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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

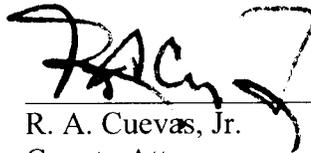
**DATE:** July 7, 2011

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor to  
conduct a feasibility study on the  
adoption or creation of a Green  
Rating System for neighborhoods and  
Roads in Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-574-11

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



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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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

7-7-11

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO.      R-574-11

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR THE  
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY  
STUDY ON THE ADOPTION OR CREATION OF A  
GREEN RATING SYSTEM FOR NEIGHBORHOODS  
AND ROADS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is committed to conserving the region's natural resources, encouraging efficient use of energy, and creating a more pleasant, healthier built environment; and

**WHEREAS**, neighborhoods and roads may be built or maintained in a resource efficient and ecologically sensitive manner, making them more environmentally responsible ("green"); and

**WHEREAS**, such green neighborhoods and roads may provide a high quality of life, while still being affordable to maintain; and

**WHEREAS**, County residents and visitors may be interested in such green neighborhoods and roads and may prefer such neighborhoods and roads to other areas of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may want to encourage private individuals and private and public entities to make their neighborhoods and roads more green; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has demonstrated environmental leadership with its sustainable buildings ordinance, Ordinance No. 07-65, under which the County uses a rating system for green building practices for County buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, a voluntary green rating system could encourage individuals and entities to maintain or build neighborhoods and roads in an environmentally responsible manner; and

**WHEREAS**, such a rating system could provide County residents and visitors with more information with which to decide where to live or visit; and

**WHEREAS**, such a rating system could further the policies and objectives of the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan, such as Policies LU-10D, LU-1H, LU-1I, and LU-9O and Objectives HO-7 and LU-10, thus bringing planning policies to life; and

**WHEREAS**, the County could learn from the experiences of any other local government that has adopted or created such a green rating standard,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor or the Mayor's designee is directed to conduct a study on the feasibility of adopting or creating a voluntary green rating system for neighborhoods and roads, including, without limitation, consideration of the following matters: (i) the experiences of other local governments in establishing and implementing their own green rating system or in using a green rating system established by an organization and verified by a third party, such as the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc.'s Green Development Standard; (ii) whether such a green rating system would apply only to new neighborhoods and roads or to existing ones as well; (iii) how an application process could work and if there would be an application fee; (iv) whether the County would be responsible for determining the rating of a neighborhood or road, and if so, the applicable criteria and the County

Department that would be responsible for that determination; (v) how information about the green rating system could be communicated to the public; and (vi) how a green rating system could best be implemented. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall report these findings to the Board of County Commissioners within 90 days.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	<b>aye</b>
	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	<b>aye</b>
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>absent</b>	Lynda Bell <b>absent</b>
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	<b>aye</b>	Jose "Pepe" Diaz <b>aye</b>
Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>	Barbara J. Jordan <b>aye</b>
Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>	Dennis C. Moss <b>aye</b>
Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>	Sen. Javier D. Souto <b>aye</b>
Xavier L. Suarez	<b>aye</b>	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell

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