

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 18, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to conduct an
educational campaign related
to private water wells and
coordinate, as necessary or
appropriate, with the Florida
Department of Health on such
an educational campaign, and
to prepare reports as to the
educational campaign and as
to how many properties are
currently served by private
water wells

Resolution No. R-512-21

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



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County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)
5-18-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-512-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN RELATED TO PRIVATE WATER WELLS AND COORDINATE, AS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE, WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON SUCH AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, AND TO PREPARE REPORTS AS TO THE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN AND AS TO HOW MANY PROPERTIES ARE CURRENTLY SERVED BY PRIVATE WATER WELLS

WHEREAS, in Miami-Dade County (the "County"), some residences and businesses receive their drinking water from private water wells, as opposed to a public water system; and

WHEREAS, private water wells need maintenance and testing, and in some cases, private water wells can become contaminated; and

WHEREAS, owners of private water wells may not be aware of the maintenance, testing, or other considerations to ensure the water well's proper functioning; and

WHEREAS, an improperly functioning water well may need expensive repairs; and

WHEREAS, an improperly functioning water well, or a water well that may be contaminated, may also create health risks; and

WHEREAS, property owners may be able to avoid or lessen financial, environmental, and health risks through maintenance and testing of their private water wells; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) evaluates the water quality from private water wells, conducts educational campaigns related to such water wells, and has considerable expertise in this subject area, and it may be appropriate to coordinate with DOH on an educational campaign; and

WHEREAS, as such, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct an educational campaign related to private water wells; and

WHEREAS, in addition, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board as to how many properties within Miami-Dade County are currently served by private water wells,

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

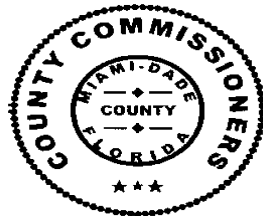
Section 1. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct an educational campaign for County residents and business owners served by private water wells, including needed maintenance and testing and why maintenance and testing may be important, such as to avoid financial, health, and environmental contamination risks, and to coordinate, as necessary or appropriate, with the Florida Department of Health on such an educational campaign. Such educational campaign shall be completed within 365 days of the effective date of this resolution

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare two written reports as to the educational campaign in section 1 above. The first completed report shall set forth the plan for the educational campaign and shall be placed on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65 within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution. This first report shall also include information as to how many properties in Miami-Dade County are currently served by private water wells. The second completed report shall describe the educational campaign that was conducted and shall be placed on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65 within 365 days of the effective date of this resolution.

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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of May, 2021. 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.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell