

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

DATE: September 1, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to develop an illegal
dumping and encampment plan
for Miami-Dade County
Commission District 2; and
requiring a report

This item was amended at the July 13, 2026 Safety and Health Committee meeting to provide that the plan for illegal dumping and encampments in District 2 shall also include recommendations identifying a mechanism for condominium residents and renters to dispose of bulk trash.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Marleine Bastien and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.



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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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9-1-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP AN ILLEGAL
DUMPING AND ENCAMPMENT PLAN FOR MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 2; AND REQUIRING A
REPORT

WHEREAS, illegal dumping in Miami-Dade County (the "County") is a serious issue that creates a range of continuing problems; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping is a crime that can harm the environment and negatively impact neighborhood aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping may also be an economic threat to the County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the County takes pride in its image as a clean and inviting destination to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2017, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1201-17 creating the 2017 Illegal Dumping Task Force (the "Task Force"), to analyze and investigate the causes and effects of illegal dumping in the County, and the applicable laws and regulations, enforcement, and punishment related to illegal dumping, and to make recommendations to the Board and County Mayor to better address and combat illegal dumping; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2018, the Task Force issued its Illegal Dumping Task Force Report which (i) identified and explained five factors which lead to illegal dumping, and (ii) provided ten recommendations to combat illegal dumping through prevention, remediation, and punishment; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to remediate and remove illegally dumped debris more quickly; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to remove illegally dumped debris more quickly this Board has taken numerous actions including the creation of the Illegal Dumping Trust Fund created pursuant to Resolution No. R-907-21 on October 5, 2021 and the creation of a pilot program with the City of Miami Gardens and City of Opa Locka for said municipalities to collect, transport, and dispose of illegally dumped debris pursuant to the program guidelines, at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, despite these efforts illegal dumping remains a problem throughout the County and in Commission District 2; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the illegal dumping of debris, there is the problem of encampments which bring not only debris but other hazards to the health and safety of those in surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to prevent or minimize negative aesthetic impacts to the public of illegal dumping and encampments, wherever feasible,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a plan that assesses the extent of illegal dumping and encampments within Miami-Dade County Commission District 2 and sets forth measures to address the issue. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following elements:

(a) The current extent of illegal dumping and encampments within District 2, including a heat map identifying recurring illegal dumping/camping sites;

- (b) The identification of specific actions to be taken to reduce or eliminate illegal dumping and encampments along with a timeline;
- (c) A list of funding sources that may be legally used to address the illegal dumping and encampments, and the proposed cost of implementation of the plan;
- (d) Information on how the Illegal Dumping Trust Fund (IDTF) can be used to fund implementation of the plan and any changes that may be necessary to the IDTF;
- (e) Information on whether and how the recommendations from the Illegal Dumping Task Force Report can be implemented;
- (f) Recommendations from the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust including, but not limited to, recommendations related to dealing with individuals experiencing homelessness who may be sexual offenders; ~~[[and]]~~¹
- (g) Recommendations from the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) including, but not limited to, recommendations related to the role of MDSO in addressing illegal dumping/camping and the illegal activities on those sites including illegal disposal of vehicles ~~[[:-]]~~ >>; and
- (h) Recommendations identifying a mechanism for condominium residents and renters, both in single family and multi-family units, to dispose of bulk trash. The proposed mechanism should, at a minimum, address the frequency, locations, cost, and funding sources related to implementation.<<

This Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to submit to this Board a final report, including the plan that addresses each of the elements, set forth above, within 45 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of this 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 Commissioner Marleine Bastien and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez. 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:

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

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	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2026. 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.



Shannon D. Summerset-Williams
David S. Hope