

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(H)(1)

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

DATE: July 16, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving an agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables for the use of up to three stalls at the County's Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center within Tropical Park for the City of Coral Gables Police Department's mounted patrol unit for use in patrolling Matheson Hammock Park, within the Coral Gables city limits and to fulfill its responsibilities under a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office to provide mounted patrol at Tropical Park, in substantially the form attached to the accompanying memorandum; authorizing the County Mayor to execute the agreement for and behalf of Miami-Dade County and to exercise all rights and provisions contained therein, including any rights of termination

Resolution No. R-703-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Anthony Rodriguez.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Date: July 16, 2025

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Approving the Terms and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the City of Coral Gables for use of up to Three Horse Stalls at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center within Tropical Park for use in Patrolling Matheson Hammock Park

Executive Summary

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement ("Agreement") between Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables (City) whereby the County will provide up to three stalls at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center in Tropical Park for the Coral Gables Police Department's mounted patrol unit. Under the terms of the Agreement, the CGPD will patrol Matheson Hammock Park, within the Coral Gables city limits, and Tropical Park for four hours per day, three times per week in exchange.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution approving the terms and authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the Agreement for a term of three years (Attachment A) between the County and Coral Gables for use of up to three (3) stalls at Tropical Park's Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for use by the Coral Gables Police Department's mounted patrol unit for use in patrolling Matheson Hammock Park.

Scope

Matheson Hammock Park is located in County Commission District 7, which is represented by Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. Tropical Park is located within County Commission District 10, which is represented by Chairman Anthony Rodriguez.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This Agreement will have a neutral fiscal impact to the County. The City will be responsible for their expenses incurred by their operations at the equestrian center. The City will clean and maintain stalls No. 7, 8, and 9 in Barn A, and restore the turn-out areas and show ring arena to the previous condition after each training session or use. The City will be responsible for the feed, veterinary care, saddles and other items for their horses. CGPD will patrol Matheson Hammock Park and Tropical Park in exchange.

Track Record/Monitor

The agency responsible for implementing the Agreement is PROS and the Agreement will be monitored by PROS' Chief of Operations Danny Barcia.

Delegation of Authority

The accompanying resolution authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the Agreement and exercise all rights contained therein, including any rights of termination.

Background

The County and the City desire to enter into a collaborative Agreement for the CGPD to utilize up to three (3) stalls at Tropical Park's Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center, Barn A, (Exhibit 1) for their mounted patrol unit. In return, The CGPD will provide scheduled mounted patrols of Matheson Hammock Park, located within the city limits of Coral Gables, and Tropical Park, located in the County's Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA), the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office provides policing services within UMSA. Attached as Exhibit 2 is a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Sheriff's Office and the City for joint enforcement and routine patrol activities for your reference. This Agreement will be beneficial to the County as it will ensure for additional security to these highly utilized County parks.

Attachments

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Roy Coley", written over a horizontal line.

Roy Coley
Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer

Memorandum



Date:

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

From: Christina White, Director
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department

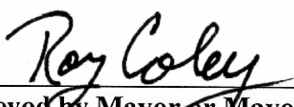
Subject: Request to Process Late Departmental Agenda Item

I am requesting that the following item be processed for agenda placement on the July Committee Cycle:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES FOR THE USE OF UP TO THREE STALLS AT THE COUNTY'S RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER WITHIN TROPICAL PARK FOR THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MOUNTED PATROL UNIT FOR USE IN PATROLLING MATHESON HAMMOCK PARK, WITHIN THE CORAL GABLES CITY LIMITS AND TROPICAL PARK, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED TO THE ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR AND BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ALL RIGHTS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, INCLUDING ANY RIGHTS OF TERMINATION

Although this item was submitted after the noticed deadline and provided late to the Agenda Coordination Office, it is time-sensitive and critical to the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS). The item seeks approval of an agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables (City) whereby the County will provide up to three stalls at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center in Tropical Park for the Coral Gables Police Department's mounted patrol unit (CGPD). Under the terms of the Agreement, the CGPD will patrol Matheson Hammock Park, within the Coral Gables city limits, and Tropical Park, in the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area.

