

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: June 3, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to install adaptive fishing piers or floating docks at all County owned and operated parks where fishing is available to park patrons, and to provide a report

This item was amended at the 5-12-25 Recreation and Tourism Committee and the 5-14-25 Port and Resiliency Committee to allow for other adaptive devices besides fishing piers and floating docks to accommodate individuals who utilize wheelchairs and other mobility aids. In addition, the amendment excludes parks where fishing piers or other devices are either currently in operation or are in the planning stage and are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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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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6-3-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INSTALL ADAPTIVE
FISHING PIERS OR FLOATING DOCKS AT ALL COUNTY
OWNED AND OPERATED PARKS WHERE FISHING IS
AVAILABLE TO PARK PATRONS, AND TO PROVIDE A
REPORT

WHEREAS, fishing is an incredibly popular recreational activity for park patrons throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, fishing should be available to all residents of Miami-Dade County regardless of whether individuals utilize wheelchairs or other mobility aids; and

WHEREAS, currently some of the fishing locations in County parks are inaccessible to residents utilizing wheelchairs or other mobility aids; and

WHEREAS, adaptive fishing piers and floating docks are engineered and constructed with the adaptive athlete in mind and incorporate Americans with Disabilities Act features; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that adaptive fishing piers or floating docks that allow all residents to fish at Miami-Dade County be installed at County parks,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to install adaptive fishing piers, floating docks >>or other devices<<¹ at all County owned and operated parks where fishing is available to park patrons to allow park patrons that utilize wheelchairs or other mobility

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

aids to fish at County parks. >>Parks that currently have or are in the planning phase to install fishing piers or other devices that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be excluded from this directive.<<

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to identify legally available funds in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for the purpose outlined in Section 1. If the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee is unable to identify legally available funds, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall provide a report within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution setting forth the reasons why funds have not been identified or cannot be used or allocated for such purpose, and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

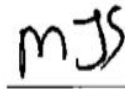
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of June, 2025. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, 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.

Melanie J. Spencer