

# Memorandum



**Date:** November 10, 2015  
**To:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor  
**Subject:** Social Equity Statement for Zoning and Code Enforcement Ordinance Pertaining to the Prohibition of Materials Affixed to Fences in Residential Areas

UMSA  
Supplement to  
Agenda Item No. 1(G)3

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This proposed ordinance amends the Code to modify regulations regarding wire fences and chain link fences. More specifically, the Code currently requires that cloth, fabric, canvas, silt screens, mesh, plastic cross mats, or other such materials be properly maintained, but specifies that these materials may be allowed in residential areas by obtaining a building permit.

The proposed ordinance amends the Code in the following manner:

- States that the application of these materials on the referenced fences are prohibited in specific residential zoning districts (RU and EU).
- Specifies that these materials can only be applied in RU and EU districts if required by law.
- Specifies that the existing \$200 civil penalty for improperly maintaining a fence, wall or hedge extends to affixing material to a chain link fence or wire fence without a building permit.

The proposed amendment reduces the ability for property owners in RU and EU zoning districts to affix such materials on their chain link or wire fences. Prospectively, any property owner that violates this section of the code will be subject to the \$200 civil penalty.

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Jack Osterholt  
Deputy Mayor