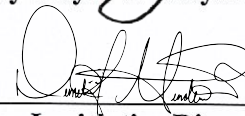
Therefore, please process the item notwithstanding that the 3-day rule may be applicable. I am aware that this item is subject to approval for placement on the agenda by the appropriate committee chairperson as well as the BCC Chairman, and review by the Office of the County Attorney.



Approved by Mayor or Mayor's Designee

Roy Coley

Print Name



Approved by Legislative Director or Designee

Demetria Henderson

Print Name

c: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
CAOagenda@miamidade.gov
Eugene Love, Agenda Coordinator

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ATTACHMENT A

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
AND
THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES
FOR THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MOUNTED PATROL UNIT'S
USE OF TROPICAL PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER FACILITIES**

This AGREEMENT is made and entered by and between Miami-Dade County through its Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (hereinafter "PROS") and the City of Coral Gables, through its Coral Gables Police Department (hereinafter "CGPD") (collectively referred to as the "Parties").

WHEREAS, in 2019 the CGPD identified a need for a Mounted Patrol Program (hereinafter "MPU"), in which officers fulfill specific responsibilities on horseback, providing high visibility crowd control, deterring crime and assisting with community policing; and

WHEREAS, the CGPD requires adequate and proper stabling facilities to stable horses, store and maintain equipment in support of the MPU; and

WHEREAS, PROS maintains equestrian stalls suitable for use by the MPU at Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40th Street, Miami, Florida 33155; and

WHEREAS, PROS desires to have CGPD provide policing services to Miami-Dade County (hereinafter "County") owned Matheson Hammock Park, maintained and operated by PROS within the City of Coral Gables, and Tropical Park, a County park, for additional park security; and

WHEREAS, CGPD desires to provide those requested services to PROS in return for adequate stabling of the MPU's horses; and

WHEREAS, the equestrian barns at Tropical Park are designated A, B, C, D, and E, each being divided in the middle of the building and containing 25 stalls within each half; and

WHEREAS, the CGPD desires to utilize stalls 7, 8, & 9, located in a portion of the west side of Barn "A" for the operation of the MPU; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables and the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office entered into a Supplemental Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement on April 29, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants and promises contained herein, PROS and CGPD agree as follows:

1. CORAL GABLES USE OF PROS' TROPICAL PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER FACILITIES:

Subject to the terms and restrictions contained in this Agreement, PROS will provide stalls 7, 8, & 9, located on the west side of Barn "A", and the adjacent area outside of that portion of the building up to the existing outer-most portion of the fence for the MPU's use, hereto defined as the "Site", as indicated in Exhibit 1 attached to this Agreement.

In addition to the Site, this Agreement grants the MPU access to ancillary facilities within the Tropical Park Equestrian Center area, as follows:

- The MPU may utilize the covered show ring arena area for MPU equestrian training. The MPU shall coordinate with PROS' Operations staff for scheduled use of the covered equestrian ring area. Events, shows, rentals, riding academy and other PROS programming shall have priority for the ring use. Covered show ring schedule to be approved in advance by PROS for MPU show ring use.
- MPU officers and personnel shall have access to the bathroom adjacent to the covered show ring arena.
- MPU officers and personnel shall have access to the locker room located at the south end of the Tropical Park Stadium, with the understanding use of the locker room area will be predicated and prioritized for stadium events/rentals. No storage by the MPU will be permitted in the locker rooms, or within the individual lockers.

2. MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS:

A. **PROS' Obligations:** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, PROS shall:

- Maintain the fence and grass area outside of the chain link fence to the paved parking lot to include grass cutting, filling of low spots, repair of broken fence posts and fencing in the turn-out area adjacent to Barn "A";
- Provide CGPD with one set of keys to the restroom facility adjacent to the covered equestrian training ring; and
- Provide CGPD with one set of keys to the locker room at the equestrian facility.

