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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 3, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to initiate discussions with insurance company representatives about offering incentives to residential pool owners for installing pool safety equipment
Resolution No. R-231-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

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County Attorney

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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-231-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH INSURANCE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT OFFERING INCENTIVES TO RESIDENTIAL POOL OWNERS FOR INSTALLING POOL SAFETY EQUIPMENT, PROVIDE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION AND PLACE IT ON AN AGENDA OF THE BOARD PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 14-65

WHEREAS, drowning is a leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide, and ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, about one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 years old and under, according to the CDC; and

WHEREAS, drowning is the leading cause of injury death for children ages one to four, according to the CDC; and

WHEREAS, drowning among children ages one to four most often occurs in residential swimming pools, according to the CDC; and

WHEREAS, many drowning cases occur due to a lack of fencing, locking gates and pool covers, according to the CDC; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), electrocution is another pool-related danger that should be considered; and

WHEREAS, faulty underwater lighting, improperly maintained electrical wiring and the use of sump pumps, power washers and vacuums that are not grounded are some causes of electrocution, according to the CPSC; and

WHEREAS, pool owners should establish pool safety measures to reduce the risk of pool-related injury and death; and

WHEREAS, some pool safety measures include the installation of an alarm system, isolated four-sided fence, self-closing and self-latching gate, low voltage underwater lighting and Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters; and

WHEREAS, not all residential pool owners possess the proper pool safety equipment; and

WHEREAS, insurance companies should offer incentives to promote pool safety; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like the Mayor to initiate discussions with insurance company representatives about offering incentives for the installation of pool safety equipment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to initiate discussions with insurance company representatives about offering incentives to residential pool owners for installing pool safety equipment.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, 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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman			**aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman			**absent**
Bruno A. Barreiro	**absent**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**absent**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**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 3rd day of March, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

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