

# MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 1(G)1

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 11, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance relating to zoning in  
the unincorporated area;  
amending section 33-284.99.59  
of the Code; revising Palmer  
Lake Metropolitan Urban Center  
zoning district regulations  
pertaining to residential uses on  
lots adjoining the Miami River in  
the Riverside Sub-District

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The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor  
Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.

  
Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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# Memorandum



**Date:** November 7, 2023

**To:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor

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**Subject:** Fiscal Impact Statement for Ordinance Relating to Palmer Lake Metropolitan Urban Center  
Zoning District

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The implementation of this Ordinance will not have a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County.


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Jimmy Morales  
Chief Operations Officer

**Date:** November 7, 2023

**To:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Social Equity Statement for Ordinance Amending Palmer Lake Metropolitan Urban Center Zoning District Regulations

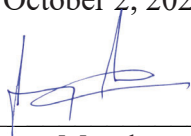
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The proposed ordinance amends Section 33-284.99.59 of the Code of Miami-Dade County pertaining to the Palmer Lake Metropolitan Urban Center (PLMUC) Zoning District Regulations. More specifically, the proposed ordinance revises provisions relating to development that is in the “Riverside” Sub-District and adjoins the Miami River. The PLMUC district regulates development through the use of specific sub-districts and street types; the various combination of these establish the urban character of the district with each allowing or requiring different uses and streetscape elements.

Currently, properties in the “Riverside” Sub-District adjoining the Miami River do not permit non-transient residential uses. The proposed ordinance would permit non-transient residential uses to be developed within these properties that maintain a minimum of 12.5% of their units as Workforce Housing Units (WHU) on site. As defined by the PLMUC District Regulations, WHUs are dwelling units limited to households whose income is up to 140 percent of the median family income in Miami-Dade County. Furthermore, to maintain consistency with Comprehensive Development Master Plan policy PMR-1B, the proposed ordinance would require that the ground story for such development shall be devoted solely to water-dependent uses already permitted by the PLMUC district, except for entryways and elevator lobbies necessary to access the permitted residential uses above.

The proposed ordinance furthers the County’s efforts to provide for the development of workforce housing by eliminating barriers to constructing additional workforce units within the PLMUC “Riverside” Sub-District while maintaining access to the Miami River for water-dependent uses as is typical of the Palmer Lake area.

In addition, pursuant to Resolution No. R-448-99, official input from the Miami River Commission (MRC) regarding environmental, economic, social, recreational, and aesthetic issues related to the Miami River and surrounding areas is required prior to the consideration of any resolution or ordinance related to the same. As such, this proposed ordinance is scheduled to be presented to the MRC Urban Infill Committee on September 8, 2023 and the full MRC on October 2, 2023.

  
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Jimmy Morales  
Chief Operations Officer



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** July 18, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 4(A)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 4(A)  
7-18-23

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA; AMENDING SECTION 33-284.99.59 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REVISING PALMER LAKE METROPOLITAN URBAN CENTER ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO RESIDENTIAL USES ON LOTS ADJOINING THE MIAMI RIVER IN THE RIVERSIDE SUB-DISTRICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, on May 7, 2013, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 13-43, establishing the Palmer Lake Metropolitan Urban Center (“PLMUC”) zoning district to implement Comprehensive Development Master Plan (“CDMP”) policies to coordinate development intensity with proximity to transit while also maintaining and coordinating marine activity on the Miami River in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 11, 2022, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 22-145, expanding the ability to develop affordable or workforce housing units within certain portions of the PLMUC while also ensuring consistency with CDMP policies encouraging marine activities in the relevant area; and

**WHEREAS**, as set forth in section 33-193.4 of the County Code, the County has long experienced a “shortage of housing affordable to individuals and families of moderate incomes, particularly those whose earnings range from 60 percent up to 140 percent of the County’s median income, the ‘workforce target income group[,]’ which “includes many public employees and others employed in key occupations that support the local community,” and “the high cost and short supply of housing affordable to persons and families of moderate income mean that many employees in the workforce target income group cannot afford to live in Miami-Dade County”; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County continues to experience a significant shortage of safe and stable affordable and workforce rental and homeownership units; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, this Board wishes to expand the ability to develop affordable or workforce housing units within the PLMUC to include lots adjoining the Miami River under certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami River Commission was established by the Florida Legislature as the official coordinating clearinghouse for all public policy and projects related to the Miami River to unite all governmental agencies, businesses, and residents in the area to speak with one voice on river issues; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-448-99, the Board shall request official input from the Miami River Commission before considering any resolution or ordinance concerning environmental, economic, social, recreational, and aesthetic issues related to the Miami River and surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has requested such input from the Miami River Commission regarding the provisions of this ordinance prior to final adoption,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and are approved.

**Section 2.** Section 33-284.99.59 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

**Sec. 33-284.99.59. Uses.**

No land, body of water and/or structure shall be used or permitted to be used, and no structure shall be hereafter erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved, occupied, or maintained for any purpose in Palmer Lake Metropolitan Urban Center District except for one (1) or more of the following uses. All uses are subject to the airport safety uses and height restrictions provided in Section 33-336 of this chapter. The uses delineated herein shall be permitted only in compliance with the development parameters provided in Section 33-284.99.60 of this article. Water-dependent uses delineated herein shall be subject to the permit requirements of Chapter 24 of this Code and be consistent with the Coastal Management Element of the Comprehensive Development Master Plan.

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(B) Permitted uses in the Riverside Sub-District shall be as follows:

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(4) The additional uses listed below shall be permitted only in conjunction with one or more of the following water-dependent uses occurring on the same lot: marinas; marine terminals, passenger, freight; boat slips for the purpose of repair; boat and yacht repair, overhaul, manufacturing; shipyards. An annual certificate of use shall be required for the water dependent use when built as part of a mixed-use development that includes one of the uses listed in paragraphs (i) through ~~(iii)~~ iv below. Development shall comply with the waterfront setback and access requirements set forth in Section 33-284.99.60(B)(4)(b). The following additional uses shall be permitted only when the Director determines that such use: will not have an adverse impact on operation of the Port of the Miami River; will not substantially reduce or inhibit existing public access to marine or tidal waters; and will not interfere with the activities or operation of adjacent water-dependent uses or significantly impede access to vessel berthing or other access to the water by water-dependent uses.

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- iii. On lots adjoining the Tamiami Canal, residential uses shall be permitted only above the ground story and where limited to less than 50 percent of the building gross floor area on the same lot, except that the following uses shall not be subject to the foregoing limitations on story and gross floor area:
  - a. hotels, motels, and apartment hotels; and
  - b. residential developments, up to a maximum of 250 dwelling units per acre, that maintain a minimum of 12.5 percent of their units as workforce housing units on site.

>>iv. On lots adjoining the Miami River, residential uses shall be permitted only above the ground story, up to a maximum of 250 dwelling units per acre, provided that such developments maintain a minimum of 12.5 percent of their units as workforce housing units on site. The ground story on such lots shall be devoted solely to water-dependent uses, except that entryways and elevator lobbies necessary to access the residential uses above shall also be permitted.<<

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**Section 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

**Section 4.** It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.



**Section 5.** This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency:

GKS for GBK

Prepared by:



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Dennis A. Kerbel

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera