

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (15)

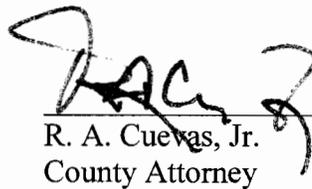
TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 3, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to pass legislation
authorizing the use of red light
cameras
Resolution No. R-1269-09

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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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
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) 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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11-3-09

RESOLUTION NO. R-1269-09

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PASS LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF RED
LIGHT CAMERAS

WHEREAS, running red lights is one of the major causes of accidents, deaths and injuries involving traffic; and

WHEREAS, recent crash statistics show that there were 206,000 accidents nationwide related to running red lights, with nearly 1,000 deaths and 176,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, red light cameras can help reduce the running of red lights by automatically photographing vehicles whose drivers run red lights; and

WHEREAS, studies in California and Virginia have shown that red light cameras can reduce running of red lights by approximately 40 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has concluded that red light cameras can be an effective measure to prevent running of red lights and encourages the use of red light cameras; and

WHEREAS, Florida law already authorizes the use of cameras to enforce toll collections on the Florida Turnpike System and other toll roads; and

WHEREAS, during the 2009 session, both the House and Senate passed versions of red light camera bills, but in the end, no identical bill passed both chambers,

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 legislation authorizing the use of red light cameras.

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

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2010 State Legislative Package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dorrin D. Rolle** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of November, 2009. 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: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMM", positioned below the text of the County Attorney's approval.

Jess M. McCarty