

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(C)

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

DATE: September 1, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance relating to passenger motor carrier vehicles; amending sections 31-102 and 31-107 of the Code; revising vehicle age requirements for certain passenger motor carrier vehicles; amending definitions; making technical and conforming changes

This item was amended at the July 14, 2026 Transportation Committee to: (1) provide that passenger motor vehicles used to provide circulator services be allowed to operate until such vehicles reach 20 model years of age; (2) provide that this change would not apply to passenger motor vehicles used to provide fixed route services; and (3) to remove the proposed maximum operating limit of 350,000 miles from the original item.

Rule 5.06(h) of the Board's Rules of Procedure provides that differences between an original item and an item amended at committee should be uniquely identified by double underlining and double strike-through, or where such approach would not clearly show the committee amendments or is not practical, by providing footnotes or comments on the item. Based on Rule 5.06(h), the preceding comprehensive description of the differences between the original item and the amended item is provided in lieu of double underlining and double strike-through.

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Social Equity and Fiscal Impact Statements for Ordinance Relating to Passenger Motor Vehicles – Revising Vehicle Age Requirements for Vehicles Providing Circulator Service - Registrar No. 260868

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 31, Article III of the Code of Miami-Dade County relating to Passenger Motor Carriers (PMCs). Specifically, it amends Section 31-107(b) to increase the maximum allowable age for PMC vehicles providing circulator service from 15 model years to 20 model years.

Social Equity Statement

Increasing the allowable vehicle age may benefit operators by allowing the purchase of more affordable vehicles and extending the useful service life of existing vehicles, thereby reducing replacement costs and lowering capital expenditures. These potential benefits may enhance the financial sustainability of transportation providers serving local communities. However, older vehicles may be more susceptible to mechanical failures, require more frequent maintenance and contribute to diminished customer perceptions regarding the quality, reliability and appearance of circulator services. This may result in an increase in customer complaints regarding vehicle condition, maintenance or aesthetics, which could negatively affect the experience of residents and visitors and indirectly impact the County's hospitality industry.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Implementation of this ordinance will not require additional County funding, personnel or operational expenditures, as its administrative responsibilities can be carried out using existing staff and resources.

Roy Coley
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Deputy Mayor



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(Revised)

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Gen Bonzon-Keenan
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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 7(C)
9-1-26

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTIONS 31-102 AND 31-107 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REVISING VEHICLE AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLES; AMENDING DEFINITIONS; MAKING TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the County regulates and sets the standards for passenger motor carrier vehicles (PMCs) operating in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, section 31-107(b) of the Code of Miami-Dade County (the “Code”) sets a maximum vehicle age of 10 model years for PMCs, generally, and 15 model years for PMCs providing circulator service or fixed route service; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities in the County use PMC vehicles to provide circulator or fixed route services through an interlocal agreement with the County pursuant to section 31-102 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2026, the City of Coral Gables (the “City”) adopted City Resolution No. 2026-76, urging the County to amend section 31-107 of the Code to allow PMC vehicles that provide circulator or fixed route services to operate for up to 20 model years of age or 350,000 miles of usage, whichever comes first; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it to be in the best interest of the County to amend section 31-107 of the Code to allow PMC vehicles that provide circulator services to operate for up to 20 model years of age,

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

Section 1. Section 31-102 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 31-102. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

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- (l) DTPW >>or the “Department”<< means the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works>>, or its predecessor<< or successor department >>responsible for regulating Chapter 31 of the Code.<<

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Section 2. Section 31-107 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31-107. -Vehicle standards.

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- (b) *Vehicle age limits and inspection schedules.* Vehicle age limits and frequency of for-hire vehicle inspections are as stated in this subsection; provided, however, that the DTPW may inspect a for-hire vehicle at any time. ~~[[All motor vehicles currently in service as of the effective date of this ordinance shall be permitted to remain in service until the motor vehicle reaches its fifteenth model year. Said motor vehicles must continue to pass inspection and meet all applicable vehicle standards. Any vehicle initially placed into service following the effective date of this ordinance shall be no greater than 10 model years of age.]]~~ Any vehicle over 10 model years of age shall not be

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.

operated as a passenger motor carrier vehicle. Notwithstanding the foregoing, passenger motor carrier vehicles providing circulator service or fixed route service shall meet the following vehicle age requirements: >>(i) passenger motor carrier vehicles used to provide circulator service may be operated until such vehicles reach 20 model years of age; and (ii) passenger motor carrier vehicles used to provide fixed route services may be operated until such vehicles reach 15 model years of age<< ~~[[any vehicle over 15 model years of age providing circulator service or fixed route service shall neither be placed into service nor operate as a passenger motor carrier vehicle.]]~~ >>, provided that such vehicles remain in compliance with all applicable County inspection requirements and vehicle standards.<< Passenger motor carrier vehicles shall be inspected annually.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Department and any other person authorized to enforce this article pursuant to Section 31-110 may inspect a passenger motor carrier vehicle at any time to confirm compliance with this section. Upon notification by the Department, the passenger motor carrier certificate holder shall suspend the authorization of any driver whose vehicle fails an inspection until the driver demonstrates that his or her vehicle has passed an inspection pursuant to this article.

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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:

Prepared by:

Dale P. Clarke

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis

Handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter" on the top line and "D.P.C." on the bottom line.