

MEMORANDUM

Substitute
Agenda Item No. 5(E)

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

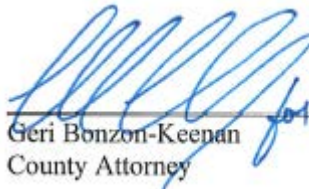
DATE: April 21, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance relating to the
Miami-Dade County Parking
Code; amending section 30-49
of the Code; authorizing parking
enforcement entities to issue
invoices by mail for non-
payment of parking charges;
amending section 30-52 of
the Code; authorizing parking
enforcement entities to enforce
additional parking violations
through parking citations by mail

This substitute differs from the original version in that it removes language providing that an invoice may be mailed for non-payment of parking charges in parking metered spaces or parking areas and adds language providing for the use of mailed invoices in connection with specified smart loading zones.

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez.


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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**
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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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4-21-26

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKING CODE; AMENDING SECTION 30-49 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING PARKING ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES TO ISSUE INVOICES BY MAIL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PARKING CHARGES; AMENDING SECTION 30-52 OF THE CODE; AUTHORIZING PARKING ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES TO ENFORCE ADDITIONAL PARKING VIOLATIONS THROUGH PARKING CITATIONS BY MAIL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, article II of chapter 30 of the Code of Miami-Dade County is known and cited as the “Miami-Dade County Parking Code” (“County Parking Code”); and

WHEREAS, among other provisions, the County Parking Code prohibits individuals from stopping or parking a vehicle on a sidewalk, within an intersection, on a bicycle path, or on a crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, the County Parking Code further prohibits individuals from stopping or parking a vehicle in front of the entrance of any public building, on any street adjacent to any school, on fire lanes, and within certain distances from fire hydrants and fire stations; and

WHEREAS, these provisions help promote the flow of traffic, avoid obstruction of public infrastructure, and serve to protect pedestrians, bicycle riders, and other vehicular and non-vehicular traffic on and along roadways; and

WHEREAS, a proliferation of services such as online retail delivery services, food delivery services, and rideshare services has contributed to a rise in the number and frequency of vehicles that violate the County Parking Code, particularly those provisions prohibiting vehicles from parking, standing, or stopping in designated areas; and

WHEREAS, curbside areas have been particularly impacted by the proliferation of online retail delivery services, food delivery services, and rideshare services, which disrupt the flow of traffic, contribute to unsafe stopping, reduce mobility, and generate traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, curb space is needed for use by residents and local businesses alike for timely deliveries, rideshare activities, and customer access; and

WHEREAS, because curb space in high-density areas is limited, enforcement is critical to ensure that these designated spaces are used as intended; and

WHEREAS, leveraging technology for parking enforcement can help reduce double parking and congestion, improve traffic flow, and enhance safety for pedestrians and drivers; and

WHEREAS, creating smart loading zones that leverage technology for parking enforcement can provide a more organized, fair, and predictable system for managing curb space; and

WHEREAS, establishing clear and consistent standards throughout Miami-Dade County regarding the administration of commercial loading zones and smart loading zones promotes uniformity, transparency, and clarity; and

WHEREAS, such standards are intended to ensure that residents and the public may effectively utilize the smart loading zones without confusion or uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the County Parking Code currently authorizes law enforcement officers and parking enforcement specialists who, using video or license plate reader technology, discover a vehicle in violation of the provisions of section 30-49(20)(a)-(f) of the Code, to mail a parking citation to the registered owner of the vehicle or the registered lessee when the cited vehicle is registered in the name of the person who leased the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to authorize such parking enforcement entities to issue parking citations via mail for additional parking infractions that could create safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, this Board further wishes to authorize such parking enforcement entities to issue invoices via mail for unpaid parking charges prior to issuing citations for non-payment,

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

Section 1. Section 30-49(20)(c) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 30-49. Parking regulations.

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(20) *Parking and payment; maximum period; days effective.*

(c) No person shall park any vehicle or permit any vehicle to remain parked in any parking metered space or similarly for-charge controlled parking areas without depositing United States currency of the designated denomination in the parking meter, without making electronic payment on the parking meter or through other electronic means, or without having properly secured a required parking claim ticket, any day unless otherwise posted upon any of the streets so marked by designation of the department, in any County facilities, or in any municipal parking facilities.

