

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

DATE: September 3, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to conduct a
study and make
recommendations regarding
the enactment or
implementation of improved
design standards for solid
waste management in single-
family and multi-family
residential establishments, to
include within the Zero
Waste Master Plan any
design-related initiatives the
County Mayor deems
appropriate, and to provide a
report

Resolution No. R-876-25

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



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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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9-3-25

RESOLUTION NO. **R-876-25**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ENACTMENT OR IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVED DESIGN STANDARDS FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE ZERO WASTE MASTER PLAN ANY DESIGN-RELATED INITIATIVES THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE DEEMS APPROPRIATE, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (the "County") produces over five million tons of waste annually, and multi-family residential buildings generate a significant portion of that waste; and

WHEREAS, to promote public health and safety and the efficiency of government services, the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "Code"), has regulations pertaining to the handling and disposal of solid waste at multi-family residential buildings, including in chapter 15 (pertaining to solid waste management) and chapter 33 (the "Zoning Code"); and

WHEREAS, specifically, under section 15-2.2 of the Code, every multi-family residential establishment must provide for a recycling program, which shall include at a minimum the collection of newspaper, glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, and plastics; and

WHEREAS, section 15-4 of the Code further provides that, before building permits may be issued for construction of multi-family residential establishments in areas not served by municipal collection agencies, plans for storage and collection of solid waste and recyclable materials must be approved by the Director of the Department of Solid Waste Management as to location, accessibility, number, or adequacy; and

WHEREAS, similarly, numerous provisions of the Zoning Code require, as part of site plan review in zoning districts that allow multi-family residential development, consideration of the space provided for storage and collection of solid waste and recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, given that the County's land use policies and regulations encourage multi-family residential development in urban areas, improving solid waste management in multi-family residential buildings could help minimize environmental impacts, improve sustainability, and realize financial savings for the County; and

WHEREAS, one potential way to improve solid waste management in multi-family residential buildings would be through the enactment or implementation of improved design standards for the reviews currently required under section 15-4 of the Code and under the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, such standards could relate to the space provided for storage and collection of solid waste and recyclables, infrastructure such as trash chutes, and informational signage; and

WHEREAS, it would also be prudent to study at the same time whether improved design standards are warranted for solid waste management for single-family homes; and

WHEREAS, this Board therefore wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct a study regarding the potential enactment or implementation of improved design standards for waste management in single-family and multi-family residential establishments and to make recommendations to this Board based on the results of that study; and

WHEREAS, the County Administration has been undertaking efforts, including but not limited to the hiring of a consultant, to develop a Zero Waste Master Plan with the goal of reducing waste and promoting recycling and reuse; and

WHEREAS, this Board thus further wishes to include within the Zero Waste Master Plan any design-related initiatives arising out of the study that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee deems appropriate,

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 conduct a study regarding the potential enactment or implementation of improved design standards for solid waste management in single-family and multi-family residential establishments with the goal of reducing solid waste and promoting recycling and reuse. The study shall focus on how such improved design standards may be incorporated into the review of plans for storage and collection of solid waste and recyclable materials currently required under section 15-4 of the Code and under the Zoning Code. The study should also consider the potential for other design-related initiatives, including but not necessarily limited to whether larger-volume garbage or recycling carts, with an associated increased cost for such carts, should be required for short-term rental properties or for properties that have violated volume limitations on multiple occasions. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall make recommendations to this Board as to any ordinances or other Board action that could implement such improved design standards, and any such recommendations shall be accompanied by a cost-benefit analysis that takes into consideration impacts to the regulated community, the County, and any other solid waste or recycling service providers.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to include within the Zero Waste Master Plan any design-related initiatives arising out of this study that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee deems it appropriate to include, in addition to identifying any legally available funding source(s) to pay for such design-related initiatives, as applicable.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to present to this Board a written report providing a summary of the results of the study required by section 1 of this resolution, and any recommendations arising therefrom, within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on the 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 Marleine Bastien. It was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** 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	absent
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	absent
Roberto J. Gonzalez	absent	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of September, 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 "C.J.W.", is written over the text of the County Attorney's approval.

Narinah P. Jean-Baptiste
Christopher J. Wahl