

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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

DATE: March 1, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to formulate and propose
a crowd control policy and
permitting system for large
events at public and private
venues within the incorporated
and unincorporated areas of
Miami-Dade County, and to
provide a report

Resolution No. R-222-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.



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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 Amended
Veto _____ Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)
Override _____ 3-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. **R-222-22**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO FORMULATE AND PROPOSE A CROWD CONTROL POLICY AND PERMITTING SYSTEM FOR LARGE EVENTS AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE VENUES WITHIN THE INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (the “County”) hosts numerous large events and open-air concerts annually, at both public and private venues; and

WHEREAS, because the County is a world-class, major metropolitan area, some of these events draw thousands of tourists from throughout the United States as well as across the globe, and attract national and international media attention; and

WHEREAS, the County’s desirability as a destination and its ability to host large events is of great significance to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of attendants at these major events is of the utmost priority in maintaining the County’s status as a host of nationally and internationally recognized events; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2021, several individuals died in a tragic trampling accident at the “Astroworld” music festival in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Astroworld tragedy emphasizes the importance of maintaining comprehensive crowd control policies and regulations to prevent or mitigate similar catastrophes in the future; and

WHEREAS, while section 21-28.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides for a permitting system for open-air concerts, section 30-7 requires permits for parades and processions, Chapter 33 provides requirements for certain types of special events within the unincorporated

areas of the County, and Administrative Order 8-3 provides guidance for special events on County park property, those regulations only address security concerns generally, and none specifically require comprehensive crowd control plans for large scale events within the incorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that special event regulations specifically address the public safety threat that large crowd activities can pose to event attendees and others in the community, such as the possibility of trampling, is important to the County's desirability as a large event destination; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board wishes to consider a comprehensive crowd control policy and permitting system for large events at public and private venues within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, to that end, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to study current public safety measures in place for large events and open-air concerts, provide suggestions on how they could be improved, and formulate and propose to this Board a comprehensive and Countywide crowd control policy and permitting system for large events at public and private event venues; and

WHEREAS, the proposed policy and system should consider any relevant differences between regulating events on land and facilities that the County owns or operates, regulating events on other public properties, and regulating events at private properties; and

WHEREAS, in formulating and proposing a comprehensive crowd control policy and permitting system, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee should explore all possible avenues in addressing the issue, such as Countywide regulations, minimum standards to be enforced by municipalities, and safety requirements as a condition of County funds being used to subsidize large events,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated as if set forth herein and are approved.

Section 2. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to formulate and propose a county crowd control policy and permitting system for large events at public and private venues within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County. In formulating the policy and system, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee should: study current public safety measures in place for large events and open-air concerts and provide suggestions to improve them; consider whether different approaches should be taken to address events on land and facilities the County owns or operates as opposed to events on other public or private property; confer with local public safety officials within other municipalities and the Miami-Dade Police Department ("MDPD") in developing an approach; and explore all possible avenues in addressing this issue, such as appropriate regulatory requirements on private property, minimum standards to be enforced by municipalities, granting MDPD (or the local police department with jurisdiction) the authority to approve or disapprove the use of a private security firm as part of the permitting process for such events, and the imposition of safety requirements as a condition of subsidizing large events with County funds.

Section 3. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to submit a written report to this Board regarding the directive as outlined in section 2 within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

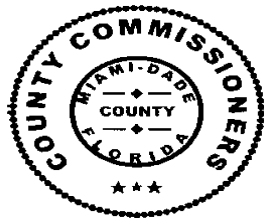
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of March, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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

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By: _____
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes