

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

TO: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

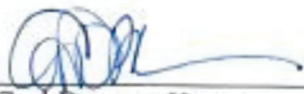
DATE: November 19, 2020

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
Successor County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States
Postal Service to provide postal
recognition for Westchester in Miami-
Dade County, Florida so that the name
“Westchester, Florida” may be used as
part of mailing addresses in the area

Resolution No. R-1215-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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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 ____, 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) ____, or 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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RESOLUTION NO. R-1215-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO PROVIDE POSTAL RECOGNITION FOR WESTCHESTER IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA SO THAT THE NAME “WESTCHESTER, FLORIDA” MAY BE USED AS PART OF MAILING ADDRESSES IN THE AREA

WHEREAS, Westchester is a well-recognized neighborhood in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Florida, that has its own unique charm and identity; and

WHEREAS, because of the neighborhood’s unique charm and identity, Westchester residents may wish to name “Westchester, Florida” as part of their mailing addresses; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) has a process by which a geographic area that is not a municipality may request that the name of that particular area be used as part of mailing addresses; and

WHEREAS, the USPS requires that such requests include (i) the specific mailing name changes desired, (ii) the rationale for such changes, (iii) the boundaries of the geographic area, and (iv) the contact information of a person who can provide further information; and

WHEREAS, USPS further requires that the geographic area be recorded in the United States Geological Survey’s Geographic Names Information System (“GNIS”) as a populated place; and

WHEREAS, the USPS only permits the addition of mailing names for geographic areas with names that are not already in use as a municipality name elsewhere in the same state; and

WHEREAS, Westchester is a Census Designated Place (“CDP”); and

WHEREAS, the current Westchester CDP boundaries are SW 8th Street on the north side; SW 40th Street (Bird Road) on the south side; the Florida Turnpike on the west side; and the Palmetto Expressway on the east side; and

WHEREAS, a map depicting the boundaries of the Westchester CDP is attached hereto as exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Westchester is recorded in the United States Geological Survey's GNIS as a populated place with a GNIS feature identification number of 0293131; and

WHEREAS, the name "Westchester" is not already in use as a municipality name elsewhere in Florida; and

WHEREAS, recognition of Westchester by the USPS would allow residents of Westchester to name "Westchester, Florida" as part of their addresses; and

WHEREAS, postal recognition would provide Westchester with greater visibility and identity; and

WHEREAS, as such, this Board wishes to formally urge the USPS to provide postal recognition for Westchester,

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

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

Section 2. For all of the reasons stated herein, this Board hereby urges the United States Postal Service to add "Westchester, Florida" as a mailing name for the area shown on exhibit A, which is a map of the Westchester Census Designated Place. This request is being made to ensure that Westchester is recognized by the United States Postal Service as an acceptable mailing

name. For additional information pertaining to this request, the United States Postal Service may contact the Chief of the Planning, Research, and Economic Analysis Section of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources at the following address and phone number:

Manuel A. Armada
Miami-Dade County Department
of Regulatory and Economic Resources
111 NW 1 Street, Suite 1210
Miami, FL 33128-1974
Phone: 305-375-2845

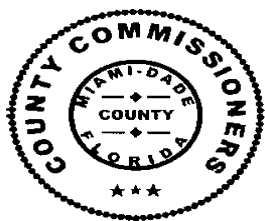
Section 3. This Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation, the United States Postmaster General, and the South Florida District Manager for the United States Postal Service at the following address:

David Guiney
South Florida District Manager
1900 W Oakland Park Boulevard, Room # 132
Oakland Park, FL 33310-9901

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Kionne L. McGhee	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	District 8 - Vacant	vacant

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of November, 2020. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Cristina M. Rabionet
Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell

Exhibit A

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A horizontal scale bar with tick marks at 0, 0.25, and 0.5. The word "Miles" is written vertically below the bar.

Legend



CDP Boundary

Property Layer

Major Streets and Highways



Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER)
Planning Research and Economic Analysis Section

August 2020