

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

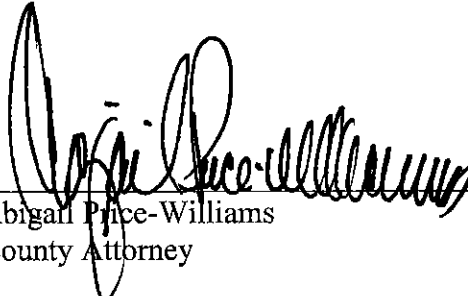
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 10, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting that the County Mayor dedicate additional law enforcement resources, utilize existing investigative tools, and implement a training program, to combat illegal dumping and environmental crimes; and requiring a report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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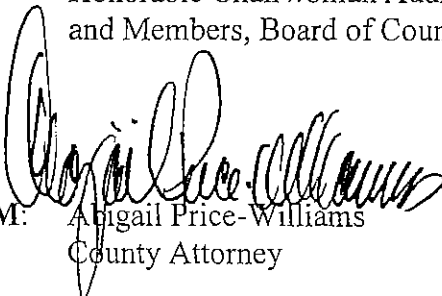
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Please note any items checked.

- "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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) 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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7-10-19

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE DEDICATE ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES, UTILIZE EXISTING INVESTIGATIVE TOOLS, AND IMPLEMENT A TRAINING PROGRAM, TO COMBAT ILLEGAL DUMPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES; AND REQUIRING A REPORT

WHEREAS, illegal dumping in Miami-Dade County is a serious issue that creates a wide range of problems; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping may pose serious environmental challenges and sometimes occurs on environmentally-sensitive areas, such as wetlands; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping may also be an economic threat to the County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping is a problem in the County's residential areas, such as when violators illegally dump trash and waste on a resident's otherwise legal bulky waste pick-up pile, causing an excess beyond the services included within the annual service fees; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping is a problem in the County's rural, agricultural areas, where violators illegally dump trash and waste on the right-of-way or even on another person's real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted Resolution No. R-1201-17 and directed the administration to create the Miami-Dade County 2017 Illegal Dumping Task Force ("the Task Force"), for the purpose of investigating the causes and effects of illegal dumping in the County,

and the applicable laws and regulations, enforcement, and punishment relating to illegal dumping, and to make recommendations to this Board and the County Mayor to better address and combat illegal dumping; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force issued its Illegal Dumping Task Force Report (“the Report”) on October 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, at its December 4, 2018 meeting, the Board accepted the Report; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to prevent illegal dumping, the Report recommended, among other things, that additional law enforcement resources be dedicated to combating illegal dumping by serving as a deterrent to potential offenders; and

WHEREAS, the Report more specifically recommended that the Miami-Dade Police Department (“MDPD”) institute a specialized unit to address illegal dumping and environmental crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Report also specifically recommended that, as part of its attempt to address illegal dumping, MDPD utilize existing surveillance cameras throughout the County as part of its Real Time Crime Center; and

WHEREAS, the MDPD Real Time Crime Center coordinates and distributes real-time information to police officers and investigators, as well as enhanced intelligence distribution via radio, Computer-Aided Dispatch, and other means; and

WHEREAS, the Report also specifically recommended that MDPD implement a training program for its officers, in coordination with other departments, to apprise the police officers of laws related to illegal dumping,

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

Section 1. Requests that the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee dedicate additional law enforcement resources from MDPD to combat illegal dumping, such as by either (i) creating a specialized unit to address illegal dumping and environmental crimes or (ii) expanding an existing unit, such as the Agricultural Patrol Bureau, beyond the areas of the County with a large proportion of Agricultural Districts.

Section 2. Requests that the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee utilize existing investigative tools, such as surveillance cameras as well as the MDPD Real Time Crime Center, to more quickly address illegal dumping and apprehend offenders.

Section 3. Requests that the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee implement a training program for MDPD officers, in coordination with other County departments, to apprise MDPD police officers of laws related to illegal dumping.

Section 4. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to provide a written report, regarding the requests set forth in sections 1, 2 and 3, including the availability of funding, to the Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, which shall be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman

Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Daniella Levine Cava

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Eileen Higgins

Barbara J. Jordan

Joe A. Martinez

Jean Monestime

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of July, 2019. 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.



Debra Herman