



Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

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<b>4A</b> <b>151565</b>	ORDINANCE RELATING TO SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS; CREATING SECTION 18-3.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS UNDER THE CONTROL OF GOVERNING BODIES OF MUNICIPALITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AN EFFECTIVE DATE SUBJECT TO REFERENDUM, AND A SUNSET DATE SUBJECT TO DEFEAT OF REFERENDUM
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The proposed ordinance, relating to special taxing districts, creates section 18.3-1 of the Miami-Dade County Code to provide for special taxing districts under the control of governing boards of municipalities under certain circumstances.</p> <p><b><i>Sec. 18-3.1 – Municipal Special Taxing Districts.</i></b>  <b><i>Pursuant to Section 1.01(A)(11) of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, the County and a municipality may, by joint resolutions of the Board and the governing body of the municipality: (1) designate the governing body of such municipality as the governing body of a new special taxing district created in accordance with the other provisions of this article and located wholly within the boundaries of such municipality; or, (2) designate the governing body of a municipality as the governing body of any existing special taxing district located wholly within the boundaries of such municipality. Any resolution designating the governing body of a municipality as the governing body of an existing special taxing district shall set forth a date for the transfer of control of the special taxing district and shall provide that the governing body of such municipality shall be responsible for all pre-existing and future liabilities of such taxing district, whether known or unknown, and for the protection of any creditors of such special taxing district as of the date of the transfer of control of such special taxing district.</i></b></p> <p>The provisions of this ordinance will become effective upon both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The passage of ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, upon an override by this Board; and</li> <li>• The passage of a referendum amending the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter to be held in conjunction with the General Election currently scheduled for November 8, 2016.</li> </ul> <p>This ordinance will sunset if the referendum amending the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter to be held in conjunction with the General Election currently scheduled for November 8, 2016, is not approved at such election.</p> <p><b><u>Additional Information- Recent Legislation</u></b>  On June 30, 2015, the BCC passed File No. 151504 on first reading which amends section 18-19 of the Miami-Dade County Code requiring annual audits of special taxing districts to be placed on an agenda of the BCC by a specified deadline.</p> <p><b><i>Sec. 18-19. Annual audits.</i></b>  <b><i>The Board shall cause an audit of its books and accounts pertaining to each district created and established under the provisions of this article to be made at least once in each year by the County Auditor or by an independent certified public accountant and the costs thereof shall be treated as a part of the cost of operation. Beginning in 2016, such audit shall be placed on an agenda of the Board for review on or before March 1st of each year. Such audit shall examine the books and accounts of each district, whether active or inactive, and shall, at a minimum, include a statement of the auditor's opinion regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of the operation of the County's districts, the reliability of the financial and management reporting, compliance with laws and regulations, and the safeguarding of assets within the administration of the County's districts.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Additional Information</u></b>  On June 25, 2015, the Mayor issued a memorandum regarding four ordinances approving the rate setting process for Special Taxing Districts. According to the memorandum, Miami-Dade County's Public Works and Waste Management Department (PWWM) is currently responsible for the management and operation of 1,068 active Special Taxing Districts, which provide lighting, security guard services, and multipurpose maintenance throughout unincorporated Miami-Dade and in several municipalities. This annual rate setting process is required pursuant to Florida Statute 197.3632 and Section 18-14(5) of the Miami-Dade County Code. In the past, this process was noticed as part of the County's annual budget process and homeowners received their notification through the Truth In Millage (TRIM) notice. The County is now required to publicly notice the increase of any non-ad valorem assessment rolls in Special Taxing Districts separately. As required by recent case law, whenever rates are increased property owners must be notified of proposed rate increases. In the case where there is a rate increase, the Board is required to adopt the assessment rolls at a public hearing held between January 1 and September 15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On June 2, 2015, the BCC approved File No. 151272, which recommends flat rates for 834 out of 1,068 districts, and File Nos. 151271, 151274 and 151275, which require rate increases, on First Reading, thereby commencing the process for rate setting.</li> <li>• On June 6, 2015, courtesy letters were mailed to all residents whose districts have a proposed rate increase.</li> <li>• Notices of proposed rate increases were mailed to all affected Special taxing District property owners on June 8, 2015.</li> <li>• Newspaper advertisements advising of the public hearing to be held on June 30, 2015 were published in the Miami Herald on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, and Tuesday, June 16, 2015.</li> <li>• Notices were posted in all Special Taxing Districts with proposed rate increases.</li> </ul> <p>The County's Audit and Management Services Department, at the request of PWWM, is currently conducting an audit of all special taxing districts. The ongoing audit process and subsequent management review have revealed issues with past management and budgeting/accounting practices that have been and continue to be addressed. Immediately upon discovering these concerns, steps were revised for consistency with County and accounting standards. The fiscal components of the Division were transferred under the purview of</p>

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	<p>the PWWM Assistant Director of Administration to ensure greater accountability. Additionally, staff continues to work with the Office of Management and Budget, the Finance Department, the County Attorney’s Office, and the Property Appraiser’s Office to ensure compliance with proper accounting principles, ensure appropriate checks and balances, and provide for an appropriate transition to this new rate setting process.</p> <p>A historical review of past audits demonstrates a complexity of management issues that date back to 1996. The necessary immediate steps to implement corrective actions have been taken and will continue upon the conclusion and review of the audit findings. At the completion of this process, future rate setting will be limited to cost of living requirements or the cost of any improvements requested by residents.</p> <p><b>Additional Information - For thousands of Miami-Dade homeowners, tax increases coming after mix-up in special districts – Miami Herald, June 29, 2015</b> <a href="http://infoweb.newsbank.com/resources/doc/nb/news/1564A6AC1B5158E0?p=NewsBank">http://infoweb.newsbank.com/resources/doc/nb/news/1564A6AC1B5158E0?p=NewsBank</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Part of a widespread of what officials say was a flawed accounting system governing hundreds of special taxing districts throughout the county, about 118,000 properties face some sort of increase in 2016.</li><li>• Of the 1,068 special districts administered by the county, only 234 face increases in 2016 - about one in five. Most of the hikes are nominal: \$36 for the average property, but some are significant: a district in Miami's Morningside neighborhood would see its security-guard fee go from \$600 a property to \$1,640. Star Island faces an 800 percent increase to \$9,221 under the administration's proposed rates for 2016.</li><li>• In a memo sent last week, the Mayor said the former director of the taxing-district division was "removed" and the agency reorganized. An audit is under way. County commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed increases last Tuesday, but a final vote is being delayed until Sept. 1.</li><li>• A spokesman from the Mayor’s office said the increases will generate an extra \$4.2 million in 2016, roughly 35 percent more than the \$11.9 million that residents of the special districts would owe without the hikes. Officials describe it as a one-time fix, with about half of it going to close a deficit in the tax-district funds of about \$2 million. Public Works said the rest of the increase will cover the higher costs of providing services in the districts - amenities like security, street lights and landscaping.</li></ul>										
