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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 3, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing Mayor to report to the Board on the advisability and feasibility of entering into agreements for the provision of contact voltage testing on a County-wide basis
Resolution No. R-1001-13

This item was amended at the Infrastructure & Capital Improvements Committee on November 12, 2013 to require a report to the Board within 60 days of the effective date of the resolution on the advisability and feasibility of conducting contact voltage testing on a County-wide basis. The item previously required a contact voltage testing pilot program to be conducted within 180 days of the effective date of the resolution.

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

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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 Mayor'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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12-3-13

RESOLUTION NO. R-1001-13

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE ADVISABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF CONTACT VOLTAGE TESTING ON A COUNTY-WIDE BASIS

WHEREAS, contact voltage are dangerous and wasteful leaks in electric systems; and

WHEREAS, all conductive surfaces, such as sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, manhole covers, fences, street lights, and bus shelters in the public right-of-way can become electrified by contact voltage; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians and pets can be and have been shocked and killed by coming into contact with energized street lighting installations and related conductive surfaces; and

WHEREAS, contact voltage can also cause unnecessary energy losses which damage our environment and increase our dependency on foreign energy sources; and

WHEREAS, most safety actions with respect to contact voltage are not taken until after a tragedy has occurred; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators have recently passed resolutions urging municipalities to perform contact voltage testing to ensure pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, proactive contact voltage testing dramatically increases the level of safety for street lighting installation and may eliminate electrocutions due to metal poles becoming accidentally energized; and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to ensuring safe and efficient energy distribution and the public safety of all residents of, workers in, and visitors to our communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to [[~~conduct a pilot program on contact voltage testing within County-maintained rights-of-way and~~]][1] report to the Board within [[~~180~~]]>>60<< days of the effective date of this resolution on the advisability and feasibility of entering into agreements for the provision of [[~~these services~~]]>>contact voltage testing<< on a County-wide basis.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro. It was offered by Commissioner **Lynda Bell**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman	**aye**		
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair	**aye**		
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**absent**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**absent**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**absent**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

[1] Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of December, 2013. 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.

Jorge Martinez-Esteve