

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

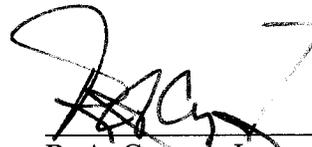
DATE: December 4, 2007

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
improvement of animal relief
areas at Miami International
Airport

R-1341-07

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("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
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-4-07

RESOLUTION NO. R-1341-07

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ANIMAL RELIEF AREAS AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AND REQUESTING MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO REPORT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPROVING SAME

WHEREAS, there are pet friendly airports around the U.S., including Phoenix Sky Harbor, Los Angeles International, Ontario, Inland Empire, San Diego International, Denver International, Boston Logan International, Minneapolis-St. Paul International, Reno-Tahoe International, Columbus, Port Columbus International, Portland International, Austin-Bergstrom International, and Seattle/Tacoma, Sea-Tac International; and

WHEREAS, there are currently two designated pet friendly areas at Miami International Airport (“MIA”) that are equipped with very limited amenities, including a small doggie walk area outfitted with boxes containing bags and scoops and signage directing pet owners to clean up after their pets; and

WHEREAS improving the pet friendly areas at MIA would be a welcome amenity for the growing number of pet owners now traveling through the Airport with their animals who need convenient, sanitary and safe relief areas to take their pets while at MIA; and

WHEREAS, improving the pet friendly areas at MIA may also reduce the risk of injury to the increasing number of narcotics and explosive-detecting canines that work at MIA by improving sanitary conditions inside the terminal buildings,

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

Mayor or designee to report to the Board within thirty (30) days, on the feasibility of the following:

- 1.) Improving the current pet friendly areas at MIA, in such ways as providing fresh drinking water, fencing, customer seating, and sufficient space for pets to exercise and stretch their legs while waiting for departure. The report should also consider the implementation of additional services in the terminal, such as booths or kiosks where pet owners can receive helpful traveling tips and can purchase pet-related items such as leashes, water bowls, pet food, collars, diapers and pet treats;
- 2.) Determining if current locations are adequate, desirable and convenient;
- 3.) Determining if additional sites are warranted; and
- 4.) Developing a plan to promote MIA's pet friendly areas and MIA as a pet friendly airport.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and was offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye		
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	aye		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye		Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye		Sally A. Heyman	absent
Joe A. Martinez	aye		Dennis Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye		Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	absent		Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent			

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of December, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



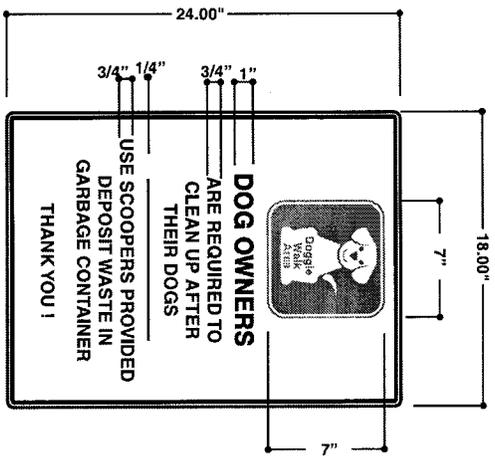
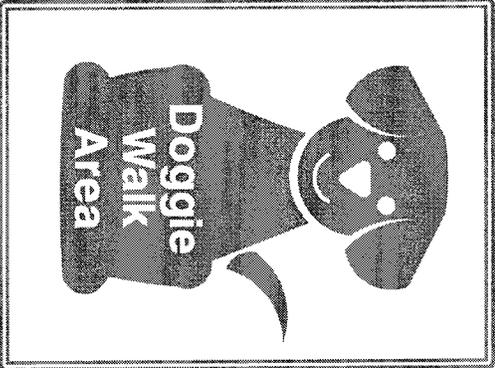
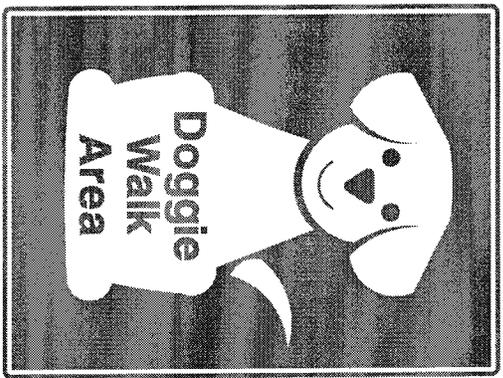
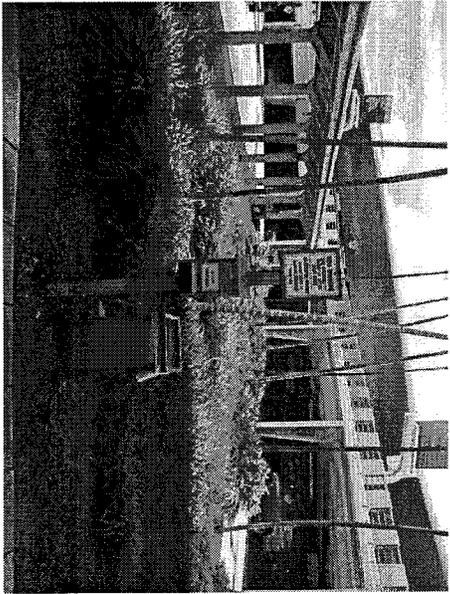
By: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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APPROVAL OF SHOP DRAWINGS SUPERCEDE ORIGINAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Miami International Airport