>>i. Miami-Dade County and each municipality within Miami-Dade County, and each agency, instrumentality and authority having jurisdiction thereof, may send an invoice to vehicles using a designated Smart Loading Zone for which the requisite payment has not

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.

been made. For the purposes of this section, a designated Smart Loading Zone shall mean a clearly-marked designated curbside area where usage is tracked and monitored via camera or license plate reader technology for the purpose of managing commercial loading, unloading, and limited passenger activity. The area of a designated Smart Loading Zone shall be clearly and conspicuously marked and shall include posted signage identifying the area as a Smart Loading Zone, indicating camera or license plate reader monitoring and enforcement, and informing users of registration and payment requirements. Such signage must use a color scheme that differs from such authority or jurisdiction's color scheme for signage identifying other loading zones and is exclusive to signage identifying such authority or jurisdiction's Smart Loading Zones. The use of designated Smart Loading Zones shall be limited to vehicles engaged in commercial activity, including but not limited to delivery vehicles, service vehicles, and freight transport, for a maximum of 30 minutes. Posted signage indicating a Smart Loading Zone must display applicable occupancy restrictions, including time limits and reserved use for commercial activity. A vehicle may violate such limitations if no observable commercial activity is occurring within the 30-minute time period or if the 30-minute time period time limit for occupancy of the Smart Loading Zone is exceeded. For the purposes of this section, vehicles engaged in passenger transport, including transportation network entity vehicles, shall not be considered engaged in commercial activity, and shall be subject to a five-minute time limit within Smart Loading Zones. Vehicles using a designated Smart Loading Zone may register and remit payment through an authorized platform, failing which an invoice may be mailed pursuant to the provisions of this section to the registered

owner of a vehicle or the registered lessee of a vehicle when the vehicle is registered in the name of the person who leased the vehicle, to the address given on the motor vehicle registration. Any invoice sent pursuant to this section shall require payment within 30 days of the posted date of the invoice, with the payment due date conspicuously reflected on the face of the invoice. If such invoice remains unpaid as of the due date reflected on the invoice, a citation may be generated and mailed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

- ii. Any invoice sent pursuant to the provisions of this section shall, at a minimum, include the following information: (1) the issuing authority, including the name, address, logo, and contact information of the issuing authority responsible for the Smart Loading Zone for which such invoice has been issued; (2) a unique invoice identifier, such as an invoice number; (3) the date, time, length of stay, and location of the Smart Loading Zone occupancy for which such invoice has been issued; (4) the license plate number and issuing state for the vehicle; (5) an itemized statement of all charges due on the invoice, including parking fees, administrative fees, and a total amount due; (6) a payment due date that is 30 days from the posted date of the invoice; (7) a notice that a failure to remit payment by the due date listed on the invoice shall result in the issuance of a parking citation; (8) payment instructions; (9) photo evidence of the use of the Smart Loading Zone by the invoiced vehicle; (10) a statement, in bolded and red font that is larger than the surrounding font size, clearly communicating that the invoice is not a citation; (11) information describing how to dispute the invoice, including a website, contact method, or administrative process for review; and (12) information regarding the

Smart Loading Zone program, including but not limited to a program website.<<

Section 2. Section 30-52 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 30-52. Liability for payment of parking citations; enforcement and procedures.

- (1) *Law enforcement officers and parking enforcement specialists.* A law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist who discovers a vehicle in violation of this article, may issue a parking citation to the driver. If the vehicle is unattended, the law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist shall attach such parking citation to the vehicle in a conspicuous place. If, using video or license plate reader technology, the law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist discovers a vehicle in violation of the provisions of Section 30-49(20)(a)—(f) such that the required payment for parking is not made, >>or discovers a vehicle in violation of the provisions of Section 30-49(2)(a)—(c), (6), (10), (11), (13), (15), (17), (18), (24), or (25),<< the law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist may mail a parking citation to the registered owner of the vehicle or the registered lessee when the cited vehicle is registered in the name of the person who leased the vehicle, to the address given on the motor vehicle registration.

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:

MAG for GBK


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