4B 151567	ORDINANCE RELATED TO ZONING; AMENDING REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES; AMENDING SECTION 33-155 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE										
Notes	<p>The proposed ordinance amends section 33-155 of the Miami-Dade County Code regarding the required information for public hearing on public charter school facilities.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">Miami-Dade County Code Comparison Zoning Section 33-155</th></tr><tr><th>Section</th><th>Current</th><th>Proposed</th></tr><tr><td>Sec. 33-155 Required Information</td><td><p>All public charter school facilities, as defined in this article, shall submit the following applicable information to the Department in accordance with the filing provisions of Article XXXVI of this code for review by the Department and for consideration at public hearing:</p><p>(A) Written information (13) A copy of the charter approved by the Miami-Dade County Public School Board.</p></td><td><p>All public charter school facilities, as defined in this article, shall submit the following applicable information to the Department in accordance with the filing provisions of Article XXXVI of this code for review by the Department and for consideration at public hearing:</p><p>(A) Written information (13) A copy of the <b>site-specific</b> charter <b>application as</b> approved by the Miami-Dade County Public School Board (<b>School Board</b>). <b>It is provided, however, that no certificate of use shall be issued until the Department reviews the executed charter contract approved by the School Board to confirm that the contract’s permitted grade levels, number of students, and school location conform to the public charter school facility approved pursuant to this article. In lieu of an executed charter application or contract as required above, the Department shall accept the School Board Clerk’s official copy of the School Board resolution approving the required application or contract and a copy of the application or contract presented to the School Board.</b></p></td></tr></table> <p><b>Additional Information:</b> During the BCC meeting on June 30, 2015, the Board passed File No. 151378 on first reading, amending Section 33-314 of the Miami-Dade County Code regarding the jurisdiction of the BCC to hear certain applications related to private schools.</p> <table><tr><th>Comparison of Miami-Dade County Code Section 33-314 Zoning</th></tr></table>	Miami-Dade County Code Comparison Zoning Section 33-155			Section	Current	Proposed	Sec. 33-155 Required Information	<p>All public charter school facilities, as defined in this article, shall submit the following applicable information to the Department in accordance with the filing provisions of Article XXXVI of this code for review by the Department and for consideration at public hearing:</p> <p>(A) Written information (13) A copy of the charter approved by the Miami-Dade County Public School Board.</p>	<p>All public charter school facilities, as defined in this article, shall submit the following applicable information to the Department in accordance with the filing provisions of Article XXXVI of this code for review by the Department and for consideration at public hearing:</p> <p>(A) Written information (13) A copy of the <b>site-specific</b> charter <b>application as</b> approved by the Miami-Dade County Public School Board (<b>School Board</b>). <b>It is provided, however, that no certificate of use shall be issued until the Department reviews the executed charter contract approved by the School Board to confirm that the contract’s permitted grade levels, number of students, and school location conform to the public charter school facility approved pursuant to this article. In lieu of an executed charter application or contract as required above, the Department shall accept the School Board Clerk’s official copy of the School Board resolution approving the required application or contract and a copy of the application or contract presented to the School Board.</b></p>	Comparison of Miami-Dade County Code Section 33-314 Zoning
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	<b>Sec. 33-314.</b>  <i>Direct applications and appeals to the County Commission.</i>	(C) The County Commission shall have jurisdiction to directly hear other applications as follows:  (12) Applications for public charter school facilities and expansions or modifications to existing public charter school facilities	(C) The County Commission shall have jurisdiction to directly hear other applications as follows:  (12) Applications <b>to approve, expand, or modify:</b> <b>(a) public charter school facilities; or</b> <b>(b) notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, private elementary, middle, and/or senior high schools (grades K to 12) where the proposed school will serve 500 or more students and have more than 100,000 sq. ft. of building facilities.</b>
<b>4C</b> <b>151591</b>	ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING TO THE CITY OF HIALEAH JURISDICTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE OKEECHOBEE RAPID TRANSIT ZONE STATION SITE; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY TO PERFORM SITE PLAN REVIEW AND BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT; ESTABLISHING AN EXCEPTION TO SECTION 33C-2 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; ESTABLISHING THAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DELEGATION SHALL BE CONTAINED IN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO BE APPROVED BY THE CITY AND THE COUNTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, EXCLUSION FROM THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE		
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The proposed ordinance provides the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The transfer of jurisdiction for site plan approvals, issuance of building permits, building inspections, compliance with the Florida Building Code, and issuances of certificates of completion, use, and occupancy in connection with the Okeechobee Rapid Transit Zone Station Site, to the City of Hialeah (City);</li> <li>The effectiveness of the grant of jurisdiction will be expressly conditioned upon the approval and execution by the County and the City of an interlocal agreement (Interlocal Agreement). The Interlocal Agreement will contain such provisions as the parties deem necessary to give effect to the transfer, including but not limited to any provision required to address any need by the City to amend its applicable legislation, the schedule for transition, or the collection, use and disposition of fees; and</li> <li>The grant of jurisdiction will expire on July 1, 2021, or, in the event that on such date there is an active building permit for the Okeechobee Rapid Transit Zone Station Site, upon the expiration of such permit or the issuance of the certificate of use or occupancy in connection with the structure that is the subject of such active permit.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The Interlocal Agreement described in this resolution may provide for an earlier expiration of the grant of jurisdiction in the event the project is completed prior to July 1, 2021. Upon expiration of the grant of jurisdiction, jurisdiction will vest with the County in the manner set forth in Section 33C-2(C). Nothing in this ordinance will affect any of the decisions of the Rapid Transit Developmental Impact Committee or the development standards previously adopted for the Okeechobee Rapid Transit Zone Station Site.