

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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

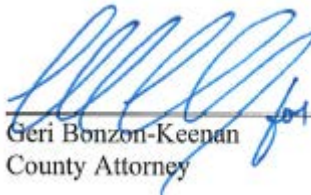
DATE: January 22, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami Gardens' codesignation of
that portion of Northwest 207th
Street from Northwest 33rd
Avenue to Northwest 37th
Avenue as "Iota Phi Theta Way"

Resolution No. R-8-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)
1-22-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-8-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS'
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST
207TH STREET FROM NORTHWEST 33RD AVENUE TO
NORTHWEST 37TH AVENUE AS "IOTA PHI THETA WAY"

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens (the "City") passed Resolution No. 24-318, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, on December 11, 2024, which codesignated that portion of Northwest 207th Street from Northwest 33rd Avenue to Northwest 37th Avenue as "Iota Phi Theta Way" to honor Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. ("Iota Phi Theta"); and

WHEREAS, founded in 1963, Iota Phi Theta is dedicated to the development and perpetuation of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, fidelity, and brotherhood among men; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Northwest 207th Street from Northwest 33rd Avenue to Northwest 37th Avenue is a city-maintained road located in the City and within County Commission District 1; and

WHEREAS, the City would like for the County to install signage indicating this codesignation on County street signs and traffic signal mast arms; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor Iota Phi Theta by approving the City's codesignation of that portion of Northwest 207th Street from Northwest 33rd Avenue to Northwest 37th Avenue as "Iota Phi Theta Way",

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

Section 1. Approves the City of Miami Gardens’ codesignation of that portion of Northwest 207th Street from Northwest 33rd Avenue to Northwest 37th Avenue as “Iota Phi Theta Way”.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Miami Gardens, the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resource Department, the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department, and the City of Miami Gardens Police Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III. 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.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes
Jose I. Ortega



City of Miami Gardens

Agenda Cover Memo

24-318

Meeting: City Council - Dec 11 2024

Department Mayor and City Council	Sponsored By Councilman Reggie Leon
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Agenda Item Title

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF NW 207TH STREET, FROM NW 33RD AVENUE TO NW 37TH AVENUE, AS "IOTA PHI THETA WAY"; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CHANGE THE STREET SIGNAGE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. was founded on September 19th, 1963, at Morgan State College (now known as Morgan State University) on the steps of the Edward P. Hurts Gymnasium. The Fraternity's 12 founders, at the height of the civil rights movement, were considered non-traditional students as they were 3 to 5 years older than the average college student at that time, were married with children, and even worked full-time jobs. Through the adversity of the civil rights movement, these founders would create the fifth largest predominately African American social service fraternity with a motto of "Building a Tradition, Not Resting Upon One." Through this motto, these 12 founders would also create the purpose of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.: "The development and perpetuation of Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Fidelity, and Brotherhood among men."

Through national efforts, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. would influence the birth of their beloved Fraternity on local South Florida college campuses: Florida International University (Eta Sigma Chapter), Florida Memorial University (Zeta Zeta Chapter), and the newly established colony at the University of Miami as of Fall 2024. To support undergraduate brothers, our local graduate chapter of Alpha Lambda Omega continues to support our undergraduates in every endeavor while contributing to the South Florida Community.

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity looks forward to continuing its national programs supporting St. Jude's Children's Hospital cancer research for children, the American Red Cross, the Ora Lee Smith Cancer Research Foundation, and Feeding South Florida, to name a few in the Miami Gardens surrounding area.

As Iota Phi Theta Fraternity continues to grow and strengthen, so will its commitment to making meaningful contributions to society, with particular emphasis on the African-

American community.

Section 34-233 of the City of Miami Gardens Code of Ordinance outlines the process for renaming and co-designating streets. In addition, section 44-233(b)(10) provides guidance for the Mayor and members of the City Council to sponsor a Resolution for renaming or co-designating a street.

Councilman Leon seeks to honor the Fraternity's history and strong legacy by officially recognizing and dedicating NW 207th Street, from 33rd Avenue to NW 37th Avenue, as "Iota Phi Theta Way".

