

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: May 6, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
Mayor to develop a voucher
program for spay/neuter
services for dogs and cats
Resolution No. R-441-14

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



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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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RESOLUTION NO. R-441-14

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A VOUCHER
PROGRAM FOR SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES FOR
DOGS AND CATS

WHEREAS, humane treatment of animals is an important public purpose; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. R-583-12, this Board directed the Mayor or Mayor's designee to develop and implement a financially feasible, actionable No Kill Implementation Plan, to reduce public shelter euthanasia of adoptable dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2013, this Board accepted the Animal Services Department's Report for Attaining a No Kill Shelter, which recommended that "[p]et sterilizations are essential for the long-term reduction of a community's unwanted/abandoned pets and to reduce dog and cat intake" at the County's Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, a targeted program to provide low-income County residents with vouchers for spay/neuter services will assist in achieving the County's goal of a No Kill Shelter; and

WHEREAS, a spay/neuter program was included in the Animal Services Department's budget, which this Board approved in September 2013,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to implement, within existing funding, a program for qualified, low-income County residents to obtain a voucher for spay/neuter services from the local veterinary community for their pet dogs or cats. The Mayor is hereby directed to report to this Board as to implementation of this program within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 2014. 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.

Dennis A. Kerbel