

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz and Members, Board of County Commissioners	DATE:	June 2, 2021
FROM:	Geri Bonzon-Keenan County Attorney	SUBJECT:	Resolution establishing County policy that County residents should be allowed to use County-approved Community IDs as an acceptable form of identification for County services within Miami-Dade County wherever accepted whenever practicable; directing the County Mayor to identify all County services where it is practicable for a Community ID to be utilized as an acceptable form of identification, to develop and implement a plan to effectuate this policy as soon as practicable, and to provide a report

This item was amended at the 5-13-21 Community Safety and Security Committee to:

- Amend Section 1 so that the established policy now states that County residents should be allowed to use County-approved Community IDs as an acceptable form of identification for services within Miami-Dade County wherever accepted rather than for County services whenever practicable. A corresponding amendment to the title of the resolution is also reflected.
- Amend Section 2 so that the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee is now directed to (1) implement the applicable plan as soon as practicable with no reference to “but no later than January 2022”; (2) include acceptable documentation for proof of identity as part of the applicable standards or requirements that a Community ID would need to meet; and (3) include qualified third-party entities, along with community-based organizations, as potential organizations that can be selected to serve as a model for how a Community ID program can be implemented.
- Amend Section 3 to reduce the reporting period from 120 days to 60 days.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ 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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6-2-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY POLICY THAT COUNTY RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE COUNTY-APPROVED COMMUNITY IDS AS AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION FOR COUNTY SERVICES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WHEREVER ACCEPTED WHENEVER PRACTICABLE; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY ALL COUNTY SERVICES WHERE IT IS PRACTICABLE FOR A COMMUNITY ID TO BE UTILIZED AS AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION, TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO EFFECTUATE THIS POLICY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, many Miami-Dade County residents, including, but not limited to, elderly individuals, formerly-incarcerated persons, foster youth, homeless persons, transgender persons, and immigrants lacking proper documentation to obtain a government-issued identification do not have access to various forms of identification and sometimes may have difficulty proving that they reside in the County; and

WHEREAS, having an identification card that provides proof of residency could assist residents in (i) obtaining access to county, municipal, school and health system services, (ii) granting the ability to reserve government facilities, such as tennis courts, community centers, and other County or municipal facilities, or (iii) allowing residents to enroll in government-sponsored programs; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 crisis highlighted this problem when, in many cases, residents of the County had to prove their residency to access testing or vaccines; and

WHEREAS, this Board, through Resolution No. R-738-15, directed the County Mayor to study the feasibility and benefits of issuing identification cards to Miami-Dade County residents; and

WHEREAS, the report outlined a set of “Municipal ID Card Program Best Practices”; and

WHEREAS, other communities around the country have partnered with community-based organizations to support the creation of a “Community ID,” which would be administered through the community-based organization but nevertheless recognized as an acceptable form of identification for various County services; and

WHEREAS, for example, the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County has recently rolled out a Community ID initiative that enables residents to obtain a photo identification card that is recognized as an acceptable form of identification when obtaining services in the cities of West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, and Belle Glade; and

WHEREAS, in addition, in April 2021, the Broward County Commission approved legislation creating a similar program to enable residents to obtain a photo identification card that is recognized as an acceptable form of identification to access County services; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that a similar approach should be taken in Miami-Dade County and that every effort should also be taken to encourage municipalities and local businesses in the county to accept a “Community ID” as an acceptable form of identification in all circumstances where it would be appropriate,

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

Section 1. This Board hereby establishes as its policy that County residents should be allowed to use County-approved Community IDs as an acceptable form of identification for ~~[[County]]~~¹ services >>within Miami-Dade County wherever accepted<< ~~[[whenever practicable]]~~.

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

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to (1) identify all County services where it is practicable for a County-approved Community ID to be utilized as an acceptable form of identification, (2) develop a plan for the acceptance of a County-approved Community ID at all such-identified County services in accordance with the "Municipal ID Card Program Best Practices" outlined in the County Mayor's report in response to Resolution No. R-738-15 and, using legally available funding sources, (3) implement such plan as soon as practicable ~~[[but no later than January 2022]]~~. Such plan shall include, at a minimum, (1) applicable standards or requirements that a Community ID would need to meet relating to card design and security, acceptable documents for proof of residency >>and proof of identity<<, privacy protections, fees that can be charged by the community-based organization >>or other qualified third-party entity<<, and information included on the Community ID; (2) selection of a community-based organization >>or one or more qualified third-party entities<< that ~~[[is]]~~ >>are<< willing to administer a Community ID on a County-wide basis that would meet the applicable standards or requirements described above and serve as a model for how a Community ID can be implemented in the County; (3) assistance to the selected community-based organization >>or third party entities<< in identifying and obtaining potential grant funding to assist in the administration of the Community ID program; (4) a procedure for obtaining County approval for a Community ID for use as an acceptable form of identification for various County services upon meeting the applicable standards or requirements described above; and (5) methods to promote the use of the Community ID in Miami-Dade County including providing encouragement to municipalities and local businesses to accept a "Community ID" as an acceptable form of identification in all circumstances where it would be appropriate.

Section 3. This Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to submit a report describing the plan required by section 2 above to this Board within ~~[[120]]~~ >>60<< days of the effective date of this resolution and to 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 Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of June, 2021. 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: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MBV", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael B. Valdes