution 2003-25302 subject to the approval of Miami Dade County, increasing the Fire Rescue transport Fees from \$330 to \$430 for Basic Life Support, from \$380 to \$500 for Advanced Life Support 1, and from \$490 to \$630 for Advanced Life Support 2, and maintaining the current fees for all expendable medical supplies, with services not to be withheld due to a person's inability to pay?

Item Summary/Recommendation:

The Fire Department Fire Rescue Transport Fees will provide needed revenue to offset the growing cost of supplies and fuel in FY 2008/09. The proposed schedule balances consumer and industry needs and will have minimal impact on consumers due to the fact that ambulance transports are typically paid for by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. As for uninsured and underinsured patients who are unable to pay, it remains the policy of the City of Miami Beach not to pursue payment, and their outstanding balances are not collected. Amending Resolution 2003-25302 the proposed fee schedule, which is subject to and effective upon approval by Miami-Dade County, enhances the ability of the Rescue Division to provide the best possible service to the stakeholders of the City of Miami Beach.

The Administration recommends approving the resolution.

Advisory Board Recommendation:

N/A

Financial Information:

Source of Funds:	Amount	Amount	Approved
<input type="checkbox"/> OBPI	1		
	2		
	3		
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	Total		

Financial Impact Summary: Subject to and effective upon approval by Miami-Dade County, the increase is expected to generate an estimated \$720,000.

City Clerk's Office Legislative Tracking:

Christopher Parrino Division Chief Emergency Medical Services

Sign-Offs:

Department Director	Assistant City Manager	City Manager
		<i>[Signature]</i>

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EMS GROUND TRANSPORT FEE SURVEY 4/2009

JURISDICTION	ALS 1	ALS 2	BLS	SCT	OXYGEN	MILEAGE	SOLUTIONS	MONITOR	COLLAR	CARDIAC CERVICAL BACKBOARD/	INTUBATION	SPECIAL HANDLING	NON RESIDENT	OTHER SUPPLIES/ DRUGS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY														
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue	\$402.94	\$683.20	\$339.32	\$600.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Miami Beach	\$380.00	\$490.00	\$500.00	N/A	\$30.00	\$7.50	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
City of Miami	\$390.00	\$590.00	\$330.00	\$650.00	\$30.00	\$7.50	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Miami-Dade Private	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$330.00	N/A	\$30.00	\$7.50	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	BLS \$30, AI N/A	N/A	Included
Hialeah	\$402.94	\$683.20	\$339.32	N/A	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Key Biscayne	\$390.00	\$550.00	\$330.00	N/A	\$30.00	\$7.50	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Coral Gables	\$250.00	N/A	\$150.00	N/A	\$22.00	\$6.50	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
STATE OF FLORIDA														
Broward County	\$460.00	\$775.00	\$450.00	N/A	\$27.00	\$8.00	\$30.00	Included	\$25.00	\$25.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Citrus County	\$500.00	\$598.00	\$500.00	N/A	Included	\$8.50	Included	Included	Included	\$25.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Polk County	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	Included	\$9.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Hallandale Beach	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	N/A	\$20.00	\$8.50	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Highlands County	\$345.00	\$485.00	\$315.00	N/A	Included	\$8.50	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Oakland Park	\$400.00	\$530.00	\$400.00	N/A	\$24.00	\$8.00	\$32.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Ocala County	\$380.00	\$500.00	\$380.00	\$650.00	Included	\$8.00	Included	Included	Included	\$25.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Merritt	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$700.00	N/A	Included	\$10.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	BLS \$500, ALS \$600	\$27.50
Leon County	\$898.00	\$999.00	\$715.00	N/A	Included	\$13.40	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Hollywood	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$450.00	N/A	Included	\$9.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Miramar	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$700.00	N/A	Included	\$10.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Pompano Beach	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	N/A	\$50.00	\$10.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Sarasota County	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$600.00	N/A	Included	\$10.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Boca Raton	\$554.44	\$715.42	\$554.44	\$745.22	Included	\$10.15	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Fort Lauderdale	\$452.00	\$525.00	\$425.00	N/A	Included	\$8.50	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Lee County	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$400.00	N/A	\$25.00	\$8.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Tampa	\$360.00	\$500.00	\$330.00	\$550.00	Included	\$8.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Orange County	\$502.00	\$614.00	\$390.00	N/A	Included	\$9.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Monroe County	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	N/A	Included	\$9.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Broward County	\$469.00	\$493.00	\$369.00	N/A	\$25.00	\$6.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Palm Beach County	\$470.00	\$630.00	\$470.00	N/A	Included	\$8.50	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Lauderdale Lakes	\$460.00	\$575.00	\$450.00	N/A	\$27.00	\$6.00	\$30.00	Included	\$25.00	\$25.00	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Jacksonville	\$635.00	\$660.00	\$470.00	N/A	Included	\$10.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Plantation	\$350.00	\$480.00	\$330.00	N/A	Included	\$7.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Coral Springs	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	N/A	Included	\$7.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Collier County	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$700.00	N/A	Included	\$12.25	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
OTHER AREA JURISDICTIONS														
New York City, NY	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$475.00	N/A	\$50.00	\$7.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
San Francisco, CA	\$850.00	\$650.00	\$700.00	N/A	N/A	\$15.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	\$215.00
Los Angeles, CA	\$889.00	\$903.50	\$622.00	N/A	N/A	\$14.50	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Detroit, MI	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	N/A	\$50.00	\$9.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Dallas, TX	\$500.00	\$600.00	N/A	N/A	\$36.00	\$9.00	Included	Included	\$20.18	\$56.40	Included	Included	\$125 additional	\$125 treatment non-transport
DeKalb County, GA	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$425.00	N/A	Included	\$5.50	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Las Vegas, NV	\$710.41	\$777.72	\$675.16	N/A	\$36.00	\$20.53	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
San Diego, CA	\$865.00	\$1,103.00	N/A	N/A	\$10.00	\$13.80	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Phoenix, AZ	\$665.00	\$665.00	\$592.00	N/A	Included	\$10.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Plano, TX	\$550.00	\$550.00	N/A	N/A	Included	\$10.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Fairfax, VA	\$500.00	\$675.00	\$400.00	N/A	Included	\$10.00	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	\$85 additional	Included
Boston, MA	\$1,375.00	\$1,870.00	\$935.00	N/A	Included	\$11.55	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Average State FL	\$475.94	\$570.35	\$434.63	\$600.00	\$24.80	\$8.31	\$30.67	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$102.50	\$170.00
Average Other Areas	\$719.12	\$809.94	\$580.46	N/A	\$36.40	\$11.49	\$37.60	\$20.18	\$56.40	\$56.40	Included	Included	N/A	Included
Miami Beach Proposed	\$500.00	\$630.00	\$430.00	N/A	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Miami-Dade County, Florida will meet on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First Street, Miami, Florida to consider:

Resolution approving an increase to the City of Miami Beach Fire Department's authorized emergency medical services rate schedule

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Government Operations Committee of the Board of County Commissioners, with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, will need a record of the proceedings. Such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

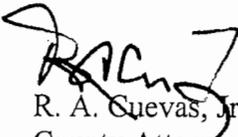


MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 2, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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 Mayor'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

Agenda Item No.

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INCREASE TO THE
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
RATE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board, in accordance with Chapter 4, Article I of the Code, approves a request by the City of Miami Beach Fire Department to increase its authorized emergency medical services rate schedule.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this
2nd day of June, 2009. 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.

GKS

Gerald K. Sanchez