B. **CGPD's Obligations:** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, CGPD shall:

- Provide four (4) hours of policing patrols, three (3) days per week between Matheson Hammock Park, located within the City of Coral Gables, and Tropical Park;
- CGPD shall coordinate such patrols with PROS' Chief of Park Ranger Division on a monthly basis by the first of each month and shall at that time provide same with a list and schedule of County parks to be patrolled;
- Reimburse PROS for any boards which are broken by CGPD owned horses;
- Maintain the area as defined in Exhibit 1 from the fence-line in, to include grass cutting and normal landscape upkeep;
- Remove and properly dispose of used shavings from the manure pit;
- Restore the turn-out areas utilized by CGPD adjacent to Barn "A" to their original condition after each use; and
- Restore the covered show ring arena area to its original condition after any training session.

3. EFFECTIVE TERM:

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date of execution by the Parties and expire three (3) years from that date, unless terminated earlier by either party pursuant to Section 5 below.

4. WRITTEN NOTICE

Written notice shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered in person to the individuals listed below, with a written receipt of acknowledgement of delivery, or shall be deemed to have been duly given on the date said notice was mailed by United States Certified or Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows (or to such other address as any party may specify by notice to all other parties as aforesaid) or via email to the email addresses set forth below.

WRITTEN NOTICE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5:

For City of Coral Gables:
City Manager
405 Biltmore Way
Miami, Florida 33134
Email:

For City of Coral Gables:
Chief of Police
2151 Salzedo Street,
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Email:

For Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department:
Director
275 NW 2 Street, 5th Floor
Miami, FL 33128

5. TERMINATION:

Any party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause at any time for upon ninety (90) calendar days prior written notice to the other party. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the other of a Notice of Termination the date upon which such termination becomes effective. This Agreement has no third-party beneficiaries (intended or incidental), who may enforce obligations of any party should the Agreement be terminated.

6. RENEWAL:

This Agreement may be renewed, upon written consent of the Parties, for up to three (3) additional one-year terms.

7. LIABILITY

Each party engaging in any mutual cooperation and assistance, pursuant to this agreement, agrees to assume responsibility for the acts, omissions or conduct of such party's own employees while engaged in rendering such aid pursuant to this agreement, subject to the provisions of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, where applicable.

8. ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT

CGPD and PROS agree that this Agreement (including the Contract Documents referenced herein) sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. This Agreement supersedes all prior

agreements, contracts, proposals, representations, negotiations, letters, or other communications between the CGPD and PROS pertaining to the MPU and the PROS facilities. None of the provisions, terms, and conditions contained in this Agreement may be added to, modified, superseded, or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto.

SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW:
[Miami-Dade County, City of Coral Gables]

Use of Tropical Park Equestrian Center Facilities
by the City of Coral Gables Police Department's
Mounted Patrol Unit

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties or their duly authorized representatives hereby execute this Agreement.

AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED this _____ day of _____, _____.

CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

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Peter J. Iglesias
City Manager

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Edward J. Hudak, Jr.
Chief of Police

ATTEST:

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Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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Cristina M. Suárez
City Attorney

Use of Tropical Park Equestrian Center Facilities
By the City of Coral Gables Police Department's
Mounted Patrol Unit

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY:

