

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

DATE: February 19, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to examine the feasibility of (1) expanding the cardboard disposal and/or recycling to all 13 Trash and Recycling Centers year-round; and (2) establishing a seasonal cardboard disposal program, consisting of creating additional drop-off sites throughout the community, such as at libraries, community centers, and other County or municipal buildings, for the public to dispose of and/or recycle cardboard materials; further directing the County Mayor to (1) specifically identify on the County's website and social media outlets the Trash and Recycling Centers, and any other future seasonal locations, that accept cardboard materials; and (2) take all actions necessary to ensure that the year-round and seasonal disposal and/or recycling of cardboard is included in the County's Zero Waste Master Plan; and directing the County Mayor to provide a report

Resolution No. R-191-25

A substitute was presented and forwarded to the BCC with a favorable recommendation at the February 10, 2025 Infrastructure, Innovation & Technology Committee.

This substitute item differs from the original item printed on the January 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole agenda to provide that the feasibility study and associated report also include outlining the costs to implement and operate the additional cardboard disposal facilities at the Trash and Recycling Centers, as well as at the seasonal locations.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.


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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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2-19-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-191-25

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF (1) EXPANDING THE CARDBOARD DISPOSAL AND/OR RECYCLING TO ALL 13 TRASH AND RECYCLING CENTERS YEAR-ROUND; AND (2) ESTABLISHING A SEASONAL CARDBOARD DISPOSAL PROGRAM, CONSISTING OF CREATING ADDITIONAL DROP-OFF SITES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, SUCH AS AT LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, AND OTHER COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FOR THE PUBLIC TO DISPOSE OF AND/OR RECYCLE CARDBOARD MATERIALS; FURTHER DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO (1) SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS THE TRASH AND RECYCLING CENTERS, AND ANY OTHER FUTURE SEASONAL LOCATIONS, THAT ACCEPT CARDBOARD MATERIALS; AND (2) TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE YEAR-ROUND AND SEASONAL DISPOSAL AND/OR RECYCLING OF CARDBOARD IS INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY'S ZERO WASTE MASTER PLAN; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, Christmas and Hanukkah gifts, decorations, and other holiday-related items often come in cardboard boxes, increasing the amount of cardboard that is disposed of during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, in fact, according to Stanford University, Americans toss 25 percent more trash from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, producing an additional one million tons of waste every week; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that there is more cardboard discarded during the holiday season, some cities throughout the country, such as Troy, Michigan and West Hartford, Connecticut, have established special collection locations throughout their community during the holiday season for the public to drop-off cardboard materials to be recycled; and

WHEREAS, providing County residents with locations throughout the community where residents can drop-off cardboard materials may help ensure that those materials are properly recycled; and

WHEREAS, such community disposal sites may help County residents to dispose of large quantities of cardboard materials with ease, particularly during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are 13 Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management Trash and Recycling Center locations, one in each County commission district; and

WHEREAS, 7 out of the 13 Trash and Recycling Centers accept cardboard materials, namely at the following locations:

1. Golden Glades Trash and Recycling Center, 140 NW 160th Street, Miami, FL 33169;
 2. Sunset Kendall Trash and Recycling Center, 8000 SW 107th Ave, Miami, FL 33173;
 3. Richmond Heights Trash and Recycling Center, 14050 Boggs Drive, Miami, FL 33176;
 4. West Perrine Trash and Recycling Center, 16651 SW 107th Ave, Miami, FL 33157;
 5. Eureka Drive Trash and Recycling Center, 9401 SW 184th St, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157;
 6. South Miami Heights Trash and Recycling Center, 20800 SW 117 Court, Miami, FL 33177; and
 7. Moody Drive Trash and Recycling Center, 12970 SW 268th St, Homestead, FL 33032;
- and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to examine the feasibility of expanding the cardboard disposal to all 13 Trash and Recycling Centers year-round and to further examine the feasibility of establishing additional seasonal community cardboard drop-off sites to operate during the holiday season,

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

Section 1. Adopts the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to examine the feasibility of (1) expanding the cardboard disposal and/or recycling to all 13 Trash and Recycling Centers year-round; and (2) establishing a seasonal cardboard disposal program, consisting of creating additional drop-off sites throughout the community, including in municipalities that the County provides trash and recycling services for, such as at libraries, community centers, and other County or municipal buildings, for the public to dispose of and/or recycle cardboard materials during the holiday season, from December 10th through January 7th of each year. The feasibility study should consider all options for expanding the cardboard disposal and/or recycling service to all 13 Trash and Recycling Centers, as well as for establishing the seasonal cardboard disposal program, including partnering with municipalities for which the County provides trash and recycling services. The feasibility study should also include a plan which outlines the steps necessary to accomplish such expanded services >>, and outline the costs to implement and operate the additional cardboard disposal facilities at the Trash and Recycling Centers, as well as at the seasonal locations<<¹.

¹ The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

Section 3. Further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to (1) specifically identify on the County’s website and social media outlets the Trash and Recycling Centers, and any other future seasonal locations, that accept cardboard materials; and (2) take all actions necessary to ensure that the year-round and seasonal disposal and/or recycling of cardboard materials as detailed in section 2 above is included in the County’s Zero Waste Master Plan.

Section 4. Further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to prepare a report regarding the directives in sections 2 and 3 above>>, including the implementing and operational costs,<< within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of this 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 Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** 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	absent
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	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 19th day of February, 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 black ink, appearing to be "AP", is written over a horizontal line.

Annery Pulgar Alfonso