

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

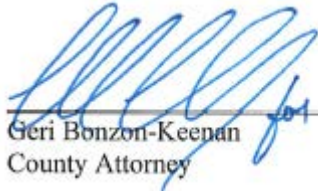
DATE: January 22, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the airlines
that serve the County's airports
to provide a kosher option, at no
additional charge, on all flights to
and from the County's airports,
regardless of flight distance or
class of service, whenever an in-
flight snack or meal is offered to
passengers

Resolution No. R-73-25

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



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(Revised)

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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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1-22-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-73-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE AIRLINES THAT SERVE THE COUNTY'S AIRPORTS TO PROVIDE A KOSHER OPTION, AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE, ON ALL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM THE COUNTY'S AIRPORTS, REGARDLESS OF FLIGHT DISTANCE OR CLASS OF SERVICE, WHENEVER AN IN-FLIGHT SNACK OR MEAL IS OFFERED TO PASSENGERS

WHEREAS, South Florida is home to a large Jewish population; and

WHEREAS, Jewish religious practices require adherence to strict dietary laws, referred to as Kosher, which prohibit the consumption of food unless the food is prepared according to specific guidelines in a certified and supervised Kosher kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport ("MIA") is the largest and busiest airport serving South Florida; and

WHEREAS, according to news reports, some of the airlines serving MIA have in place or may be considering instituting one or more of the following policies regarding the provision of Kosher options when serving an in-flight meal or snack: (1) not offering a Kosher option; (2) providing a Kosher option but charging passengers an additional fee; (3) providing a Kosher option only in premium classes of service; (4) providing a Kosher option only on certain routes that do not include flights to or from MIA; or (5) limiting Kosher options to flights of a certain distance; and

WHEREAS, in addition to MIA, the County is studying the feasibility of providing commercial passenger service at other County airports; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to ensure that, on any flight to or from any of the County's airports, whenever an airline offers an in-flight meal or snack to passengers, it also offers passengers a Kosher option at no additional charge,

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

Section 1. Urges all airlines serving the County's Airports, including Miami International Airport, to provide a Kosher option, at no additional charge, on all flights to and from the County's Airports, regardless of flight distance or class of service, whenever the airline offers an in-flight snack or meal to passengers.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief Executive Officer of all airlines that currently serve any of the County's Airports within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution and, for any airline that begins new service to any of the County's Airports in the future, to transmit a copy of this resolution prior to the commencement of such new service.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2025. 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 dark ink, appearing to read "RCZ", is written over a horizontal line.

Ryan C. Zagare