

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: December 1, 2020

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
Successor County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic; directing the County Mayor to (1) conduct a study of the proper disposal of personal protective equipment (“PPE”) and the harm posed by the improper disposal of PPE; (2) develop a plan to prevent or mitigate those harms; (3) develop and conduct an educational campaign to encourage the public to properly dispose of PPE; (4) identify and assess creative options, other than fines and penalties, to deter the public from improperly disposing of PPE; and (5) provide a report

Resolution No. R-1228-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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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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12-1-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1228-20

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”) PANDEMIC; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO (1) CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (“PPE”) AND THE HARM POSED BY THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF PPE; (2) DEVELOP A PLAN TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE THOSE HARMS; (3) DEVELOP AND CONDUCT AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF PPE; (4) IDENTIFY AND ASSESS CREATIVE OPTIONS, OTHER THAN FINES AND PENALTIES, TO DETER THE PUBLIC FROM IMPROPERLY DISPOSING OF PPE; AND (5) PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, which was first identified in China last year and quickly spread globally, including to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Miami-Dade County Mayor declared a State of Local Emergency for Miami-Dade County on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County’s State of Local Emergency continues to present day; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is so serious because the virus is easily transmitted through airborne droplets produced by normal respiratory activities such as talking, coughing, and sneezing, and because the disease’s symptoms can be fatal, especially for at-risk individuals; and

WHEREAS, to help combat the spread of COVID-19, residents and visitors in Miami-Dade County have been wearing cloth face masks and using other personal protective equipment (“PPE”), such as gloves; and

WHEREAS, indeed, County Emergency Order 20-20, as amended, requires all persons to wear a mask or other facial covering while in public, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, commonly used PPE, such as face masks and gloves, come in varieties that can be disposed of after one use; and

WHEREAS, while it is generally proper to dispose of single-use PPE in trash bins, PPE that is not properly disposed of can create a nuisance and pose harm to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, for example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become much more common in Miami-Dade County to find used face masks and gloves left on streets and sidewalks as litter, which is both unsanitary and aesthetically displeasing; and

WHEREAS, PPE that is flushed down toilets could clog, impair, or damage private or County-owned sewage infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the public nuisances and hazards posed by improperly discarded PPE are matters potentially falling within the responsibilities of multiple County departments, including the Department of Solid Waste Management, the Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the Water and Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced by the continuing presence of PPE litter in public spaces in the County, County residents and visitors either need to be educated about proper disposal of PPE or need stronger incentives to dispose of PPE properly; and

WHEREAS, this Board therefore wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct a study of the proper disposal of PPE and the harms posed by the improper disposal of PPE, and to develop a plan to prevent or mitigate those harms; and

WHEREAS, as part of that plan, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall develop and conduct an educational campaign that uses social media and other public-relations methods to encourage the public to properly dispose of PPE; and

WHEREAS, the study shall also identify and assess creative options, other than fines and penalties, to deter the public from improperly disposing of PPE,

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

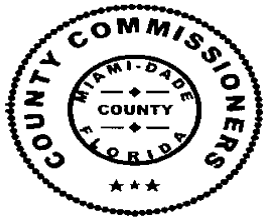
Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct a study of the proper disposal of personal protective equipment ("PPE") and the harms posed by the improper disposal of PPE, and to develop a plan to prevent or mitigate those harms. As part of that plan, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall develop and conduct an educational campaign that uses social media and other public-relations methods to encourage the public to properly dispose of PPE. The study shall also identify and assess creative options, other than fines and penalties, to deter the public from improperly disposing of PPE.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report setting forth the findings of this study and a summary of the plan to prevent or mitigate the harms posed by the improper disposal of PPE. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board within 15 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Acting 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 1st day of December, 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.

CJW

Christopher J. Wahl