

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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

DATE: October 1, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to design and present to
this Board for this Board's
approval a resilient home
improvement rebate program and
to provide a report

Resolution No. R-885-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Micky Steinberg.



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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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10-1-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-885-24

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DESIGN AND PRESENT
TO THIS BOARD FOR THIS BOARD'S APPROVAL A
RESILIENT HOME IMPROVEMENT REBATE PROGRAM
AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, given the recent incidence of extreme weather events in Florida such as hurricanes and floods, residents of Miami-Dade County may find it necessary to make their homes more resilient with such improvements as impact-resistant windows, storm shutters, and roof fortifications; and

WHEREAS, to improve personal finances and help minimize reliance on fossil fuels that contribute to climate change, residents may also wish to make home improvements to conserve energy, such as by installing solar panels, roof replacements, and energy-efficient air conditioners; and

WHEREAS, as with other kinds of home improvement projects, construction or installation of such "resilient home improvement projects" may require building permits under the Florida Building Code; and

WHEREAS, resilient home improvement projects may be beneficial not only to home owners, but also to the County at large, from both a public safety and an economic perspective; and

WHEREAS, for example, more resilient homes may be more likely to withstand extreme weather events and therefore not require emergency assistance from public agencies, such as fire rescue departments or law enforcement, or post-disaster financial assistance from public agencies or insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, more resilient homes may also help lessen reliance on fossil fuels and therefore help mitigate the adverse effects of climate change, which may continue to impose economic costs on the public sector and economic and quality-of-life costs on the community at large; and

WHEREAS, this Board therefore wishes to provide an incentive for home owners to undertake resilient home improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, building permit fees must generally reflect the administrative expense incurred by the County to process building permits; and

WHEREAS, building permit fees therefore cannot be waived or otherwise discounted without somehow compensating for that expense from a funding source other than building permit fee revenues; and

WHEREAS, one alternative to providing discounts on building permit fees for resilient home improvement projects is to provide rebates for such building permit fees, which rebates may be funded from a legally available funding source other than building permit fee revenues; and

WHEREAS, this Board therefore wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to design and present to this Board for this Board's approval a resilient home improvement rebate program,

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 design and present to this Board for this Board's approval a resilient home improvement rebate program. The program shall be presented to the Board in the form of a written report and shall address, at a minimum, the following criteria:

- The types of resilient home improvement projects that would qualify for the rebate;
- The formula for calculating the rebate;
- The application process for obtaining the rebate and the documentation that must be submitted with the application, such as proof of a closed building permit that has passed necessary inspections;
- The amount of funding that would be set aside for the rebate, including identification of a legally available funding source, which cannot be revenues from building permit fees, and which fees, moreover, cannot be modified to account for the rebate;
- The staffing and funding needed to administer the program, including any funding needed to promote the program to the public; and
- Whether the program should be conducted first as a one-year pilot program or instead be permanently established.

If, on the other hand, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee determines, after consideration of the foregoing criteria, that a resilient home improvement rebate program would not be feasible or otherwise advisable, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall state in the report the reasons for that determination.

Section 2. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall submit the report required by section 1 of this resolution to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Micky Steinberg. It was offered by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** , 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	absent		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	absent	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	absent
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of October, 2024. 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.

CJW

Christopher J. Wahl