

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 2, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to examine the feasibility
of increasing the yearly grants
provided by the Save Our
Seniors Homeowners' Relief
Fund, and requiring a report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



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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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3-2-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXAMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE YEARLY GRANTS
PROVIDED BY THE SAVE OUR SENIORS HOMEOWNERS'
RELIEF FUND, AND REQUIRING A REPORT

WHEREAS, section 6(d) of Article VII of the Florida Constitution and section 196.075 of the Florida Statutes, provide to qualifying senior citizens certain exemptions from ad valorem property taxes, including a \$50,000.00 exemption to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate, maintains permanent residence on the property, is 65 or older, and whose household income does not exceed the household income limitation ("senior exemption"); and

WHEREAS, for tax year 2020, the income limitation for the senior exemption was \$30,721.00; and

WHEREAS, approximately 27,201 households in the County qualified for the senior exemption in tax year 2020; and

WHEREAS, according to the records of the Miami-Dade County Office of the Property Appraiser, the total County taxable value for these 27,201 homes qualifying for the Senior Exemption was \$1,304,037,824.00 for tax year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the average County taxable value for these households for tax year 2020 was \$47,941.00; and

WHEREAS, using the common 2 percent rule-of-thumb to determine property taxes from a property's assessed value, the average property tax bill for these households receiving the senior exemption was approximately \$950.00 for tax year 2020; and

WHEREAS, as part of the County’s Fiscal Year 2010-11 adopted countywide budget (the “budget”), the Board approved the establishment of the Save Our Seniors Homeowners’ Relief Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5 million to be funded from general fund revenues; and

WHEREAS, under the Save Our Seniors Homeowners’ Relief Fund, seniors who receive the senior exemption from property taxes are eligible to receive a grant in the amount of \$100.00 per household, which may be used to offset the cost of County services; and

WHEREAS, the Save Our Seniors Homeowners’ Relief Fund continues to provide yearly relief payments of \$100.00 to the households receiving the senior exemption; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that the County’s senior population is particularly vulnerable to the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to investigate the feasibility of increasing the amount of the yearly payments made from the Save Our Seniors Homeowners’ Relief Fund to relieve some of the financial burdens faced by the County’s low-income senior citizen population,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee to examine the feasibility of increasing the amount of the yearly grants provided by the Save Our Seniors Homeowners’ Relief Fund.

Section 3. This Board directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to prepare a report to the Board regarding the directive set forth in section 2 of this resolution, and to place the completed report on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65 within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee. 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:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021. 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.



Daija Page Lifshitz
Jorge Martinez-Esteve