MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(B)

(Second Reading 7-8-10)

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

DATE: May 4, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Ordinance amending Section 2-481 of the Code related to the Commission Auditor's access to information

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: July 8, 2010

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

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Ordinance Amending Section 2-481 of the Code related to the Commission Auditor's request to have read-only access within five (5) business days from the date of the request will not alter practices which have already been followed to provide access to all available information as quickly as possible. Therefore, there will not be a fiscal impact to the County.

Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Special Assistant/Director
Office of Strategic Business Management

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"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**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-481 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATED TO THE COMMISSION AUDITOR'S ACCESS TO INFORMATION; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Section 2-481 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida is amended as follows:[1]

Sec. 2-481. Access to information.

The Commission Auditor shall have read-only access to any and all financial, data, and reporting systems of the County and access to all books, records, memoranda and other documents, including both those internally or externally created, of all departments, boards, agencies, and other entities of the County. To the extent such information is required by law to remain confidential and/or exempt from disclosure, such information shall also be maintained by the Commission Auditor as confidential and/or exempt. >>Access to such information shall be provided to the Commission Auditor within five (5) business days from the date of the Commission Auditor's request; provided, however, if it is not reasonably possible to comply with the Commission Auditor's request within five (5) business days, then access to the requested information shall be provided within the limited reasonable time necessary to retrieve the information. The information must be provided in the medium requested if the record is maintained in that medium.<< The Commission Auditor

[1] Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

may make direct inquiries of any officer, agent, or employee of any department, board, agency or other County entity to clarify matters under his or her purview. It shall be a policy of this Board that such officer, agent or employee shall respond to such inquiries and shall not knowingly omit significant facts when presenting the requested information. The Commission Auditor may require the appearance of any officer, agent or employee of any department, board, agency or other entity for the purpose of examining that person under oath or affirmation. All contracts with outside contractors and subcontractors shall provide for access by the Commission Auditor to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with governmental funds. The Commission Auditor shall have the power to summon any person to be examined under oath or affirmation. The Commission Auditor, or an assistant, may administer an oath or affirmation. The Commission Auditor may issue necessary process, including a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum, to compel attendance or the production of documents or other things. Prior to issuing a subpoena, the Commission Auditor shall notify the State Attorney and the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. The Commission Auditor shall not interfere with any ongoing investigation of the State Attorney or the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida where the State Attorney or the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida has explicitly notified the Commission Auditor in writing that the Commission Auditor's investigation is interfering with an ongoing criminal investigation.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any Sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate work.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective 10 days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

Prepared by:

Geri Bonzon-Keenan

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez
Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle