

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(E)

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

DATE:

(Public Hearing: 4-21-26)
March 3, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Ordinance relating to the
Miami-Dade County Parking
Code; amending section 30-49
of the Code; authorizing parking
enforcement entities to issue
invoices by mail for non-
payment of parking charges;
amending section 30-52 of
the Code; authorizing parking
enforcement entities to enforce
additional parking violations
through parking citations by mail

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez.



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County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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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ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKING CODE; AMENDING SECTION 30-49 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING PARKING ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES TO ISSUE INVOICES BY MAIL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PARKING CHARGES; AMENDING SECTION 30-52 OF THE CODE; AUTHORIZING PARKING ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES TO ENFORCE ADDITIONAL PARKING VIOLATIONS THROUGH PARKING CITATIONS BY MAIL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, article II of chapter 30 of the Code of Miami-Dade County is known and cited as the “Miami-Dade County Parking Code” (“County Parking Code”); and

WHEREAS, among other provisions, the County Parking Code prohibits individuals from stopping or parking a vehicle on a sidewalk, within an intersection, on a bicycle path, or on a crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, the County Parking Code further prohibits individuals from stopping or parking a vehicle in front of the entrance of any public building, on any street adjacent to any school, on fire lanes, and within certain distances from fire hydrants and fire stations; and

WHEREAS, these provisions help promote the flow of traffic, avoid obstruction of public infrastructure, and serve to protect pedestrians, bicycle riders, and other vehicular and non-vehicular traffic on and along roadways; and

WHEREAS, a proliferation of services such as online retail delivery services, food delivery services, and rideshare services has contributed to a rise in the number and frequency of vehicles that violate the County Parking Code, particularly those provisions prohibiting vehicles from parking, standing, or stopping in designated areas; and

WHEREAS, the County Parking Code currently authorizes law enforcement officers and parking enforcement specialists who, using video or license plate reader technology, discover a vehicle in violation of the provisions of section 30-49(20)(a)-(f) of the Code, to mail a parking citation to the registered owner of the vehicle or the registered lessee when the cited vehicle is registered in the name of the person who leased the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to authorize such parking enforcement entities to issue parking citations via mail for additional parking infractions that could create safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, this Board further wishes to authorize such parking enforcement entities to issue invoices via mail for unpaid parking charges prior to issuing citations for non-payment,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 30-49(20)(c) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 30-49. Parking regulations.

* * *

(20) *Parking and payment; maximum period; days effective.*

- (c) No person shall park any vehicle or permit any vehicle to remain parked in any parking metered space or similarly for-charge controlled parking areas without depositing United States currency of the designated denomination in the parking meter, without making electronic payment on the parking meter or through other electronic means, or without having properly secured a required parking claim ticket, any day unless otherwise posted upon any of the streets so

¹ Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

marked by designation of the department, in any County facilities, or in any municipal parking facilities. >>An invoice may be mailed to the registered owner of a vehicle or the registered lessee of a vehicle when the vehicle is registered in the name of the person who leased the vehicle, to the address given on the motor vehicle registration, for any vehicle parked in any parking metered space or similarly for-charge controlled parking area including, but not limited to, smart loading zones, for which the requisite payment has not been made. Said invoice shall require payment within thirty (30) days of the vehicle's parking. If such invoice remains unpaid as of the due date listed on the invoice, a parking citation shall be generated and mailed.<<

Section 2. Section 30-52 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 30-52. Liability for payment of parking citations; enforcement and procedures.

- (1) *Law enforcement officers and parking enforcement specialists.* A law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist who discovers a vehicle in violation of this article, may issue a parking citation to the driver. If the vehicle is unattended, the law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist shall attach such parking citation to the vehicle in a conspicuous place. If, using video or license plate reader technology, the law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist discovers a vehicle in violation of the provisions of Section 30-49(20)(a)—(f) such that the required payment for parking is not made, >>or discovers a vehicle in violation of the provisions of Section 30-49(2)(a)—(c), (6), (10), (11), (13), (15), (17), (18), (24), or (25),<< the law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist may mail a parking citation to the registered owner of the vehicle or the registered lessee when the cited vehicle is registered in the name of the person who leased the vehicle, to the address given on the motor vehicle registration.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 4. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

Handwritten initials "GBK" in blue ink above a handwritten signature in black ink.

Prepared by:

Anita Viciano Zapata

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez