

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(43)

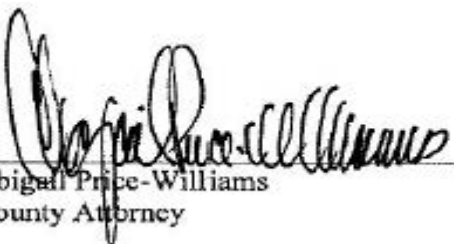
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 5, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop and implement a plan in response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to establish walk-up food distribution service centers or other alternatives to drive-up centers in areas of Miami-Dade County evidencing high poverty and low rates of vehicle ownership among both documented and undocumented residents, if fiscally advisable within legally available means, and to submit a written report to the Board

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.


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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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5-5-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) TO ESTABLISH WALK-UP FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVICE CENTERS OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO DRIVE-UP CENTERS IN AREAS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EVIDENCING HIGH POVERTY AND LOW RATES OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIP AMONG BOTH DOCUMENTED AND UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS, IF FISCALLY ADVISABLE WITHIN LEGALLY AVAILABLE MEANS, AND TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, the cause of the infectious coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), has had crippling effects on the health, safety, and the global economic foundation of individuals globally, nationally, and locally; and

WHEREAS, declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (“WHO”), COVID-19’s rapid widespread unrelenting attack resulted in Governor Ron DeSantis issuing Executive Order No. 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the state of Florida on March 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez similarly declared a state of emergency for Miami-Dade County on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on a daily basis, the Florida Department of Health is reporting increases in confirmed cases and deaths of Florida residents with and resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, public health officials and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly encouraged communities experiencing an outbreak to limit face-to-face contact with others as much as possible, and urged individuals to practice “social distancing” to combat the person-to-person spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, to enforce social distancing, states, like Florida, and local governments around the country banned large gatherings of people and issued “safer at home” or “shelter in place” orders requiring residents to remain in their residences, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID-19, parks and businesses have also been ordered closed to ensure the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence, countless Miami-Dade County residents have found themselves in a compromised economic state as a result of job loss and wage reduction; and

WHEREAS, among the most vulnerable members of the County’s population are the individuals located in low-income communities who can no longer afford to put food on the table; and

WHEREAS, although certain government assistance is available, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, only United States citizens and certain other lawfully-present non-citizens are eligible to apply for these benefits; and

WHEREAS, to assist those experiencing food insecurity, various food distribution events and services are being offered throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing, such food distribution services have been vehicle drive-up only in nature; and

WHEREAS, however, there are many residents, both documented and undocumented, in the County's low-income communities and beyond, who do not own vehicles or have the means to access modes of transportation which would avail them to these services; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the County continues to strive to address the needs all residents while ensuring that their health and safety remain at the forefront,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to immediately develop and implement a plan in response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to establish walk-up food distribution centers or other alternatives to drive-up centers in areas of Miami-Dade County evidencing high poverty and low rates of vehicle ownership among both documented and undocumented residents if fiscally possible within legally available means.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report relating to progress on implementation of the program to this Board within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. The report shall outline the plan to establish and evidence implementation of a walk-up food distribution centers or an alternative to drive-up food distribution service centers by the County Mayor or Mayor's designee and shall set forth the fiscal impacts of such plan, or alternatively indicate why such a plan was not and cannot be implemented.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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.

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Eileen Higgins

Joe A. Martinez

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

Daniella Levine Cava

Sally A. Heyman

Barbara J. Jordan

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2020. 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.



Nykeah L. Cohen