

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to prepare a report
regarding the feasibility and
advisability of expanding Little
Free Libraries throughout
Miami-Dade County

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



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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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10-5-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A
REPORT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY AND
ADVISABILITY OF EXPANDING LITTLE FREE
LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Little Free Library is a global literacy movement with 100,000 registered mini-libraries in all 50 states and 108 countries around the globe. To date, more than 120 million books have been shared through this program; and

WHEREAS, a Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share; and

WHEREAS, residents can register the Little Free Libraries installed on their properties with the Little Free Libraries organization at their website www.littlefreelibrary.org so that members of the community can locate Little Free Libraries throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, municipalities such as Coral Gables have begun programs for the sponsorship of Little Free Libraries at parks; and

WHEREAS, Little Free Libraries may be able to be installed on County property such as County parks; and

WHEREAS, a sponsorship program may be possible whereby individuals or businesses could defray the cost of the Little Free Library and assist in maintenance; and

WHEREAS, there may be individuals in Miami-Dade County who would like to install Little Free Libraries on their property but are uncertain as to any regulations surrounding their installation; and

WHEREAS, Little Free Libraries can be installed on private property in a way that does not require County permitting and encourages public access to Little Free Libraries; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports an increase in Little Free Libraries throughout the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to, within 80 days of the effective date of the is resolution, prepare a written report that explores the feasibility and advisability of expanding Little Free Libraries throughout Miami-Dade County. Such report shall include whether a sponsorship program could be established for Little Free Libraries on County property, what impediments and regulations exist regarding individual property owners to installing Little Free Libraries on their own property, and whether there are any impediments to installing Little Free Libraries on County property, such as County parks. The completed report to this Board shall be placed on an agenda of this Board in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. 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:

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| | 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 5th day of October, 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.

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Melanie J. Spencer