

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

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

DATE: October 6, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Department of Highway
Safety and Motor Vehicles to
open additional driver license
service centers in Miami-
Dade County

Resolution No. R-960-22

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
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-960-22

**RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES TO OPEN
ADDITIONAL DRIVER LICENSE SERVICE CENTERS IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (the “Department”) is currently experiencing an overwhelming demand for driver license services in Miami-Dade County (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, the Department’s offices were closed to the public but remained open for business from March 19 through March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Department offered limited services during this time by drop box, email, and the Department’s virtual office and portal; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Department opened its offices to the public and offered its services by appointment only, while accepting walk-ins on a limited basis; and

WHEREAS, by July 1, 2021, the Department began offering services on a walk-in basis only; and

WHEREAS, this resulted in long lines and wait times at many of the Department’s offices in the County; and

WHEREAS, recently, the Department began accepting appointments for services again, in addition to walk-ins on a limited basis; and

WHEREAS, however, the long lines and wait times for driver license services at the Department’s offices remain; and

WHEREAS, the Department currently has only nine driver license offices in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, to meet the increased needs of the community for driver license services, this Board urges the Department to open additional offices in Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to open additional driver license service centers in Miami-Dade County.

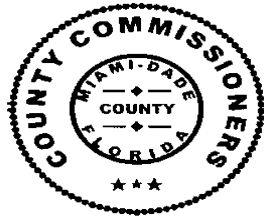
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2023 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

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 **Raquel A. Regalado** 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	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	absent	Kionne L. McGhee	aye
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 6th day of October, 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.

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Ryan Carlin