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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

DATE: February 2, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County Mayor to create a searchable database of outstanding individual fines or other charges; to identify general fund or other available revenues to finance the implementation of such database in the current or subsequent fiscal year budget, subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners; to inform individuals of any such outstanding debt and methods to pay such debt; to use the database for such purposes; and to prepare and present a report regarding implementation to the Board

Resolution No. R-135-16

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

Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/smm

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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**

_____ **Statement of social equity 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-135-16

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CREATE A SEARCHABLE DATABASE OF OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL FINES OR OTHER CHARGES; TO IDENTIFY GENERAL FUND OR OTHER AVAILABLE REVENUES TO FINANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH DATABASE IN THE CURRENT OR SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; TO INFORM INDIVIDUALS OF ANY SUCH OUTSTANDING DEBT AND METHODS TO PAY SUCH DEBT; TO USE THE DATABASE FOR SUCH PURPOSES; AND TO PREPARE AND PRESENT A REPORT REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION TO THE BOARD

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, from time to time, assesses fines or other charges against individuals as a result of civil citations or County code enforcement proceedings; and

WHEREAS, such fines and other charges ("outstanding debt") sometimes inadvertently go unpaid because people are unaware of the outstanding debt; and

WHEREAS, informing individuals of their outstanding debt to the County and the available means to pay such debt will increase the rate of repayment of outstanding debt to the County; and

WHEREAS, outstanding debt to the County is both expensive to the County, because collecting on the debt is costly, and to the debtor, because such debt negatively impacts the debtor's credit ratings; and

WHEREAS, the County, through its various departments and officers, regularly conducts in person financial transactions for various County services; and

WHEREAS, by way of example of such in person financial transactions, the County Tax Collector offers vehicle tag renewal services at the County Tax Collector's Offices where individuals may pay in person for such vehicle tag renewal fees; and

WHEREAS, creation of a searchable database for outstanding debt to the County will allow the County administration to adequately inform individuals utilizing County services of any outstanding County debt and the means of repaying such debt during any in person transactions; and

WHEREAS, the payment of any outstanding debt to the County will benefit both the County and the individuals owing such debt,

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

Section 1. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to create a searchable database of all outstanding fines or other charges against individuals that may be used by the County administration to identify outstanding individual debt to the County during face to face financial transactions.

Section 2. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to identify appropriate face to face financial transaction where individuals may be informed of any outstanding debt and available payment methods, including for example vehicle tag renewal services at the County Tax Collector's Offices, and to utilize the database during the identified face to face financial transactions to inform individuals of any such outstanding debt and the available payment methods.

Section 3. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to identify general fund or other available revenues in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 annual budget to finance the implementation of the searchable database and prepare a proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015-16 County budget for such funding if such funds are available. In the event such funds are not available in the current fiscal year, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to include such funding in the 2016-2017 proposed budget.

Section 4. The County Mayor is also directed to provide a report to this Board detailing the implementation of this policy within 6 months following the effective date of this resolution and, pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, place the report on a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

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

Jean Monestime, Chairman **aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman **aye**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**absent**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of February, 2016. 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.

Oren Rosenthal