

Memorandum



Date: July 13, 2026

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 1(G)1

Subject: Fiscal Impact and Social Equity Statement for Ordinance Creating Section 8-9 of the Code; Requiring the County Mayor to Develop and Implement a Same-Day Permitting Program for Certain Permit Applications for Certain Residential Projects

The proposed ordinance requires the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to develop a same-day permitting program for specified residential project permit types, and which would need to be implemented through an implementing order approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Since 2008, RER has administered an online, electronic concurrent plan review process. This digital framework substantially accelerates the permitting timeline compared to traditional, in-person linear plan reviews, serving as the operational foundation for the success of the same-day permitting program. RER has historically offered same-day permitting as an administrative practice for over 2 decades for the select permit types outlined in the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance therefore formalizes this long-standing service standard into the Code, although further approval of the proposed implementing order will be required by the Board of County Commissioners.

The same-day permitting service applies exclusively to the specific residential permit types identified within the proposed ordinance. Consistent with the safeguards provided, the following application types are strictly excluded from this expedited timeline:

- Applications requiring structural review
- Properties designated as historical
- Properties with active code enforcement cases
- Projects seeking to legalize existing code violations

Social Equity Statement

The proposed ordinance provides a social equity benefit by formalizing long-standing permitting timeframes for eligible residential projects. Furthermore, the ordinance mandates a bi-annual reporting mechanism to monitor program performance, ensure accountability, and verify that processing expectations are consistently met.

Fiscal Impact / Funding Source

The proposed ordinance will have no immediate fiscal impact on the County to the extent that the existing same-day permitting program is approved through the future implementing order, which is fully funded through existing permitting fees. However, should future operational workflows deviate from current efficiencies, permit fees for residential hardening projects may require adjustment to accurately reflect any increased administrative or labor costs.

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Roy Coley
Deputy Mayor