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>Pursuant to Section 33C-2 of the Code of Miami Dade County (Code), which established a Rapid Transit Zone that runs through unincorporated and incorporated areas, the County established within the City the Okeechobee Rapid Transit Zone governing the Okeechobee Metrorail Station, Metrorail guideway and station platform, structure parking garage, bus bay area, and surface parking area and driveways. Section 33C-2(C) of the Code provides that jurisdiction for purposes of building and zoning approvals throughout the Rapid Transit Zone will vest in the County, even where the Rapid Transit Zone is within a municipality.</p> <p><b><u>Additional Information:</u></b></p> <p>On November 6, 2001, the BCC, through Resolution No. R-1251-01, authorized the advertisement and issuance of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 311 for joint development at Metrorail Stations, including the Okeechobee Metrorail Station. On January 29, 2002, the BCC, through R-100-02, suspended the solicitation process for the Okeechobee Station and directed the County Manager to enter into negotiations with the developer, Jubilee Community Development Corporation. As part of the resolution, Jubilee was required to conduct a competitive process in order to acquire a development partner and as a result of that competitive process, Gatehouse Group, Inc. was chosen.</p> <p>The Developer and County negotiated the project for 60 months but the parties were unable to reach a mutually acceptable agreement that would guarantee that the project would be completed in a timely basis.</p> <p>At that time, Miami-Dade County received an unsolicited proposal from the City of Hialeah, proposing to build an elderly residential project consisting of 3 residential towers of approximately 345 units collectively and space for commercial uses. Upon termination of negotiations with Jubilee, MDT entered into discussions with the City.</p> <p>On July 24, 2007, the BCC, through Resolution No. R-903-07, terminated negotiations for joint development between Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and Jubilee Community Development Corporation. <i>According to R-903-07, this item had a positive fiscal impact, either the County would receive lease payments or purchase payment based on Fair Market Value of the property as appraised by a County approved independent appraiser. These funds would be applied towards MDT's deficit reduction plan.</i></p> <p>On June 3, 2014, the BCC, through Resolution No. R-532-14, approved a Lease Agreement between the County and City of Hialeah regarding joint development at Okeechobee Metrorail Station site. Additionally, R-532-14 approved a District 13 allocation from Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program of \$5,592,000 to City of Hialeah as a grant to fund the first phase, consisting of sixty (60) affordable, elderly rental housing units of approx. 742 sq. ft., at the Okeechobee Site.</p>		

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	<p>Pursuant to the process set forth in Section 33C-2(D) of the County Code, the County's Rapid Transit Developmental Impact Committee (RTDIC) and the City approved development standards governing development of the Okeechobee Rapid Transit Zone Station Site, as reflected in the RTDIC Recommendation and City Ordinance No. 06-76.</p> <p>Highlights from the Lease Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The term of the Lease - 99 years;</i></li> <li>• <i>Rent - \$1.00;</i></li> <li>• <i>Tenant was to construct 180 Senior Affordable Housing units within nine (9) years;</i></li> <li>• <i>Senior Affordable Housing is housing occupied solely by persons who are 62 years old or older, or housing occupied by at least one person who is 55 years old or older in at least 80% of the occupied units, and where the owner/operator adheres to a policy that demonstrates an intent to house persons who are 55 years old or older;</i></li> <li>• <i>Total annual household incomes do not exceed 65% of the area median income of Miami-Dade County; and</i></li> <li>• <i>Phase I- sixty (60) units, including required parking. Had to obtain building permit within twelve (12) months of Commencement Date and completion must occur within 36 months of Commencement Date.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>4D</b> <b>151453</b></p>	<p>ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING AND SIGNS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR ILLUMINATION RELATING TO SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR DIGITAL SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR DIGITAL BILLBOARDS AFTER PUBLIC HEARING; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-84, 33-96, 33-96.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; CREATING SECTION 33-96.2 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE</p>
<p><b>Notes</b></p>	<p>The proposed ordinance, relating to zoning and signs, provides definitions and standards for illumination relating to signs, provides for digital billboards after public hearing and amends sections 33-84, 33-96 and 33-96.1 of the Miami-Dade County code. Additionally, the proposed ordinance creates section 33-96.2 of the Miami-Dade County code.</p> <p><b>Additional Information - Miami-Dade considers legalizing LED billboards – South Florida Business Journal, April 9, 2012:</b>  <a href="http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/blog/morning-edition/2012/04/miami-dade-considers-legalizing-led.html">http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/blog/morning-edition/2012/04/miami-dade-considers-legalizing-led.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The city of Miami previously approved 250-foot and 350-foot electronic billboards on land owned by the Miami Herald, but the project never happened.</i></li> <li>• <i>The city of Miami previously approved 250-foot and 350-foot electronic billboards on land.</i></li> <li>• <i>The city of Miami may allow the LED billboards on three buildings, including the Miami Children's Museum on Watson Island, the James L. Knight International Center near the Brickell Avenue bridge and the downtown Olympia Theater at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts. PortMiami is also interested in putting up a sign.</i></li> <li>• <i>Critics are concerned about whether the county's decision would lead to a lot of LED billboards. The city has already approved LED billboards along Interstate 95.</i></li> <li>• <i>A Miami Herald article raised questions about the Mediamesh at the American Airlines Arena.</i></li> <li>• <i>In 2010, Miami commissioners voted 4-1 to allow two high-rise billboards next to the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts as part of the City Square project. However, the project never happened and the site was subsequently purchased by Genting Group for Resorts World Miami.</i></li> <li>• <i>Another 2010 Business Journal article found conflicting rules between the city and the county regarding the American Airlines Arena's Mediamesh, but Miami Heat officials said it was allowed.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>4E</b> <b>151566</b></p>	<p>ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 17-132 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND; ESTABLISHING A TOTAL SET-ASIDE OF 50 PERCENT OF THE MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE TRUST FUND TO BE USED TO MEET THE HOUSING NEEDS OF VERY LOW INCOME AND EXTREMELY LOW INCOME PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS; REQUIRING 30 PERCENT OF SUCH SET- ASIDE FUNDS TO BE USED TO MEET THE HOUSING NEEDS OF VERY LOW INCOME PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS AND 20 PERCENT TO BE USED TO MEET THE HOUSING NEEDS OF EXTREMELY LOW INCOME PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS; UPDATING TERMINOLOGY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE</p>
<p><b>Notes</b></p>	<p>The proposed ordinance amends Article VII, Section 17-132 of the Miami-Dade County Code relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The proposed amendment establishes a total set-aside of 50 % of the money deposited in the Trust Fund to be used to meet the housing needs of very low income (30%) and extremely low income (20%) persons or households.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Code defines an extremely low income person or household as "one or more natural persons or a family whose total annual household income does not exceed 30 percent of the median annual adjusted gross income for households within the state" and a very low income person or household as "one or more natural persons or a family that has a total annual gross household income that does not exceed 50 percent of the median annual income adjusted for family size for households within Miami-Dade County."</i></li> </ul> <p>Ordinance No. 07-15, which is codified at Article VIII, Sections 17-129 et seq. of the Code of Miami-Dade County, establishing the Affordable Housing Trust Fund of Miami-Dade County, Florida (Trust Fund). The purpose of the Trust Fund is (1) to establish a permanent, renewable source of revenue to meet, in part, the housing needs of the residents of Miami-Dade County; (2) to foster a housing supply accessible to a range of incomes in developments assisted by the Trust Fund; and (3) to disperse affordable housing units throughout the County.</p>
