

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)

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

DATE: October 18, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to provide a
plan for either waiving or
reducing parking fees for
employees of the offices of
the State Attorney and the
Public Defender for the 11th
Judicial Circuit of Florida;
urging the City of Miami to
effectuate the same; requiring
a report

Resolution No. R-1027-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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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. 14(A)(5)
10-18-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1027-22

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A PLAN FOR EITHER WAIVING OR REDUCING PARKING FEES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICES OF THE STATE ATTORNEY AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA; URGING THE CITY OF MIAMI TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME; REQUIRING A REPORT

WHEREAS, state prosecutors are tasked with protecting, defending, upholding and enforcing the criminal laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, according to the State Attorney for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, there is a staffing crisis at the State Attorney's office where they have lost nearly 100 assistant state attorneys and 250 support staff in the last year, bringing vacancies to an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, the recruitment and retention crisis can be tied to the low salaries and high cost of living in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida has reported identical issues related to recruitment and retention; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is consistently ranked among the most expensive places to live in the United States; and

WHEREAS, state prosecutors and public defenders are public servants with low state salaries, and with the private sector lure for significantly higher salaries and opportunities to work remotely, every dollar counts; and

WHEREAS, prosecutors and staff have routinely mentioned the cost of parking as an additional burden to their already low salaries; and

WHEREAS, many prosecutors, public defenders and staff park at County-owned and operated parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, prosecutors, public defenders, and staff may also park at City of Miami owned and operated parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, reducing or eliminating the parking fees would be one way to reduce their burden and express our community's appreciation for them; and

WHEREAS, this Board is cognizant of the need for the offices of the State Attorney and Public Defender for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida to attract and retain qualified attorneys,

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 develop a plan to reduce or eliminate parking fees at County-owned and operated parking facilities for employees of the Offices of the State Attorney and Public Defender for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to include the fiscal impact associated with implementation of the plan and identification of legally available funding sources.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a written report to this Board regarding such plan and place the completed report on the November 1, 2022, agenda of the Board without committee review pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

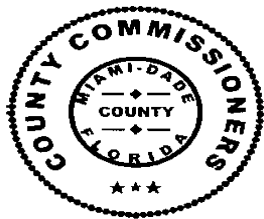
Section 4. Urges the City of Miami to join in the County's efforts to reduce or eliminate parking fees for employees of the Offices of the State Attorney and Public Defender for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Section 5. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the City of Miami and the City of Miami Commission.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, 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:

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	Kionne L. McGhee	aye
Jean Monestime	absent	Raquel A. Regalado	absent
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th 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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Melanie J. Spencer