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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 3, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding to assist with septic-to-
sewer conversions along Florida
State Road 976/Bird Road
between SW 92nd Avenue and
SW 97th Avenue in Miami-
Dade County

Resolution No. R-889-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairman Anthony Rodríguez.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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)(5)
10-3-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-889-23

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH SEPTIC-TO-
SEWER CONVERSIONS ALONG FLORIDA STATE ROAD
976/BIRD ROAD BETWEEN SW 92ND AVENUE AND SW
97TH AVENUE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, commonly referred to as septic systems, are a type of onsite sewage facility that treats wastewater from individual properties; and

WHEREAS, a significant component of the septic system is the treatment of wastewater in an underground drainfield; and

WHEREAS, septic systems may present environmental risks and are potentially vulnerable to the effects of rising groundwater tables, which diminish the treatment capacity of drainfields and result in elevated levels of groundwater pollution; and

WHEREAS, rising water tables in areas with septic systems may also lead to flooding and pooling of sewage in people's yards and neighborhoods, which presents serious public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, a report presented to this Board in November 2018 by the Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department, and the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (the "Report") found that nearly half of the septic tanks in Miami-Dade County break down yearly, a number that is expected to increase to 64 percent by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the Report recommended that the most effective way to address the long-term risks associated with rising groundwater levels is to extend sewer connections to new and existing structures where feasible and to reduce the number of new septic systems installed in vulnerable areas; and

WHEREAS, the septic-to-sewer conversion process, which may require the construction of new infrastructure, can be costly for both public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, some portions of the County, including certain areas with commercial development, lack public sanitary sewer systems and therefore rely on septic systems; and

WHEREAS, one such area is that portion of Florida State Road 976/Bird Road between SW 92nd Avenue and SW 97th Avenue, a vibrant commercial corridor with many local business owners; and

WHEREAS, in addition, that portion of Florida State Road 976/Bird Road between SW 92nd Avenue and SW 97th Avenue is located within the County's Wellfield Protection Area; and

WHEREAS, to support business owners, promote economic development, and prevent environmental hazards in Miami-Dade County, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to provide funding to assist with septic-to-sewer conversions along State Road 976/Bird Road between SW 97th Avenue and SW 97th Avenue,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding to assist with septic-to-sewer conversions along Florida State Road 976/Bird Road between SW 92nd avenue and SW 97th avenue in Miami-Dade County.

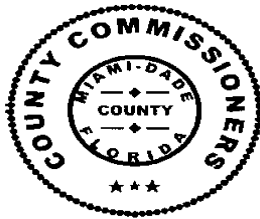
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item.

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

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman		aye
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman		aye
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García absent
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado aye
Micky Steinberg	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of October, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CJF", written over a horizontal line.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes