

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: (Public Hearing: 7-1-25)
May 20, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance related to the N.W.
79th Street Corridor Community
Redevelopment Agency
(Agency); amending section 2-
2098 of the Code; authorizing the
Agency to employ agency staff,
agents, and other employees, and
legal counsel and legal staff as
the Agency may require, in
accordance with section 163.356,
Florida Statutes

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Marleine Bastien.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: July 1, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Fiscal Impact Statement for Ordinance Authorizing The NW 79th Street Community Redevelopment Agency To Employ Staff, Agents, Other Employees And Legal Counsel

The proposed ordinance related to the NW 79th Street Community Redevelopment Agency (Agency) authorizes the Agency to employ its staff, agents, other employees and legal counsel. Additionally, it requires the County Attorney Office (CAO) to remain as the Agency's interim legal counsel until the transition is completed.

Implementation of this proposed ordinance may have a minimal fiscal impact on the County, as there will be no additional staffing costs associated with this ordinance. A thorough review of the current interlocal agreement between the Agency and the County should be conducted to further define the functions of both bodies as it relates to the day-to-day operations of the Agency and its Board.

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Carladenise Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer

Memorandum



Date: July 1, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Social Equity Statement for Ordinance Authorizing the NW 79th Street Community Redevelopment Agency to Employ Staff, Agents, Other Employees and Legal Counsel

The proposed ordinance related to the NW 79th Street Community Redevelopment Agency (Agency) authorizes the Agency to employ its staff, agents, other employees and legal counsel. Additionally, it requires the County Attorney Office (CAO) to remain as the Agency's interim legal counsel until the transition is completed.

The implementation of this proposed ordinance will result in Miami-Dade County having reduced oversight and accountability for the Agency.

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Carladenise Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 1, 2025

FROM: 
Gen 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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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7-1-25

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE N.W. 79TH STREET CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AGENCY); AMENDING SECTION 2-2098 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE AGENCY TO EMPLOY AGENCY STAFF, AGENTS, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND LEGAL COUNSEL AND LEGAL STAFF AS THE AGENCY MAY REQUIRE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 163.356, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969 during its 1969 Legislative Session, which enactment is presently codified in the Florida Statutes as chapter 163, part III, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time (“Act”); and

WHEREAS, all powers arising through the Act are conferred by the Act upon counties with Home Rule Charters, which counties in turn are authorized to delegate certain of such powers to a community redevelopment agency created pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-566-09, which declared a certain geographic area of the County known as the NW 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Area (“redevelopment area”) to be a slum or blighted area, and declared the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment, or combination thereof, to be necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of the redevelopment area and the County; and

WHEREAS, this Board, based on the foregoing findings, found that there was a need for the creation of a community redevelopment agency known as the NW 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency (“Agency”) within the redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2011, this Board adopted Ordinance No. 11-55, which (1) in accordance with section 163.356 of the Act, created the Agency as a public body corporate and politic; (2) and delegated certain powers to the Agency as prescribed by the Act; and

WHEREAS, section 2-2098 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida ("Code") requires the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee and the Office of the County Attorney to provide to the Agency adequate staff and support services to enable the Agency to carry out its purposes; and

WHEREAS, section 163.356(3)(c), Florida Statutes, states: “... An agency may employ an executive director, technical experts, and such other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it requires, and determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation”; and

WHEREAS, the Act further authorizes the Agency to employ or retain its own legal counsel and legal staff to provide legal services; and

WHEREAS, certain community redevelopment agencies in Miami-Dade County employ their own staff and legal counsel, including, but not limited to, North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency, Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Agency, Omni Community Redevelopment Agency, Naranja Lakes Community Redevelopment Agency, and Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has already retained the services of an executive director; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to amend the Code to authorize the Agency to hire its own staff and legal counsel and legal staff in the future to carry out its purposes,

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

Section 1. Section 2-2098 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 2-2098. Staff. >> In accordance with section 163.356(3)(c), Florida Statutes, as may be amended, the Agency may employ technical experts, and such other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it requires. The Agency may also employ or retain its own legal counsel and staff to render legal services to the Agency. The Office of the County Attorney shall continue to serve as the Agency's legal counsel until the Agency has retained or employed its legal counsel and legal staff. The Agency shall determine the qualifications, duties, and compensation of such technical experts, agents, employees, legal counsel and legal staff. Upon the request of the Agency, the<< ~~[[The]]~~ County ~~[[Manager]]~~ >> Mayor or County Mayor's designee<< ~~[[and the Office of the County Attorney shall]]~~ >> may<< provide to the Agency>>, at the Agency's sole costs,<< adequate ~~[[staff and]]~~ support services to enable ~~[[it]]~~ >> the Agency<< to carry out its purposes.

Section 2. 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 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to Accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

¹ 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.

Section 4. 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:

MAG for GBK

Prepared by:

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Terrence A. Smith

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Marleine Bastien