<p><b>4F</b> <b>151592</b></p>	<p>ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE XII OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING HOMEBUYER LOAN PROGRAM USING DOCUMENTARY SURTAX FUNDS; ESTABLISHING PROGRAM FOR CERTIFYING QUALIFIED LOAN OFFICERS TO APPROVE PARTICIPANT HOMEBUYERS FOR THE PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING PROGRAM FOR CERTIFYING QUALIFIED CLOSING AGENTS TO CLOSE HOMEBUYER LOANS; ESTABLISHING ESSENTIAL TERMS OF THE PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 29-7 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO MAKE THE DOCUMENTARY SURTAX PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH THE HOMEBUYER LOAN PROGRAM ESTABLISHED HEREIN; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE</p>
<p><b>Notes</b></p>	<p>The proposed ordinance creates Article XII of Chapter 17 of the Miami-Dade County Code (Code) establishing the Homebuyer Loan Program using Documentary Surtax funds. More specifically the proposed ordinance provides for the following:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes program for certifying qualified loan officers to approve participant homebuyers;</li> <li>Establishes program for certifying qualified closing agents to close homebuyer loans;</li> <li>Establishes essential terms of the program; and</li> <li>Amends Section 29-7 of the Code to make the Documentary Surtax Program consistent with the Homebuyer Loan Program.</li> </ul> <p>Highlights of the Homebuyer Loan Program are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of the Homebuyer Loan Program is to provide subordinate mortgage loan assistance to assist qualified low- and moderate-income individuals and families in the purchase of a primary residence. The program is also intended to encourage homeownership in the County's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSA) and Neighborhood Outreach Areas (NOA), as defined in the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan filed with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) for federal Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant funding.</li> <li>The Homebuyer Loan Program will be administered through the County's Public Housing and Community Development department (Department), or successor department or other department as designated by the County Mayor. The Department will develop the Homebuyer Loan Program Guidelines consistent with this ordinance, which guidelines may be revised by the County Mayor or designee from time to time and will be made available on the Department's website and provided to all Certified Loan Officers and Certified Closing Agents.</li> <li>A restrictive covenant will be required as a part of the Homebuyer Loan Program, which covenant will include the residency, resale restrictions and shared equity restrictions as well as other terms included at the discretion of the Department not inconsistent with this ordinance.</li> <li>The County's loan provided through the Homebuyer Loan Program will be a second mortgage loan in priority, subordinate to the first lender so long as the first loan has a fixed interest rate considered to be a reasonable market rate, no balloon payment, and no pre-payment penalty; or may be a third mortgage loan or lower in priority, at the discretion of the Department, so long as the senior lender is known to be a state, county, city, local housing agency, or nonprofit organization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>All loans other than the first mortgage loan must be subordinate to the County's Homebuyer Loan Program loan, unless the subordination is expressly consented to by the Department upon a finding that such subordination is in the best interest of the County.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>The Homebuyer Loan will be for a term of 30 years, and interest and payments will be calculated based upon a 30-year term.</li> <li>Homebuyer Loans used to acquire homes in the County's NRSAs and NOAs will have a one percent (1%) compounded interest rate and will be forgiven after ten (10) years, so long as the Homebuyer Loan is not in default.</li> <li>Loans used to acquire homes outside of the County's NRSAs and NOAs will have a 2 percent (2%) compounded interest rate and will be forgiven after twenty (20) years, so long as the Homebuyer Loan is not in default.</li> <li>The maximum loan amount for a Homebuyer Loan offered through this program will be determined by the Certified Loan Officers, but in no event will the amount be greater than \$100,000.00 for Target Area Loans or \$80,000.00 for Non-Target Area Loans.</li> <li>The County will not require a down payment in order for the borrower to receive the Homebuyer Loan. The maximum purchase price for borrowers to purchase a home with a Homebuyer Loan will be 90 percent of the area median purchase price, as determined using purchase price limits established by U.S. HUD for the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Information</u></b></p> <p>Currently, Miami-Dade County has the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>First-Time Homebuyer Program</b>- The First-Time Homebuyer Program provides assistance in obtaining financing as a first-time homebuyer who qualify under CDBG, HOME, SHIP or Surtax income guidelines; the loan program is between the Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development and local home mortgage lenders.</li> <li><b>Neighborhood Stabilization Program</b>- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides homeownership assistance is available for the purchase of County-owned Neighborhood Stabilization Program homes.</li> <li><b>Infill Housing Homebuyer Requirements</b>-The Infill Housing Program's main goal is to increase the availability of affordable homes for low and moderate-income families, as well as maintain a stock of affordable housing; redevelop urban neighborhoods by eliminating the blight of vacant, dilapidated or abandoned properties; equitably distribute homeownership opportunities within the Infill Target Areas; and generate payment of property taxes.</li> <li><b>Homeownership Program for Public Housing Residents</b>- This homeownership program offers Public Housing residents, Section 8 residents and low-income residents to become first-time homebuyers. Twenty-seven single family homes in the Naranja and Homestead areas are available for qualified families interested in owning their own homes.</li> <li><b>Homeownership Program for Housing Choice Voucher Recipients</b>- The Miami-Dade Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Option Program is a voluntary program designed to permit eligible Housing Choice Voucher recipients to purchase a home using the voucher subsidy.</li> <li><b>Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP)</b>- The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust HAP is designed to address the need of low/moderate income families in Miami-Dade County by providing down payment and closing costs assistance to purchase their first home. It serves as a primary channel through which financial assistance flows to assist in purchasing a home.</li> </ul>
<b>4G 151568</b>	ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17A-9 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; RELATING TO VACANT STRUCTURES; REQUIRING THE POSTING OF NOTICES ON VACANT STRUCTURES AND PREMISES; REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION BE INCLUDED IN SAID NOTICES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE
<b>Notes</b>	The proposed ordinance amends section 17A-9 of the Miami-Dade County Code relating to vacant structures and requires the posting of notices on vacant structures and premises. The proposed ordinance further requires that certain information be included in the notices.



