MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: July 16, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging pet shop owners to install a fire alarm system or upgrade an existing stand alone security monitoring system for inclusion of fire alarm system to provide early warning notification of an imminent fire; to enhance the safety of pet store animals

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

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County Attorney

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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**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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7-16-13

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING PET SHOP OWNERS TO INSTALL A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM OR UPGRADE AN EXISTING STAND ALONE SECURITY MONITORING SYSTEM FOR INCLUSION OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING NOTIFICATION OF AN IMMINENT FIRE TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF PET STORE ANIMALS

WHEREAS, during the first quarter of 2013, over 30 animals housed in pet stores perished from fires in Miami-Dade County, because the animals were confined in cages and were unable to be removed from the heat and smoke produced by the fire; and

WHEREAS, the applicable edition of the National Fire Protection Association Standard, Life Safety Code 101 Chapter regarding Existing Mercantile Occupancies, does not require all pet shop owners to install a fire alarm system; and

WHEREAS, animals are entitled to kind and respectful treatment and should be afforded a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, stand-alone security systems provide fire and intrusion protection and when monitored, can provide early notification to Police and Fire departments; and

WHEREAS, combined with other elements of an emergency response and evacuation plan, these systems can significantly reduce property damage, personal injuries, and loss of life from fire,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby urges retail pet shop owners to install a monitored fire alarm system or install or upgrade a stand-alone security monitoring system for inclusion of a fire/smoke detection device to provide early warning of an incipient fire; to enhance the safety of pet store animals.

Section 2: This Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to all retail pet shop owners within Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. 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	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 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. D.F.

Daniel Frastai