

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)


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


DATE: October 5, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County Mayor to develop a marketing initiative to inform business owners seeking to start or expand of the option to pay water and sewer connection charges through installments and directing County Mayor to provide report to the Board

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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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10-5-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A MARKETING INITIATIVE TO INFORM BUSINESS OWNERS SEEKING TO START OR EXPAND OF THE OPTION TO PAY WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES THROUGH INSTALLMENTS AND DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE REPORT TO THE BOARD

WHEREAS, whenever a property is required to connect to the County's water and/or sewer system, the property owner or business owner must pay the applicable water and sewer connection charges; and

WHEREAS, the water and sewer connection charges are based on the amount of the average daily flow for the type of property multiplied by the prevailing rate approved by this Board; and

WHEREAS, the water and sewer connection charges may be a substantial expense which has been identified by the Beacon Council as a commonly cited impediment to the creation or expansion of new businesses in Miami-Dade; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department's procedures include the opportunity for property owners and business owners to pay connection charges in installments, up to a year at the Director's discretion; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department's New Business Office is charged with informing property owners and business owners of the availability of the installment program; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires broader notification of the installment program to businesses seeking to open or expand in Miami-Dade,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to develop a marketing initiative, in coordination with the Beacon Council, to inform business owners seeking to start or expand a business in Miami-Dade of the option to pay Water and Sewer connection charges in installments for up to a year as a way to remove barriers to business expansion in Miami-Dade. Information about paying connection charges in installments shall also be provided on the Water and Sewer Department website, and the Miami-Dade Business Portal. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a written report detailing the plan and progress in developing and executing this marketing initiative to the Board within 90 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

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:

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 5th day of October, 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.



Henry N. Gillman