

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

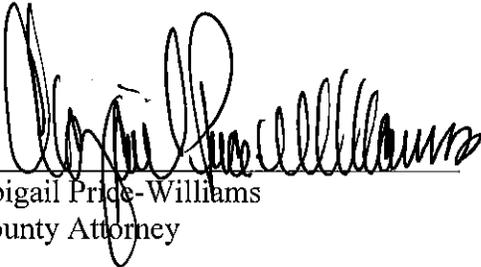
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 7, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
United States Secretary of
Transportation and the National
Highway Traffic Safety
Administration to reassess
motor vehicle headlamp lens
safety, evaluate and identify
alternative manufacturing
materials, and promulgate rules
requiring safer, more durable
lenses

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.


Abigail Price-Williams
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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
- Statement of social equity 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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9-7-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION TO REASSESS MOTOR VEHICLE HEADLAMP LENS SAFETY, EVALUATE AND IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE MANUFACTURING MATERIALS, AND PROMULGATE RULES REQUIRING SAFER, MORE DURABLE LENSES

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is responsible for creating a transportation system that keeps the traveling public safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”), an agency of the United States Department of Transportation, is responsible for reducing deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, the NHTSA, through the United States Department of Transportation’s rulemaking authority, sets and enforces safety performance standards for motor vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, modern motor vehicle headlamp lenses are made of plastic material highly susceptible to oxidation; and

WHEREAS, oxidation increases upkeep costs of headlamp lenses and poses a financial burden on motor vehicle owners; and

WHEREAS, oxidized headlamp lenses reduce headlight visibility and efficacy, increase the risk of accidents, and pose a danger to public safety; and

WHEREAS, this Board is committed to improving the safety of individuals traveling within Miami-Dade County and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that equipping motor vehicles with more durable headlamp lenses that are less susceptible to oxidation will decrease maintenance costs associated with owning a motor vehicle and increase overall traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the United States Department of Transportation and its agency, the NHTSA, should reassess the safety and durability of plastic-based headlamp lenses currently equipped on most motor vehicles, evaluate and identify alternative manufacturing materials, and promulgate rules providing safer, more durable headlamp lenses,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Secretary of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to reassess motor vehicle headlamp lens safety, evaluate and identify alternative manufacturing materials, and promulgate rules requiring safer, more durable lenses.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the United States Secretary of Transportation, and the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the regulations set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2017 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. 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:

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| Jean Monestime, Chairman | |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman | |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Daniella Levine Cava |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Dennis C. Moss | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | Xavier L. Suarez |
| Juan C. Zapata | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of September, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.S.

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