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	Sec. 17A-9 Notice of violations	Whenever the Minimum Housing Enforcement Officer or his or her assistant finds and determines that there has been a violation of the standards established by this chapter, he or she shall give notice of such violation to the owner and any operators. Such notice shall be in writing, shall specify the violation, and shall specify the time for compliance. Such notice shall specify that the violation must be corrected or a building permit for the work required to correct the violation must be obtained from Team Metro or appropriate municipal Building and Zoning Department and that final compliance must conform to the requirements of the South Florida Building Code. Such notice shall contain an outline of the remedial action which, if taken, will constitute compliance with the requirements of this chapter. Such notice shall inform the owner and any operators of the right to apply to the Minimum Housing Appeals Board for a hearing and review of matters within the notice and advise that failure to comply or appeal may result in the Minimum Housing Enforcement Officer's securing the vacant structure without further notice to the owner or a hearing. Such notice may also inform the person or persons to whom it is directed that failure to comply may result in enforcement action as provided for in Section 17A-13 or Chapter 8CC of this Code. Such notice shall be served upon the owner and any operators. Such notice shall be deemed to be properly served and binding upon the owner and upon any operators and upon the vacant structure or vacant premises involved if a copy is served by certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the owner's and/or operator's last known address. If the owner cannot be served by certified mail, a copy of the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the vacant structure or vacant premises. Such notice shall state the date of posting.	Whenever the Minimum Housing Enforcement Officer or his or her assistant finds and determines that there has been a violation of the standards established by this chapter, he or she shall give notice of such violation to the owner and any operators. Such notice shall be in writing, shall specify the violation, and shall specify the time for compliance. <b>Such notice shall indicate the name of the owner(s) of the structure(s) and premises and contact information for the owner(s).</b> Such notice shall specify that the violation must be corrected or a building permit for the work required to correct the violation must be obtained from Team Metro or appropriate municipal Building and Zoning Department and that final compliance must conform to the requirements of the South Florida Building Code. Such notice shall contain an outline of the remedial action which, if taken, will constitute compliance with the requirements of this chapter. Such notice shall inform the owner and any operators of the right to apply to the Minimum Housing Appeals Board for a hearing and review of matters within the notice and advise that failure to comply or appeal may result in the Minimum Housing Enforcement Officer's securing the vacant structure without further notice to the owner or a hearing. Such notice may also inform the person or persons to whom it is directed that failure to comply may result in enforcement action as provided for in Section 17A-13 or Chapter 8CC of this Code. Such notice shall be served upon the owner and any operators. Such notice shall be deemed to be properly served and binding upon the owner and upon any operators and upon the vacant structure or vacant premises involved if a copy is served by certified mail return receipt requested, addressed to the owner's and/or operator's last known address. <b>A copy of the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the vacant structure or vacant premises. Such notice shall state the date of posting. The posted sign shall be 2 x 3 feet in size and shall be posted at a height of 6 feet.</b>
	5C 151554	ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE IX OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATING TO THE WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; AMENDING DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "WORKFORCE HOUSING RENT" OR "WHU RENT"; SETTING MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COUNTY MORTGAGE; UPDATING INCORRECT CODE REFERENCE; UPDATING TERMINOLOGY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE	
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Notes	The proposed ordinance amends section 2-1 of the Miami-Dade County Code requiring the County Mayor to develop a written statement of social equity regarding any proposed County ordinance and place such statement on an agenda with the proposed ordinance prior to public hearing on the ordinance.  <i>This item was amended at the June 11, 2015 Economic Prosperity Committee meeting to include language that would base the social equity statement using information currently available and known by the administration at the time of the policy recommendation.</i>		

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	<p><b>(t) SOCIAL EQUITY STATEMENT REQUIRED FOR ORDINANCES; EXCEPTIONS.</b></p> <p><i>(1) Prior to the public hearing on any ordinance, the Mayor shall prepare a written social equity statement (a) identifying the possible non-monetary benefits and burdens of the policy to be implemented by the proposed ordinance and describing how those benefits and burdens would be distributed throughout the community, (e.g., geographically, demographically, by income levels, etc.) and (b) identifying the possible increase or decrease in monetary costs anticipated to be borne by the residents of the County if the proposed ordinance is adopted and describing how those increased or decreased monetary costs would be distributed throughout the community, (e.g., geographically, demographically, by income levels, etc.) ("social equity statement"). No public hearing on any ordinance shall be held, if the social equity statement is not submitted with the ordinance as part of the agenda.</i></p> <p><i>(2) If the Mayor initially determines that an ordinance has no social equity impact, but later determines that the ordinance does have a social equity impact (such as during the process of implementation), then the Mayor shall so advise the Board in a memorandum. Additionally, if, due to the social equity impact of an ordinance, the Mayor has not fully implemented all or any part of the program or policy provided for in an ordinance within one year of the effective date, or such other date as set forth in the ordinance, then the Mayor shall so advise the Board in a memorandum. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this rule shall be construed to authorize the Mayor not to comply with the policy direction contained in an ordinance without Board approval.</i></p> <p><i>(3) The Mayor shall not be required to provide a social equity statement for budget or emergency ordinances.</i></p> <p><i>(4) The social equity statement shall be based on information that is currently available and known by the administration.</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 840 1485 1570"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Additional Information and Relevant Legislation</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 865 527 1180"> <b>June 5, 2009</b>   <b>Resolution No. R-730-09</b> </td><td data-bbox="527 865 1485 1180"> This Resolution required current information regarding particular funding sources be presented to the BCC at the time legislation designating use of such funding source was to be considered. 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The two proposed ordinances will allow the Committees to complete the incorporation study and have the required public hearings prior to forwarding the incorporation petition to the BCC.</i></p> <p><b><u>Additional Information and Related Legislation:</u></b>  On March 8, 2001, the BCC, through Resolution No. R-235-01, created and established the West Kendall Are Municipal Advisory Committee and directed staff to prepare a study of the possible creation of a new municipality in the area of West Kendall. The proposed incorporation of West Kendall would generally include the unincorporated area west of 127th Avenue, south of 40th Street, east of Krome Avenue, and north of 120th Street.</p> <p>On February 26, 2002, the BCC, through Ordinance No. 02-27, created a West Kendall Municipal Advisory Committee consisting of 14 members. At the time the current members of the West Kendall Municipal Advisory Committee, established pursuant to R-235-01, were appointed to the West Kendall Municipal Advisory Committee established pursuant to this ordinance. It was anticipated that the Committee's advisory report would not be completed within one year from the date that the Committee was created pursuant to R-235-04 and pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, Section 2-11.36.1, committees that exist for a year or more will be created by ordinance.</p> <p>On May 6, 2003, the BCC, through Ordinance No. 03-11, repealed Ordinance No. 02-27 which created a West Kendall Municipal Advisory Committee.</p> <p>On July 2, 2013, the BCC adopted Ordinance No. 13-70 which created the West Kendall (Section One) Municipal Advisory Committee and directed the committee to study the possible incorporation of a municipality in the West Kendall (Section One) area. On April 23, 2014, the West Kendall (Section One) Municipal Advisory Committee was organized and began to meet and pursuant to Section 20-29(E) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, municipal advisory committees have a 24 month period from the adoption of their respective ordinance to complete their study however, additional time is needed for the West Kendall (Section One) Municipal Advisory Committee to conduct required public hearings and complete its study, and moreover, after completing its report, to remain in existence to be able to respond to inquiries from the Board.</p> <p><b><u>Additional Information- Report on Interest of Municipalities to Annex Neighboring MAC Areas:</u></b>  On August 3, 2007, Administration sent letters to twelve (12) municipalities adjacent to the eight (8) MAC areas in order to gauge the interest of the municipalities in annexing the adjacent MAC areas. A response was requested by September 15, 2007. As of the date of the County Manager's Report, December 11, 2007, only nine (9) of the twelve (12) municipalities responded. The County Manager's Report provided the following summary of those responses.</p> <p><b><u>Additional Information – Ordinance No. 07-120:</u></b>  On September 4, 2007, the BCC adopted Ordinance No. 07-120, suspending the process and consideration of proposed incorporations until a report prepared by the County Manager was presented and considered by the BCC. The County Manager's Report was to indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether municipalities near unincorporated areas were interested in annexing such areas as the preferred method to pursue boundary changes and update financial information (<i>This report was deferred to no date certain at the December 11, 2007 Governmental Operations and Environment Committee meeting</i>); and</li> <li>• Provide updated financial information relating to the North Central Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) Study Area (<i>The financial impact information was forwarded to the BCC on September 21, 2007</i>).</li> </ul> <p>On April 3, 2012, the BCC adopted Ordinance 12-24, relating to incorporation, repealing Ordinance No. 07-120 of Miami-Dade County, lifting the moratorium and deleting provisions that suspended processing and consideration of proposed incorporations.</p>

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	<p><b><u>Additional Information- Annexation and Incorporation Task Force:</u></b>  On November 20, 2012, under Resolution No. 983-12, the BCC created the Annexation and Incorporation Task Force (Task Force) to review pending annexation and incorporation proposals and to make recommendations by May 19, 2013 (extended to September 30, 2013 under Resolution No. 379-13), on how the County should proceed to address the remainder of the unincorporated communities.</p> <p>The County Mayor's memo dated April 1, 2013, titled, Municipal Incorporation and Annexation, included general recommendations for the Task Force, including the following regarding a comprehensive plan:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>There are many UMSA residents that would prefer a more local-type government, while others are content with remaining in UMSA. In order to protect all the residents of UMSA, a comprehensive plan should be developed so as to avoid creating enclaves that are unable to support basic municipal services. This plan must include input from all stakeholders, groups on both sides of the incorporation issue and all the municipalities in the County. The plan should consider the needs of the existing municipalities in the County, and annexation to these cities where and when it is feasible. Depending on the area considering incorporation, the cost of basic services may require a newly formed municipality to raise their millage rate, while some new municipalities may raise their millage to provide additional services the residents' request.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>I believe that allowing incorporations to continue without a well thought out and comprehensive plan is not in the best interest of the residents we serve. Furthermore, this issue should be brought to voters at the next general election so that the residents of UMSA, who will be most impacted by this policy, will have the opportunity to exercise their right to self-determination.</i></p> <p>Subsequently, the Task Force Final Report dated September 11, 2013 included the following recommendation:  Recommendation 21</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>That the Board obtains a consultant to make a recommendation on UMSA. Recommending that the annexation and incorporation boundaries be contiguous, logical, and compact, while seeking natural boundaries and include an economic component. Motion Passed: 6 – 3.</i></p> <p><b><u>Additional Information- Pertaining to PMG Annexation/Incorporation Study:</u></b>  On December 3, 2013, through Resolution No. R-1006-13, the BCC directed the County Mayor to conduct an abbreviated procurement process in an effort to identify one or more universities or a professional consultant to analyze and make recommendations concerning future incorporations and annexations within the unincorporated areas.</p> <p>Pursuant to R-1006-13, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued under full and open competition. Two proposals were received in response to the solicitation, and the Evaluation/Selection Committee recommended the highest-ranked and lowest-priced proposer for award of this contract based on the criteria established in the RFP.</p> <p>On November 5, 2014, the BCC, through Resolution No. R-972-14, authorized the execution of an agreement in the aggregate amount of \$200,000.00 with PMG Associates, Inc., for a one year term, to obtain recommendations concerning future incorporations and annexations within unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County (Contract No. EPPRFP-00069).</p> <p>PMG was to provide the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a study analyzing proposed annexations and incorporations;</li> <li>• Develop a plan addressing the remaining unincorporated areas;</li> <li>• Perform a review of the economic, social and environmental makeup of unincorporated areas to determine whether the County should pursue future annexations and incorporations within the unincorporated areas;</li> <li>• Evaluate possible alternative governmental structures; and</li> <li>• Prepare a report summarizing its analyses, proffering recommendations and legislative language required to effectuate the recommended changes.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Information – Existing MACs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Central Dade – created in 2001</li> <li>• Northeast Dade – created in 2001</li> <li>• Biscayne Gardens – created in 2003</li> <li>• Fountainebleau – created in 2004</li> <li>• South A – created in 2013</li> <li>• South B – created in 2013</li> <li>• West Kendall Section 1 – created in 2013</li> <li>• West Kendall Section 3 – created in 2013</li> </ul>
<b>8G1</b> <b>151615</b>	RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FY 2015-16 COUNTYWIDE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE(Office of Management and Budget)
<b>8G2</b> <b>151617</b>	RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FY 2015-16 COUNTYWIDE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE(Office of Management and Budget)
<b>8G3</b> <b>151621</b>	RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FY 2015-16 UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA OPERATING MILLAGE RATE(Office of Management and Budget)

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8G4 151618	RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FY 2015-16 FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE RATE(Office of Management and Budget)			
8G5 151619	RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FY 2015-16 FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE(Office of Management and Budget)			
8G6 151620	RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPOSED FY 2015-16 LIBRARY DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE RATE(Office of Management and Budget)			
Notes	State law requires that all property owners be advised of proposed property taxes along with notification of public budget hearings. The Property Appraiser will mail required notices to all property owners in August using proposed tax rates adopted by all taxing authorities in Miami-Dade County.			
