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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: September 10, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution setting policy for Miami-Dade County, requiring every item considered by the Board of County Commissioners that increases a County fee, fine or other charge to taxpayers and other users of County facilities and services to clearly identify such increase

Resolution No. R-851-10

This item was amended at the Governmental Operations committee and it differs from the original in that it requires increases in fees, fines and other charges rather than just fees to be clearly identified.

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

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
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**

_____ **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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-851-10

RESOLUTION SETTING POLICY FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, REQUIRING EVERY ITEM CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT INCREASES A COUNTY FEE, FINE OR OTHER CHARGE TO TAXPAYERS AND OTHER USERS OF COUNTY FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY SUCH INCREASE

WHEREAS, in addition to property tax revenue, Miami-Dade County generates a significant amount of revenue for County operations through fees at County facilities and for County services; and

WHEREAS, these fees include a wide range of County facilities and service, from parking fees at various County facilities, to solid waste fees, to fees for building permits, to various fees at the airports and seaport; and

WHEREAS, such fees help to lower property taxes by imposing fees on the individuals who are using a particular County facility or service; and

WHEREAS, while fee increases are sometimes necessary to keep pace with the cost of properly maintaining facilities and providing services, such fee increases nonetheless can have a significant impact on the families and small businesses that have to pay them, especially during these difficult economic times; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Board carefully consider impacts to families and small businesses before approving fee increases,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that every item considered by the Board of County Commissioners that increases a County fee>>, fine or other charge<<[1] to taxpayers or other users of County facilities and services shall:

(a) In the case of Administration items, clearly identify such increase in a separate section of the accompanying justification memorandum, or

(b) In the case of a commissioner-sponsored item, clearly identify such increase in a separate whereas clause.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Dorrin D. Rolle**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** 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	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Joe A. Martinez	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**aye**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

[1] Committee amendments are indicated as follows: words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or »double arrowed« constitute the amendment proposed.

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of September, 2010. 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.

Jess M. McCarty