

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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


DATE: March 18, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Florida
Legislature to pass HB 51,
SB 1004 to provide additional
flexibility in making partial
payments of property taxes

Resolution No. R-312-08

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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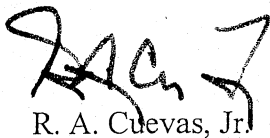


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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03-18-08

RESOLUTION NO. R-312-08

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PASS HB 51, SB 1004 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT
PROVIDES ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN MAKING
PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, recent downturns in the economy have created financial burdens for many homeowners and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Florida law currently requires payment of the full amount of a property tax bill in order for the Tax Collector to accept the payment tendered; and

WHEREAS, bills have been filed for consideration during the 2008 state legislative session that would provide added flexibility in making partial payments of property taxes, SB 1004 by Senator Mike Fasano and HB 51 by Representative Seth McKeel; and

WHEREAS, SB 1004 and HB 51 authorize Tax Collectors to accept any payment that is a portion of the total amount of property taxes owed, with interest and penalties applying only to the amount of taxes that remain unpaid; and

WHEREAS, providing additional flexibility in paying property taxes could assist many homeowners and small businesses given the current economic conditions,

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 pass HB 51, SB 1004 or similar legislation that would provide added flexibility to property owners in making partial payments of property taxes.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, Senator Mike Fasano and Representative Seth McKeel.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, 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 C. Moss aye
Dorin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of March, 2008. 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 only 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.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty