

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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

**DATE:** December 2, 2025

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County  
Mayor to evaluate the feasibility  
of creating an online portal for  
dog owners to electronically  
submit required status updates  
and pay fees relating to pet  
registration; and requiring a  
report

Resolution No. R-1172-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor  
Senator René García.

  
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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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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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12-2-25

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-1172-25

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR  
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE THE  
FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AN ONLINE PORTAL FOR DOG  
OWNERS TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT REQUIRED  
STATUS UPDATES AND PAY FEES RELATING TO PET  
REGISTRATION; AND REQUIRING A REPORT

**WHEREAS**, chapter 5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (the "Code") addresses regulatory processes for pets (predominantly dogs and cats) countywide; and

**WHEREAS**, section 5-7(g)(1) of the Code provides that registered dog owners shall notify the County's Animal Services Department (the "Department") of any change in status of the dog, such as if the animal has been moved to a new address, lost, stolen, sold, or given away or has died; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 5-7(a) of the Code, all dogs that are four months of age or older shall be registered with the Department and shall wear a license tag at all times, and section 5-7(c) requires annual renewal of such license; and

**WHEREAS**, section 5-7 of the Code provides for voluntary cat registration; and

**WHEREAS**, Implementing Order No. 4-51 establishes a schedule of fees for animal registration and license tags; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department's budget depends, in part, on fees collected pursuant to chapter 5 of the Code; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals paying fees to the Department would benefit from having additional, convenient payment options made available to them; and

**WHEREAS**, creating an easily accessible online portal for the electronic submission of required status updates and payment of fees would promote compliance with the County's requirements relating to dog status updates and pet registration,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to evaluate the feasibility of creating an online portal for registered dog owners to electronically submit required status updates, and pay fees to the Animal Service Department relating to pet registration. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall prepare a written report detailing such evaluation and providing recommendations to this Board. The report shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. 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     | <b>aye</b>    |                        |            |
| Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman | <b>aye</b>    |                        |            |
| Marleine Bastien                | <b>aye</b>    | Juan Carlos Bermudez   | <b>aye</b> |
| Sen. René García                | <b>aye</b>    | Oliver G. Gilbert, III | <b>aye</b> |
| Roberto J. Gonzalez             | <b>absent</b> | Keon Hardemon          | <b>aye</b> |
| Danielle Cohen Higgins          | <b>aye</b>    | Vicki L. Lopez         | <b>aye</b> |
| Natalie Milian Orbis            | <b>aye</b>    | Raquel A. Regalado     | <b>aye</b> |
| Micky Steinberg                 | <b>absent</b> |                        |            |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 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 read "CMR", is written over a horizontal line.

Cristina M. Rabionet