

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

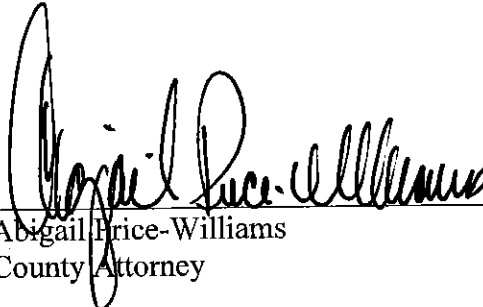
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 1, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to establish a program that provides Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department customers with the opportunity to assist qualified Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department customers facing termination of water service through a voluntary contribution program and directing the County Mayor to provide a report to the Board

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



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County Attorney

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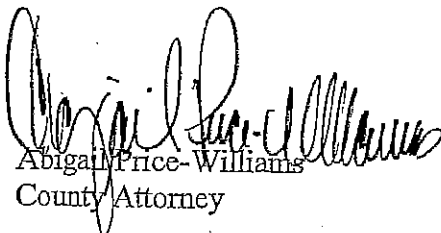


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Please note any items checked.

- "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

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Veto _____

11-1-16

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT CUSTOMERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST QUALIFIED MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT CUSTOMERS FACING TERMINATION OF WATER SERVICE THROUGH A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD

WHEREAS, clean and safe drinking water is a basic necessity; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department ("WASD") provides clean and safe drinking water to over 435,000 retail customers; and

WHEREAS, nonpayment of the water bill may result in the termination of water service; and

WHEREAS, although WASD has one of the lowest water rates in the country, low-income elderly, low-income disabled and other low-income customers may have difficulty paying their water bill due to economic hardships like medical bills, prescription medication costs, school and daycare expenses and other financial challenges; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities in the United States, such as Topeka, Kansas, Houston, Texas and North Miami Beach, Florida offer a voluntary contribution fund wherein water utility customers can provide financial assistance to qualified customers facing termination of service; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to establish a program to enable WASD's customers to voluntarily contribute to a fund designed to assist qualified and eligible low-income WASD customers who face termination of water service due to economic hardship,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to establish a program ("Voluntary Contribution Program") that provides Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department customers with the opportunity to contribute to a fund designed to assist qualified and eligible low-income Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department customers who face termination of water service due to economic hardship. The Voluntary Contribution Program shall be operated by the Community Action Agency, which has a strong track record of successfully managing utility customer assistance programs, and shall include specific criteria for eligibility and procedures for accepting customer contributions, collecting and distributing funds. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a written report on the Voluntary Contribution Program, including a timeline for implementation, to this 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 and the Co-Sponsor 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of November, 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.

SED for

Henry N. Gillman