

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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


**DATE:** April 19, 2022

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to incorporate into the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department's proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 fee schedule a fee waiver allowing qualified disabled veterans to launch boats at County-owned-and-operated marinas without a charge; providing a definition of "qualifying disabled veteran" for the purpose of this resolution; directing the County Mayor to include information about this benefit in marketing materials and list this benefit in any price list displayed to the public; and requiring a report

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

  
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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
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
- 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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4-19-22

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO INCORPORATE INTO THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FEE SCHEDULE A FEE WAIVER ALLOWING QUALIFIED DISABLED VETERANS TO LAUNCH BOATS AT COUNTY-OWNED-AND-OPERATED MARINAS WITHOUT A CHARGE; PROVIDING A DEFINITION OF "QUALIFYING DISABLED VETERAN" FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS BENEFIT IN MARKETING MATERIALS AND LIST THIS BENEFIT IN ANY PRICE LIST DISPLAYED TO THE PUBLIC; AND REQUIRING A REPORT

**WHEREAS**, for more than 200 years, individuals from all walks of life have taken up arms and sworn an oath to support and defend the principles upon which our country was founded; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout our history, courageous men and women have donned the uniform of our Armed Forces and built a noble tradition of faithful and dedicated service to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the commitment of our soldiers, sailors, Air Force members, Marines, and Coast Guard members has preserved our freedoms and saved millions around the world from tyranny; and

**WHEREAS**, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to those heroic men and women who served, and this is particularly the case for those who are wounded in battle; and

**WHEREAS**, one way that the County can provide a small token of appreciation to disabled veterans is to remove any potential barriers to access the beautiful waters surrounding the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida State Parks and the National Park Service offer programs for free entrance to parks for veterans who have service-connected disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, currently under Implementing Order 4-119 there are various fees associated with launching boats at County marinas; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to recognize the sacrifice of the veterans living in our community who have incurred a disability connected to military service,

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

**Section 1.** The County Mayor is directed to incorporate into the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department's proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 fee schedule a fee waiver allowing Qualifying Disabled Veterans to launch boats at County-owned-and-operated marinas without a charge.

**Section 2.** For the purposes of this resolution, a "Qualifying Disabled Veteran" is an individual who (1) served in the U.S. Armed Forces (i.e., the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine Corp Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve); (2) was not punitively discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces, in the case of enlisted personnel, or dismissed in the case of commissioned officers; and (3) has a service-connected disability or a disability that was aggravated by active duty, or is receiving compensation in accordance with the laws provided by the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs.

**Section 3.** The County Mayor is directed to include information concerning the benefit set forth in section 1 of this Resolution in relevant marketing materials and to further list said benefit in any price list displayed to the public.

**Section 4.** The County Mayor shall provide a written report to this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution, which shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to Ordinance 14-65 regarding how the changes outlined in section 1 shall be effectuated, how Qualifying Disabled Veterans will be able to avail themselves of the fee waiver including what will be required to demonstrate eligibility, and how Qualifying Disabled Veterans will be made aware of the program.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. 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	

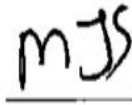
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon 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.

Handwritten signature of Melanie J. Spencer in black ink, consisting of the letters 'mjs' in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Melanie J. Spencer