

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

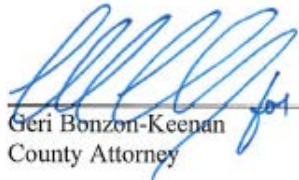
DATE: September 3, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to explore
creation of collection centers
for collection and disposal of
yard waste throughout
Miami-Dade County and
provide a report

Resolution No. R-882-25

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



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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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RESOLUTION NO. R-882-25

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO EXPLORE CREATION OF
COLLECTION CENTERS FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL
OF YARD WASTE THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
AND PROVIDE A REPORT**

WHEREAS, section 403.706(1) of Florida Statutes dictates that “[t]he governing body of a county has the responsibility and power to provide for the operation of solid waste disposal facilities to meet the needs of all incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county”; and

WHEREAS, chapter 15 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”), pertains to solid waste management and, among other things, delineates the requirements to use the Miami-Dade County (the “County”) system and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County’s Department of Solid Waste Management (“DSWM”), provides waste collection, recycling, disposal, and mosquito control services to protect, preserve, and improve the environment and quality of life in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County, through DSWM processes approximately 1.7 million tons of garbage and trash throughout the County’s disposal system annually; and

WHEREAS, DSWM operates 13 Neighborhood Trash and Recycling Centers (“TRCs”) throughout Miami-Dade County—North Dade (21500 NW 47th Avenue), Norwood (19901 NW 7th Avenue), Palm Springs North (7870 NW 178th Street), West Little River (1830 NW 79th Street), Golden Glades (140 NW 160th Street), Sunset Kendall (8000 SW 107th Avenue), Snapper Creek (2200 SW 117th Avenue), Richmond Heights (14050 Boggs Drive), Chapman Field (13600 SW 60th Avenue), Eureka Drive (9401 SW 184th Street), West Perrine (16651 SW 107th Avenue),

Moody Drive (12970 SW 268th Street), and South Miami Heights (20800 SW 117th Court)—which provide residents drop-off locations for household trash, tree and yard cuttings, and up to three cubic yards of construction and demolition debris; and

WHEREAS, despite DSWM’s operation of the 13 TRCs, illegal dumping in the County is a serious issue that creates a range of continuing problems; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping may also be an economic threat to the County and its residents by curtailing property values, diminishing tourism, and causing unnecessary expenses resulting from the collection of illegally dumped trash and bulky waste; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping may create public health and safety hazards, including obstruction of roadways, increased fire risk, and pest infestations; and

WHEREAS, proper disposal of yard waste helps prevent environmental degradation, including pollution of stormwater systems and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, residents and landscapers have expressed the need for additional disposal sites to better serve densely populated or underserved areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, creating collection centers for the collection and disposal of yard waste, would provide County residents, landscapers, and solid waste small haulers with more accessible locations closer to residential areas; and

WHEREAS, such collection centers for the collection and disposal of yard waste should help combat illegal dumping by providing convenient alternative locations for yard waste disposal throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the creation of collection centers throughout Miami-Dade County would reduce the distance that yard waste must be transported to final disposal sites, thereby decreasing the number of long-haul trips required, lowering fuel consumption, reducing labor and operational costs, and improving overall efficiency in solid waste collection and disposal; and

WHEREAS, improved efficiency in yard waste disposal through the use of collection centers would also reduce the demand for special waste pickups, which are often labor-intensive and costly, thereby allowing the Department of Solid Waste Management to more effectively allocate resources and manage waste collection services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County and its residents will benefit from the creation and construction of localized collection centers for the collection and disposal of yard waste on County-owned or County-leased properties throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, collection centers would serve as a supplement to, rather than a replacement of, the existing Trash and Recycling Centers,

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

Section 1. This Board adopts and incorporates the foregoing recitals.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to explore the creation of collection centers for the collection and disposal of yard waste throughout the County. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall at a minimum: (i) assess the feasibility of constructing and operating collection centers for the collection and disposal of yard waste on County-owned or County-leased properties; (ii) recommend the number and locations for the collection centers; (iii) recommend the hours of operation for the collection centers, and

staffing levels; (iv) identify the costs associated with the construction, operation, and maintenance of the collection centers; (v) identify all legal available funding sources to accomplish and implement such purposes, including, but not limited to, charging a fee to commercial landscapers; (vi) evaluate the potential cost savings associated with reduced reliance on County-provided pickups due to increased self-service disposal at collection centers, including reductions in labor, fuel, equipment usage, and scheduling demands; and (vii) assess the feasibility of repurposing yard waste for light commercial use, such as small-scale production of mulch, compost, or other low-impact applications, and evaluate potential markets, operational requirements, regulatory considerations, and revenue opportunities associated with such uses.

Section 3. This Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a written report that details the requirements contained in section 2, or the rationale for not creating such collection centers. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide such report to the Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

Section 4. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to coordinate with the Department of Solid Waste Management and any applicable municipalities and stakeholders in preparing the report and recommendations required by this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and the Co-Sponsor is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Sen. René García** 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	aye		

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 blue ink, appearing to read "dsh", is written over a horizontal line.

David Stephen Hope
Shanika A. Graves