

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 18, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to enact Senate Bill
1682, House Bill 1103, or similar
legislation authorizing local code
enforcement officers to assist in
the administration of state vessel
regulations

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



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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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2-18-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SENATE BILL 1682, HOUSE BILL 1103, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING LOCAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ASSIST IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATE VESSEL REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, derelict, at-risk, and long-term-anchored vessels left in the waters of Miami-Dade County can pose significant risks to the public and the environment, including navigational hazards, ecological harm, and negative aesthetic impacts, all of which can have adverse impacts on the local economy; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes state and local law enforcement officers to enforce state regulations relating to derelict, at-risk, and long-term-anchored vessels but generally does not authorize local code enforcement officers to do so; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jay Trumbull (R – Panama City) and Representative Robert Alexander “Alex” Andrade (R – Pensacola) have introduced Senate Bill (“SB”) 1682 and House Bill (“HB”) 1103, respectively, for consideration during the 2026 session of the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, SB 1682 and HB 1103 are similar bills that would amend state statutes governing derelict, at-risk, and long-term-anchored vessels so that local code enforcement officers could assist in certain aspects of the administration of such statutes; and

WHEREAS, under those bills, local code enforcement assistance would be subject to the local government's adoption of an ordinance and compliance with requirements established by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which would be authorized to provide technical assistance and guidance to local governments; and

WHEREAS, five years ago, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-675-21, urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation authorizing local code enforcement officers to enforce state statutes relating to at-risk and derelict vessels; and

WHEREAS, despite local and state efforts that have required substantial commitment of governmental resources, derelict, at-risk, and long-term-anchored vessels left in Biscayne Bay, the Miami River, and other waters of Miami-Dade County have continued to pose navigational, ecological, aesthetic, and economic harms; and

WHEREAS, this Board therefore wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to adopt SB 1682, HB 1103, or similar legislation so that local code enforcement officers can bolster existing local and state efforts to improve the health and safety of our waterways,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact Senate Bill 1682, House Bill 1103, or similar legislation authorizing local code enforcement officers to assist in the administration of state vessel regulations.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senator Jay Trumbull, Representative Robert Alexander "Alex" Andrade, and the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2026 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Micky Steinberg. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

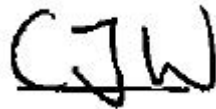
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of February, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Christopher J. Wahl