

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

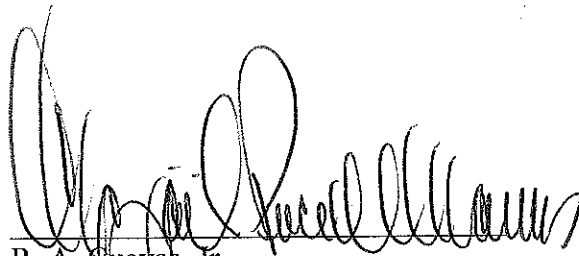
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 4, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution modifying Transit Fare Structure to allow Miami-Dade County residents to use the transit system without paying a fare if they (1) are veterans who have not received a dishonorable discharge, and (2) their household income does not exceed the standard threshold applied to determine eligibility for the low-income, senior citizens's additional homestead exemption

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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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2-4-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION MODIFYING TRANSIT FARE STRUCTURE TO ALLOW MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESIDENTS TO USE THE TRANSIT SYSTEM WITHOUT PAYING A FARE IF THEY (1) ARE VETERANS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, AND (2) THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE STANDARD THRESHOLD APPLIED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE LOW-INCOME, SENIOR CITIZENS'S ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, members of the armed forces have continuously served this nation and the cause of freedom with distinction; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to express its appreciation to those men and women who have risked their lives defending this nation and its interests; and

WHEREAS, many veterans live at or near the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, this Board, on June 8, 2004, adopted R-729-04 which created the Patriot Passport program and provided fare free transit services for honorably discharged veterans below a certain income threshold; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to expand the Patriot Passport program to veterans who receive a general discharge; and

WHEREAS, expanding the Patriot Passport program may increase transit ridership and reduce congestion on the roads of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that pursuant to Section 2-150 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the transit fare structure is modified to allow Miami-Dade County residents to use the transit system without paying a fare if they (1) are veterans,

excluding those dishonorably discharged, and (2) their household income does not exceed the standard threshold applied to determine eligibility for the low-income, senior citizen's additional homestead exemption.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. 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 4th day of February, 2014. 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.



Bruce Libhaber