Fiscal Impact/Business Impact Statement

The cost of this sign fabrication is as follows:

- Roadside Signs - \$400
- Presentation Plates - \$600
- Total - \$1,000

Councilman Leon is requesting that the total amount of \$1,000 be waived.

Recommended Action

Councilman Leon recommends that the City Council approve the renaming of NW 207th Street, from 33rd Avenue to NW 37th Avenue, as "Iota Phi Theta Way" as a meaningful way to honor the legacy and contributions made by Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated to the Miami Gardens community.

Attachments

[Resolution 2024 - Iota Phi Theta Street Renaming](#)

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024____
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6 OF NW 207TH STREET, FROM NW 33RD AVENUE TO NW 37TH
7 AVENUE, AS "IOTA PHI THETA WAY"; AUTHORIZING THE CITY
8 MANAGER TO CHANGE THE STREET SIGNAGE; PROVIDING
9 FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING
10 FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. was founded on September 19, 1963,
13 at Morgan State College (now known as Morgan State University), and

14 WHEREAS, through the adversity of the civil rights movement, the faternity's
15 twelve founders would create the fifth largest predominately African American social
16 service fraternity with the motto of "Building a Tradition, Not Resting Upon One", and

17 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta's founders would also create the purpose of the
18 fraternity, "The development and perpetuation of Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship,
19 Fidelity, and Brotherhood among men, and

20 WHEREAS, Through national efforts, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. would
21 influence the birth of their beloved Fraternity on local South Florida college campuses:
22 Florida International University (Eta Sigma Chapter), Florida Memorial University (Zeta
23 Zeta Chapter), and the newly established colony at the University of Miami as of Fall
24 2024, and

25 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity looks forward to continuing its national
26 programs supporting St. Jude's Children's Hospital cancer research for children, the
27 American Red Cross, the Ora Lee Smith Cancer Research Foundation, and Feeding
28 South Florida, to name a few in the Miami Gardens surrounding area, and

29 WHEREAS, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity continues to grow and strengthen, so will its
30 commitment to making meaningful contributions to society, with particular emphasis on
31 the African-American community, and

32 WHEREAS, Section 34-233 of the City of Miami Gardens Code of Ordinance
33 outlines the process for renaming and co-designing streets, and

34 WHEREAS, Section 33-233(b)(10) provides guidance for the Mayor and
35 members of the City Council to sponsor a Resolution for the renaming or co-designation
36 of a street, and

37 WHEREAS, Councilman Leon seeks to honor the Fraternity's strong legacy by
38 officially recognizing and dedicating NW 207th Street, from 33rd Avenue to NW 37th
39 Avenue, as "Iota Phi Theta Way" and directing the City Manager to take all steps
40 necessary to change the street signage for this purpose.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
42 OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

43 Section 1: ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas
44 paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby
45 made a specific part of this Resolution.

46 Section 2: AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens
47 hereby authorizes the renaming of NW 207th Street, from 33rd Avenue to NW 37th
48 Avenue, as "Iota Phi Theta Way". The City Council authorizes the City Manager to
49 change the street signage.

50 Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately
51 upon its final passage.

52 (PASSED, ADOPTED, DEFERED, WITHDRAWN OR FAILED) BY THE CITY
53 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON
54 _____, 2024.

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RODNEY HARRIS, MAYOR

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61 **ATTEST:**

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MARIO BATAILLE, CITY CLERK

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68 REVIEWED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, CITY ATTORNEY

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71 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN REGGIE LEON

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73 Moved by: _____

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75 **VOTE:** _____

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77 Mayor Rodney Harris _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

78 Vice Mayor Robert Stephens, III _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

79 Councilwoman Katrina Baskin _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

80 Councilman Reggie Leon _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

81 Councilwoman Michelle Powell _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

82 Councilwoman Linda Julien _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

83 Councilwoman Katrina Wilson _____ (Yes) _____ (No)

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