

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

**DATE:** July 1, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor to amend the Taxicab Advisory Group regulations to establish a permanent membership selection committee of the Taxicab Advisory Group, to reconstitute the Taxicab Advisory Group, to provide for two year terms for the Taxicab Advisory Group members, group, to create term limits applicable to each individual member, and to provide for staggered terms of membership

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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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 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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7-1-14

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AMEND THE TAXICAB ADVISORY GROUP REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE TAXICAB ADVISORY GROUP, TO RECONSTITUTE THE TAXICAB ADVISORY GROUP, TO PROVIDE FOR TWO YEAR TERMS FOR THE TAXICAB ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS, GROUP, TO CREATE TERM LIMITS APPLICABLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR STAGGERED TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 31-84(a)(9) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the administration established a taxicab advisory group ("Taxicab Advisory Group") in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taxicab Advisory Group was established, among other reasons, as a forum for communication and the exchange of ideas between the diverse elements of the taxicab industry as well as with representatives of all interested parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taxicab Advisory Group is comprised of representatives from consumers, the industry, transportation-related interests, municipalities and public interest organizations as outlined in regulations promulgated by the Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the selection committee responsible for appointing Taxicab Advisory Group members should be amended to better reflect the interests as outlined above by forming a permanent selection committee comprised of the Taxicab Advisory Group Chairperson, the For-Hire Division Chief and an appointee of the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to increase diversity and accountability, and give full voice to the new selection committee, the current Taxicab Advisory Group should be dissolved and a new group should be constituted with new consumer and industry group representatives that do not currently serve on the Taxicab Advisory Group and have not served as a member of the Taxicab Advisory Group within the past 2 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the new group should be constituted with seats 1 through 9 being reserved for industry or consumer representatives, and seats 10 through 13 for governmental or tourism board representatives as follows : (1) Consumer; (2) Consumer; (3) Taxicab Passenger Service Company Principal; (4) For-Hire Taxicab Medallion Holder Who Is Not An Owner-Driver; (5) For-Hire Taxicab Medallion Holder Who Is Not An Owner-Driver; (6) Full-Time Taxicab Chauffeur With No Interest In A Medallion; (7) Full-Time Taxicab Chauffeur With No Interest In A Medallion; (8) Full-Time Taxicab Chauffeur With No Interest In A Medallion; (9) Full-Time Taxicab Chauffeur Owner-Driver; (10) Port Of Miami Representative; (11) Miami International Airport Representative; (12) Office Of Americans With Disabilities Act Coordination Representative; and (13) Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau Representative; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to increase participation from the public as well as the interested parties, the regulations regarding term limits should be amended to apply term limits to industry or consumer representatives serving on seats 1 through 9 regardless of the specific seat being held with a maximum of two terms of service and no less than a 2-year gap before being able to be reappointed; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the Taxicab Advisory Group members should be changed to provide for two-year terms subject to staggered initial membership terms described below; and

**WHEREAS**, although term limits and reconstituting the board are necessary to ensure fresh voices and diversity of opinion, in order to promote continuity on this newly constituted board the terms of the members representing seats 1-9 should be staggered; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to stagger the terms of seats 1-9, the Mayor or Mayor's designee shall establish regulations that provide for this initial term of the reconstituted board that the odd-numbered seats (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) shall have initial terms of two years and the even-numbered seats (2, 4, 6, and 8) shall have initial terms of one year, and all subsequent terms shall be for two years,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor or Mayor's designee is directed to amend the Taxicab Advisory Group regulations to establish a permanent membership selection committee of the Taxicab Advisory Group, to reconstitute the Taxicab Advisory Group, to provide for two-year terms for the Taxicab Advisory Group members, to create term limits applicable to each individual member, and to provide for staggered terms of membership.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 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.



Alex S. Bokor