		FY 2014-15 Proposed	FY2014-15 Adopted	FY 2015-16 Proposed
	Countywide Operating Millage Rate	Resolution No. R-659-14  4.6669 mills	Ordinance No. 14-83  4.6669 mills <i>This millage rate was 9.01 percent above the state-defined rollback rate of 4.2813 mills.</i>	8(G)1- File No. 151615  4.6669 mills
	Countywide Debt Service Millage Rate	Resolution No. R-663-14  0.45 mills	Ordinance No. 14-84  0.45 mills	8(G)2- File No. 151617  0.45 mills <i>BBC GOB Program (0.422 mills) and the PHT GOB program (0.028 mills).</i>
	Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) Operating Millage Rate	Resolution No. R-662-14  1.9283 mills	Ordinance No. 14-86  1.9283 mills <i>This millage rate is 8.06 percent above the state-defined rollback rate of 1.7844 mills.</i>	8(G)3- File No. 151621  1.9283 mills
	Fire Rescue District Operating Millage Rate	Resolution No. R-660-14  2.4207 mills	Ordinance No. 14-88  2.4207 mills <i>This millage rate is 7.49 percent above the state-defined rollback rate of 2.2521 mills.</i>	8(G)4- File No. 151618  2.4207 mills
	Fire Rescue District Debt Service Millage Rate	Resolution No. R-664-14  0.0114 mills	Ordinance No. 14-89  0.0114 mills	8(G)5- File No. 151619  0.0086 mills
	Library District Operating Millage Rate	Resolution No. 661-14  0.2840 mills	Ordinance No. 14-90  0.2840 mills <i>The millage rate adopted by the Board will generate \$51.924 million for the Library District operations.</i>	8(G)6- File No. 151620  0.2840 mills
10A1 151505	A RESOLUTION APPROVING, FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 147(F) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE DEBT OBLIGATIONS BY THE HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (FLORIDA), IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,842,000.00, TO FINANCE OR REFINANCE ALL OR PORTION OF THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS NORTHSIDE TRANSIT VILLAGE II(Housing Finance Authority)			
Notes	<p>The proposed resolution authorizes the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) to issue Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,842.000.00 for the construction of Northside Transit Village II (Project).</p> <p>The principal and interest on the Bonds will not constitute a debt, liability or general obligation of the HFA, County, the State of Florida or any political subdivision of each, but will be the responsibility of the owner of the Project.</p> <p>The Bonds are expected to be issued by November 2015.</p> <p>Northside Property II, Ltd., a Florida limited partnership (Borrower), has applied to the HFA for multifamily mortgage revenue debt financing assistance in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,842,000.00, in one or more series, to finance or refinance the acquisition and construction of Northside Transit Village II, located on a 1.75 acre site on Northwest 32nd Avenue at the intersection of Northwest 78th Street and Northwest 32nd Avenue, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Florida. The Project will provide approximately 109 units of rental housing to be occupied by elderly persons or families of low, moderate or middle income and will be owned by the Borrower.</p>			

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<b>11A1</b> <b>151300</b>	<p>RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. R-256-10 WHICH REQUIRES THE COMMISSION AUDITOR TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY REPORTS REGARDING DIRECTIVES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND REQUESTS BY A COMMISSION COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEE OR INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONER; REQUIRING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO UTILIZE THE DATABASE MAINTAINED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO MONITOR SUCH DIRECTIVES AND REQUESTS AND DEMAND COMPLIANCE BY THE MAYOR IN THE FORM OF A MEMORANDUM IN THE EVENT THAT A DIRECTIVE OR REQUEST IS STILL PENDING AFTER THE DUE DATE; REQUIRING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO SUBMIT A COPY OF ALL MEMORANDA TO THE MAYOR PURSUANT TO THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO RESPOND TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WITHIN SPECIFIED TIMEFRAME AND COPY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD</p>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The proposed resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rescinds Resolution No. R-256-10 which requires the Commission Auditor to submit quarterly reports regarding directives adopted by the BCC and requests by a Commission Committee, Subcommittee or individual Commissioner; and</li> <li>• Requires the County Attorney to utilize the directives database maintained by the Clerk of the Board to track Directives and Requests and demand compliance by the Mayor whenever a Directive or Request is still pending after the due date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The County Attorney will issue such notice to the Mayor via written memoranda within 10 calendar days after the Clerk's Directives Database reflects that, as of the due date, a Directive or Request is still pending;</i></li> <li>○ <i>The County Attorney will utilize the form of memorandum for such demand, provide a copy to the Board, and direct the Mayor to respond to the memorandum within 15 calendar days of receipt; and</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Mayor will send his or her response to the County Attorney's Office, and copy the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Board.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The proposed resolution will be implemented within 30 days after the effective date of this resolution.</p> <p><b><u>Additional Information:</u></b>  On March 2, 2010, the BCC, through Resolution No. R-256-10, directed the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to utilize the Directives Database to inquire and determine the status of directives and to submit a quarterly report to the BCC.</p> <p>Since the adoption of R-256-10, the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) has produced approximately nineteen (19) quarterly reports (every 3 months) reflecting actions taken on board directives given to Administration. In addition to the quarterly reports, supplemental information is submitted to reflect actions taken after each reporting period.</p> <p>To ensure compliance with the Commissioners' board directives, after the resolution was passed, staff from OCA, the Mayor's Office, ITD and the Clerk's Office met and created a computer-generated email notice that is sent each subsequent Monday from ITD to Assignees reminding them of past due and upcoming due dates on their respective directives.</p> <p>The Clerk's Office is solely responsible for documenting board directives in their directives database and the Mayor's Office is responsible to ensure that directives are completed in a timely manner.</p>
