

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 7, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing County  
Mayor to study the feasibility of  
designating areas at regional  
County parks as "Senior Zones"

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto and Co-Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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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 Mayor'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

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

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5-7-13

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
DESIGNATING AREAS AT REGIONAL COUNTY PARKS AS  
"SENIOR ZONES" AND INSTALLING WITHIN THESE  
AREAS OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR SENIOR  
CITIZENS AND TO REPORT FINDINGS TO BOARD WITHIN  
SIXTY DAYS IN WRITTEN REPORT

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has a large population of elderly residents; and

**WHEREAS**, being outdoors and in County parks provides both physical and mental health benefits to persons of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's senior citizens and elderly residents would benefit from being more active and healthy in an outdoor setting; and

**WHEREAS**, one way to encourage and facilitate outdoor exercise and activities for senior citizens would be to designate in each of the County's regional parks, provided space is available, an area for senior citizens ("Senior Zones") and to develop and install within these Senior Zones outdoor exercise equipment that is tailored and geared towards the elderly population; and

**WHEREAS**, these Senior Zones would be akin to the popular tot lots the County has at parks for young children, except it would be tailored towards senior citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the concept of Senior Zones is popular in European parks and Senior Zones in County regional parks, based on the European model of an open area, no shelters or structures with covered roofs, and low-cost equipment, would be in the best interest of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, therefore, this Board desires to have the County Mayor or Mayor's designee study the feasibility, to include but not be limited to, issues of capacity, demand, and

cost, of designating areas at regional County parks as Senior Zones and installing within these areas outdoor exercise equipment tailored towards senior citizens,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to study the feasibility, to include but not be limited to, issues of capacity, demand, and cost, of designating areas at regional County parks as Senior Zones and installing within these areas outdoor exercise equipment tailored towards senior citizens and to report the findings and results of the feasibility study to this Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Resolution via a written report.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto and the Co-Sponsor is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman  
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Sally A. Heyman  
Jean Monestime  
Sen. Javier D. Souto  
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
Audrey M. Edmonson  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Dennis C. Moss  
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013. 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.

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Monica Rizo