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ARIZONA

Phoenix: Sky Harbor International Airpor (PHX)

Phoenix Aviation Parks has built a dog park and pet rest area at the airport. It is located at Terminal 4, outside of the baggage claim level on the west end. The ""Bone Yard"" pet park provides a convenient place where passengers traveling with their animals can give them a restroom and water break. ""Mutt Mitts"" are provided for owners to clean up after their pets and water buckets are available for a drink. Two water faucets are located within a lighted area filled with gravel in the shape of a bone. Recently, Sky Harbor added another pet park. It is called the ""Paw Pad pet park"" and is located outside Terminal 3 near the base of the control tower.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles: Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

LAX has a small "Pet Park" at the southeast end of the Central Terminal Area near Terminals 7-8 (United Airlines) where pets can take a potty break. There's a little dog house there and a stand with plastic bags so owners can clean up after their animals, and a trash can. Pets cannot run free (i.e., unleashed) because it is still in the Central Terminal Area and the roadway runs along side it. There is another pet rest area near TBIT (Tom Bradley International Terminal).

Ontario, Inland Empire: LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT)

LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) is located in the Inland Empire, approximately 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles in the center of Southern California. The airport has a landscaped pet area on the west end of Terminal 2 next to the ticketing lobby. The pet area is fenced with fresh water, a wooden fire hydrant, brightly painted dog house, and plastic bags.

San Diego: San Diego International Airport (SAN)

Pet and service-animal relief area available. Located between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2, the area provides 475 square feet of space for pets and guide and service animals to enjoy a break and play while waiting for departure.

COLORADO

Denver: Denver International Airport (DIA)

The airport has two designated pet exercise areas, which are located outside of Jeppesen Terminal on Level 2. Arriving passengers who need to exercise a pet cannot go outside a concourse gate because concourses are located in secure zones. Instead, arriving passengers must take the airport train to the terminal to go outside. The trains are located in the center core of each concourse. At the terminal, on Level 2, outside Door 216 Terminal West or Door 217 Terminal East, are small grassy areas designated for pet relief or exercise. Please plan on at least 30 minutes travel time to the terminal and back to your gate (factor in the time needed to go through security screening again).

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston: Logan International Airport (BOS)

The pet-friendly environment at Logan offers something for everyone -- from helpful traveling tips and convenient water bowls for pet owners to pup cakes, cookies, t-shirts and collars for Fido and Felix.

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP)

The airport maintains a pet exercise area just outside door 6 on the Baggage Claim Level of the Lindbergh Terminal building.

NEVADA

Reno: Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RTIA)

Located north of Baggage Claim, outdoors, near ground transportation, the RTIA "Bark Park" provides a convenient

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place where passengers traveling with their pets can give their dogs a restroom and water break. RTIA Bark Park provides fresh drinking water to dogs and "Mutt Mitts" are provided for owners to clean up after their pets. The Bark Park is shaded by a canopy and trees that provide people and their pets protection from the weather.

OHIO

Columbus: Port Columbus International Airport (CMH)

The airport has a landscaped "pet relieving area," just outside the southernmost door of the baggage claim area.

OREGON

Portland: Portland International Airport (PDX)

The airport provides an outdoor pet relief area adjacent to the Lost and Found office on the airport's baggage claim level. Exit the terminal from the corridor adjacent to the Lost and Found office and cross the street to the pet relief area. Animals must be leashed when using the pet relief area, which is well lit and covered with bark dust.

TEXAS

Austin: Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS)

The airport's dog walk provides a little stretching of legs and much needed relief for pets. Landscaped and lighted, the dog walk includes a pet drinking fountain, dog waste pick-up bag and trash receptacle. The dog walk is located outside the lower level, to the far east end of the terminal past column numbered 6.

WASHINGTON

Seattle/Tacoma: Sea-Tac International Airport (SEA)

A small area has been set up outside the Main Terminal to serve as a "pet potty" for traveling animals. Equipped with absorbent sand, plastic bags and a garbage can, it is located outside of Baggage Claim, just north of the terminal, on the left under the outside stairs.

More coming soon!