<b>11A2</b> <b>151509</b>	<p>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SECOND AMENDED PARTNER PROGRAM AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH THE DADE COUNTY VETERINARY FOUNDATION, INC., D/B/A THE SOUTH FLORIDA VETERINARY FOUNDATION IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES FROM \$200,000.00 TO \$300,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY AND ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$100,000.00, TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF SERVICES PERFORMED UNDER THE PARTNER PROGRAM AGREEMENT; AND REQUIRING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT</p>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The proposed resolution authorizes the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to execute the Second Amended Partner Program Agreement with the South Florida Veterinary Foundation (Foundation), on behalf of Miami-Dade County, in order to increase the maximum amount of funding available for reimbursement from the County for services rendered by the Foundation under the Agreement from \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00, and to exercise any and all provisions contained therein. Further, the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee is directed to immediately identify and allocate sufficient additional funding from the Animal Services Budget, in an amount up to \$100,000.00, for the purpose of ensuring the continuation of services performed under the Agreement.</p> <p>Additionally, the proposed resolution directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to identify and allocate these additional funds as soon as possible, in order to prevent the interruption or cessation of the services offered by the Foundation under the Partner Program. Further, prior to September 1, 2015, the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee will prepare and submit a report to the Board, revealing the amount and the source of the funding in the Animal Services Budget that has been identified and allocated for the purpose outlined. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will place such report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.</p> <p><b><u>Additional Information - Miami-Dade County Animal Services Spay and Neuter Program:</u></b>  Miami-Dade Animal Services offers spay and neuter surgeries for Miami-Dade County residents at a reduced price thanks to donations to the Animal Services Trust Fund. The cost of spay and neuter services are \$30 for dogs and \$15 for cats.</p> <p>In partnership with the Humane Society of Greater Miami, the Miami-Dade County Community Spay/Neuter Clinic increases the availability of free or low-cost pet sterilization surgeries in our community. Through the Spay/Neuter Surgery "Voucher" Program, participating licensed Miami-Dade County veterinarians and veterinary clinics are subsidized for the cost of performing sterilization surgeries for the cats and dogs</p>

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	<p>of income-qualified County residents. Pet owners who meet income eligibility can also have their pet spayed or neutered for free at Animal Services.</p> <p>Additionally, the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program is an effective and humane method used to stabilize community cat populations. Over time the stabilized population declines resulting in the humane reduction in free roaming cat populations. The TNR program is available free of charge to all Miami-Dade County residents.</p> <p><i>The TNR service includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sterilization</li> <li>• Rabies vaccine</li> <li>• FRCPC (feline booster shot)</li> <li>• Delivery back to the community</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Information on Spay and Neuter Legislation:</u></b></p> <p>On July 3, 2012, the BCC, through R-583-12, directed the Mayor to develop a program with the goal of the County's Animal Services Department (ASD) becoming a "No Kill" shelter. At the forefront of the No Kill strategy is the critical, unmet need for free and low cost sterilization services for privately owned dogs and cats, as well as free-roaming community cats and ASD's rescued animals.</p> <p>On June 4, 2013, the BCC adopted the No Kill Implementation report developed by ASD at the direction of the Mayor. The FY 2013-14 budget included an additional \$4 million for ASD to continue its development of No Kill initiatives. During the policy discussion for use of the funding, staff was directed to work with the private veterinary community in implementing one of the most critical components of the No Kill plan by increasing access to spay and neuter services in our community.</p> <p>On May 6, 2014, the BCC, through R-441-14, directed the Mayor 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.</p> <p>On July 1, 2014, the BCC, through Resolution No. R-623-14, approved the execution of the Partner Program Agreement (Agreement) between Miami-Dade County and the Dade County Veterinary Foundation, Inc. d/b/a The South Florida Veterinary Foundation (Foundation), establishing the first-ever voucher program with local veterinarians to increase community spay/neuter surgeries by providing income qualified individuals with low cost pet sterilization. The SFVF was to work with all veterinary clinics and hospitals in Miami-Dade County through a voucher system that will provide a reimbursement to veterinarians performing sterilization surgeries. R-623-14 also directed the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the SFVF to provide up to \$200,000 in support of this program to meet the unmet demand for low cost spay/neuter surgery by utilizing a network of qualified local veterinarians. Funding for this grant was to be provided by the ASD. The initial grant award was recommended at \$100,000. Authority was also requested for an additional grant of \$100,000 to be approved by the Mayor upon completion of the initial grant award.</p> <p>On December 2, 2014, the BCC, through R-1045-14, waived competitive bidding procedures for purchase of goods and services pursuant to Section 5.03(D) of the Home Rule Charter and approved the award of Contract No. BW9805-0/15 Operations of the County's South Dade Animal Services Clinic (Clinic) with the Humane Society of Greater Miami, Dade County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Adopt-A-Pet and Pet Rescue, Inc. (Humane Society), a Florida not-for-profit corporation, for the County-owned property located at the South Dade Government Center. In accordance with R-583-12, this Contract will increase ASD's surgical capacity and allow for strategic use of the Clinic to offer free high-volume spay/neuter services exclusively for income-qualified owners of privately-owned dogs and cats as well as free-roaming community cats and ASD rescued animals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Humane Society has been providing services at the South Dade Government Center for over six years. The Humane Society had a lease that covered the use of the land and trailer at this location. In addition to the surgical services to be provided, this Operations and Management agreement will continue to allow the Humane Society to utilize the land and trailer on the site under similar requirements as the now expired lease. The Humane Society will continue to offer spay and neuter services for paying customers at the Clinic. While this Contract was submitted as a bid waiver, a Request for Information (RFI) process was conducted to acquire information and feedback from animal care organizations.</i></li> <li>• <i>The fiscal impact to ASD for the one-year agreement term for the spay-neuter services is \$600,000; however, the Humane Society will pay an annual operations and management fee to Miami-Dade County for facility maintenance of \$24,516. The funding from this agreement will only support the income-qualified spay and neuter services. The County funding will provide for approximately 7,400 surgeries, of which cats will be 45% and dogs 55%, exclusively to income-qualified pet owners. The Humane Society will continue to perform approximately 5,600 surgeries for an overall goal of 13,000 surgeries. The remaining balance of funds will be utilized for additional surgeries.</i></li> </ul> <p>On May 5, 2015, the BCC, through Resolution No. R-417-15, approved an amendment to Resolution No. R-623-14 to include fee waived sterilization services for community cats and establishing the authority of the Animal Services Department (ASD) to prohibit participation of subcontractors not meeting standards of performance. The amendment related to manner of performance provided the right to rescind, revoke or refuse subcontractor participation based on failure to perform in a satisfactory manner.</p>