By: _____
Mayor or Mayor's Designee

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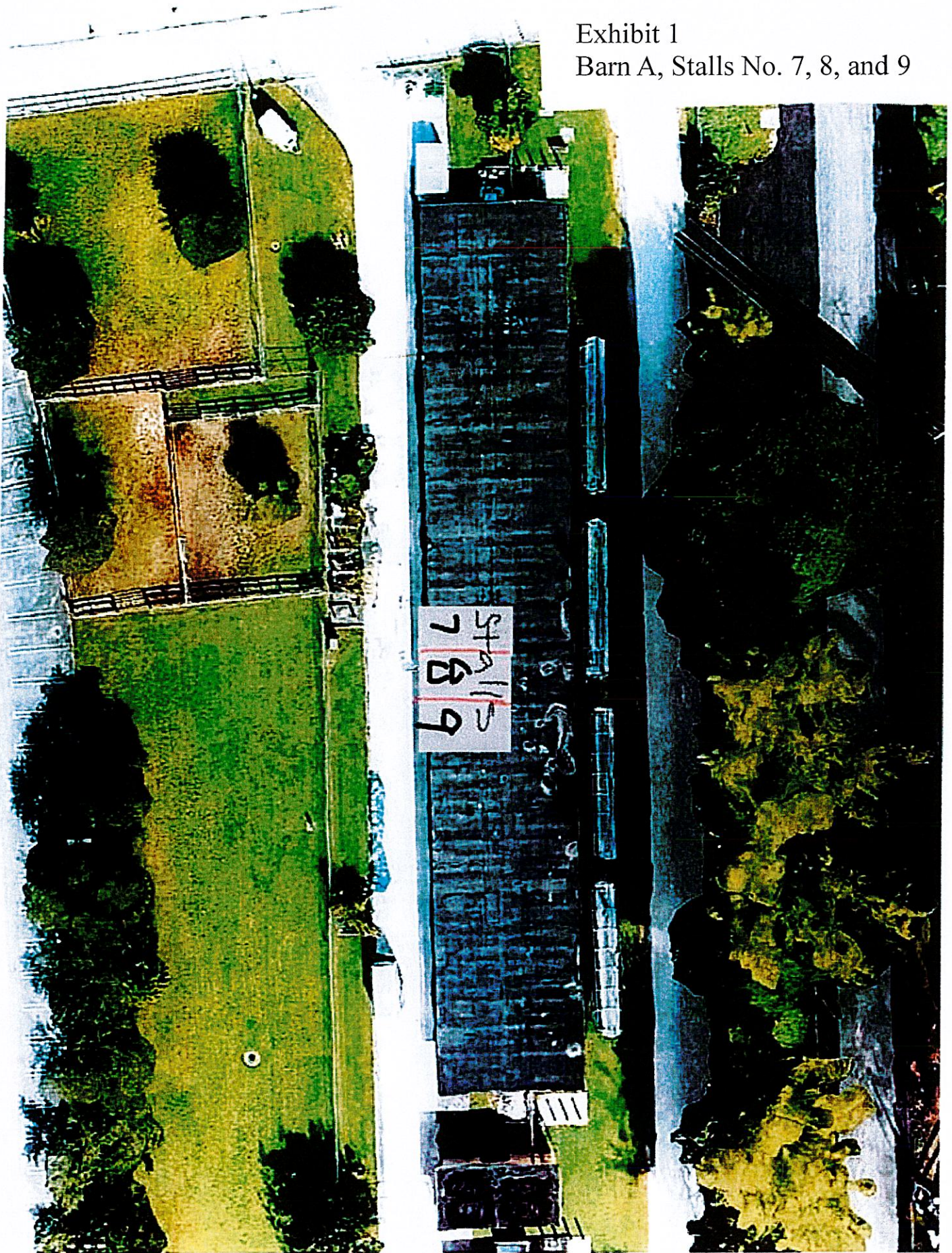
Assistant County Attorney

ATTEST:

Juan Fernandez Barquin
Clerk of the Court and Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Exhibit 1
Barn A, Stalls No. 7, 8, and 9



**SUPPLEMENTAL COOPERATION AND
OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AND
THE MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

This Supplemental Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement (the "Supplemental Agreement") is made as of this 29th day of April 2025, by and between the CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, a Florida municipal corporation, having its principal office at 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL 33134; and the MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, a constitutional office of the State of Florida (the "MDSO"), having its principal office at 9105 N.W. 25th Street, Doral, FL 33172. The CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, via its law enforcement agency, the Coral Gables Police Department, and MDSO, together, are the "Parties", and state as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the Parties' responsibility to ensure the public safety of their citizens by providing adequate levels of police services to address any foreseeable routine or emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing and continuing possibility of the occurrence of law enforcement problems and other natural and man-made conditions which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the Parties; and

WHEREAS, the Parties' jurisdictions are so located in relation to each other that it is in the best interest and advantage of each to receive and extend mutual aid in the form of law enforcement services and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have the authority under The Mutual Aid Act, Chapter 23, Part I, Florida Statutes, to enter into a combined mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services which:

- (1) Permits voluntary cooperation and assistance of a routine law enforcement nature across jurisdictional lines; and
- (2) Provides for rendering of assistance in a law enforcement emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are signatories to, and mutually adopt, the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement ("Combined Mutual Aid Agreement") to be the primary embodiment of their operational assistance mutual aid agreement; and

Supplemental Mutual Aid Agreement between
the City of Coral Gables and the
Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the need for additional cooperation beyond the scope of the Combined Mutual Aid Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Parties, in consideration for mutual promises to render valuable aid in times of necessity, do hereby agree to fully and faithfully abide by and be bound by the following terms and conditions in addition to those found in the Combined Mutual Aid Agreement.

SECTION I: PROVISIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL VOLUNTARY COOPERATION

The Parties hereby approve and enter into this Supplemental Agreement providing concurrent jurisdiction as outlined below:

Joint enforcement of all laws to include routine patrol activities, by the Coral Gables Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit, at any and all Miami-Dade County owned and operated parks within unincorporated Miami-Dade County (i.e., Tropical Park, located at 7900 S.W. 40th Street, Miami, Florida).

SECTION II: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Supplemental Agreement shall be effective upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials and shall continue in full force and effect until January 1, 2035. Under no circumstances may this Supplemental Agreement be renewed, amended, or extended except in writing.

SECTION III: CANCELLATION

Either party may cancel its participation in this Supplemental Agreement upon delivery of written notice to the other.

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Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office

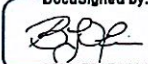
AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED by:

City of Coral Gables

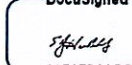
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ALBERTO N. PARJUS
City Manager
Coral Gables, Florida

Date: 4/23/2025 Signed by:

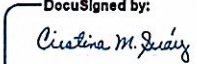
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BILLY URQUIA
City Clerk
Coral Gables, Florida

Date: 4/23/2025

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EDWARD JAMES HUDAK, JR.
Chief of Police
Coral Gables Police Department
Coral Gables, Florida

Date: 4/22/2025

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
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CRISTINA M. SUAREZ
City Attorney
Coral Gables, Florida

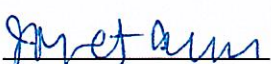
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Miami Dade Sheriff's Office


ROSANNA CORDERO-STUTZ
Sheriff

Date: 4-23-25

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


JANET LEWIS, ESQ.
General Counsel
Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office



MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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

DATE: July 16, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(H)(1)

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 *Danielle L. Garcia* Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(H)(1)
7-16-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-703-25

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WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purpose outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to execute the Agreement with the City of Coral Gables in substantially the form attached to the accompanying memorandum as Attachment A, and to exercise all rights contained therein, including any rights of termination. For avoidance of doubt, any portions of this Agreement that allow the City of Coral Gables to conduct mounted patrol at Tropical Park shall only be in effect to fulfill the responsibilities of the City of Coral Gables pursuant to the Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the Miami-

Dade Sheriff's Office, in substantially the form attached to the accompanying memorandum as Exhibit 2 to Attachment A, and shall immediately terminate upon the termination of any such Mutual Aid Agreement.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien**, 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 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.

mjs

Melanie J. Spencer