

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

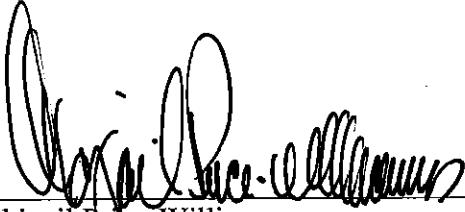
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 10, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to prepare a report with recommendations for this Board related to trees and hurricane readiness, with recommendations on how to minimize the loss of trees and damage from falling trees in the event of a future hurricane

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


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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4-10-18

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S
DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS BOARD RELATED TO
TREES AND HURRICANE READINESS, WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO MINIMIZE THE LOSS
OF TREES AND DAMAGE FROM FALLING TREES IN THE
EVENT OF A FUTURE HURRICANE

WHEREAS, in September 2017, Hurricane Irma caused a great deal of damage in Miami-Dade County, and much of that damage was due to fallen trees or tree branches; and

WHEREAS, during the hurricane, trees fell on power lines, fallen trees blocked streets and access to neighborhoods, and in some instances, trees even fell on residents' homes; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma also resulted in an overall loss of trees and tree canopy in Miami-Dade County that may take years to recover; and

WHEREAS, trees and overall tree canopy are important in Miami-Dade County for both quality of life reasons such as shade and beauty, as well as broader environmental and resiliency considerations; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County currently has regulations that relate to trees, such as in the County's landscape regulations in Chapter 18A and in the County's environmental regulations in Chapter 24; and

WHEREAS, various County departments and divisions are involved with trees, and the County deals with trees both as a regulator and in the County's proprietary capacity for County parks and County owned rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to review the County's regulations and policies related to trees, in order to improve the hurricane readiness of Miami-Dade County and potentially limit the damage from trees from future hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, such a review of regulations and policies related to trees is also intended to have positive impact on the County's overall tree canopy, with the goals of encouraging the planting of appropriate trees and reducing the loss of trees from future hurricanes, thus preserving tree beauty and shade for residents, along with important environmental and resiliency benefits from trees in Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to review the County's regulations and policies on trees and hurricane readiness and prepare a report with recommendations for this Board. This report shall include recommendations related to County regulations as well as recommendations related to the County's own tree projects in County parks and rights-of-way, and this report shall address ways to increase the tree canopy in Miami-Dade County, while at the same time minimizing both the loss of trees and damage from falling trees and branches in the event of a future hurricane. For example, this report shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the County's tree plans, recommendations on proper tree selection based on location, and recommendations for tree pruning and how to best communicate information on tree pruning to the responsible parties. The Mayor or Mayor's designee shall place the completed report with recommendations, on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65 within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsor 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of April, 2018. 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.



Abbie Schwaderer Raurell