

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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

DATE: December 2, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for real-time sanitary
sewer collection
infrastructure in Miami-Dade
County to improve
monitoring, reduction,
prevention, control, and
reporting of Sanitary Sewer
Overflows

Resolution No. R-1181-25

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



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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-1181-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR REAL-TIME SANITARY
SEWER COLLECTION INFRASTRUCTURE IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY TO IMPROVE MONITORING, REDUCTION,
PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND REPORTING OF SANITARY
SEWER OVERFLOWS

WHEREAS, sanitary sewer systems collect and transport domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater to treatment facilities, but are capable of moving only limited amounts of stormwater and infiltrated ground water; and

WHEREAS, sanitary sewers are different than combined sewers, which are designed to collect large volumes of stormwater in addition to sewage and industrial wastewater; and

WHEREAS, Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) occur when untreated or partially treated sewage from a county or municipal sanitary sewer is released into the environment prior to reaching treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, SSOs pose significant threats to public health, water quality, and the County's natural resources by discharging untreated or partially treated sewage into streets, waterways, and properties; and

WHEREAS, SSOs can contaminate surface and groundwater sources as well as drinking water; and

WHEREAS, SSOs can result in beach closures, waterborne illnesses, and harm to wildlife;
and

WHEREAS, SSOs present a substantial risk of harm to Biscayne Bay in particular, which is one of the County's greatest assets and a major economic engine for South Florida and the state; and

WHEREAS, in the past, heavy rainfalls and stormwater flooding events have resulted in SSOs in the County; and

WHEREAS, South Florida's wastewater infrastructure is increasingly vulnerable to overflows caused by heavy rainfall, sea level rise, groundwater infiltration, and storm surge events; and

WHEREAS, local governments across Florida are investing in maintenance, upgrades, and resiliency measures to prevent SSOs, but state funding is also needed to address this critical issue; and

WHEREAS, targeted state investment in wastewater infrastructure can prevent costly emergency responses, protect natural resources, and mitigate risks to private property and public health caused by SSOs; and

WHEREAS, the County now seeks the support of the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding to address this matter of statewide importance affecting public health, natural resources, and the Florida economy,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for real-time sanitary sewer collection infrastructure in Miami-Dade County to improve monitoring, reduction, prevention, control, and reporting of Sanitary Sewer Overflows.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Florida House Speaker, and the Chair and remaining members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2026 State Legislative Package to include this item.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd 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 cursive script, appearing to read "CJF", is written over a horizontal line.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes
Christopher J. Wahl