

GOVERNANCE

On January 23, 2007, the Miami-Dade County Charter was amended to create a Strong Mayor form of government, with further charter amendments approved on November 2, 2010. The Mayor is elected countywide to serve a four-year term and is limited to two terms in office. The Mayor, who is not a member of the BCC, serves as the elected head of County government. In this role, the Mayor is responsible for the management of all administrative departments and for carrying out policies adopted by the BCC. The Mayor has, within ten days of final adoption by the BCC, veto authority over most legislative, quasi-judicial, zoning and master plan or land use decisions of the BCC, including the budget or any particular component, and the right to appoint all department directors unless disapproved by a two-thirds majority of those Commissioners then in office at the next regularly scheduled BCC meeting.

The BCC is the legislative body, consisting of 13 members elected from single-member districts. Members may be elected to serve two consecutive four-year terms and elections of the membership are staggered. The full BCC chooses a Chairperson, who presides over the BCC and appoints the members of its legislative committees. The BCC has a wide array of powers to enact legislation, establish service standards and regulate businesses operating within the County. It also has the power to override the Mayor's veto with a two-thirds vote.

On November 6, 2018, the voters approved Amendment 10 to the Florida Constitution. Amendment 10 provides for five elected officials to oversee certain executive and administrative statutory functions for each county including Miami-Dade County. In November 2024, all five constitutional officers were elected to a four-year term by the electorate of Miami-Dade County. These offices do not have term limits. On January 7, 2025, the elected Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector commenced performing each of their respective statutory duties independent from county government, which are summarized in their individual narratives.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Since 2003, Miami-Dade County has been a leader in the implementation of strategic planning and results-oriented management. Our [County Code](#) requires an organizational strategic plan and departmental business plans constituting an integrated strategic and financial plan to keep the County focused to support efforts in our community, even as priorities and goals evolve and change. Strong leadership and the ability to adjust to new challenges and community priorities are vital to our success.

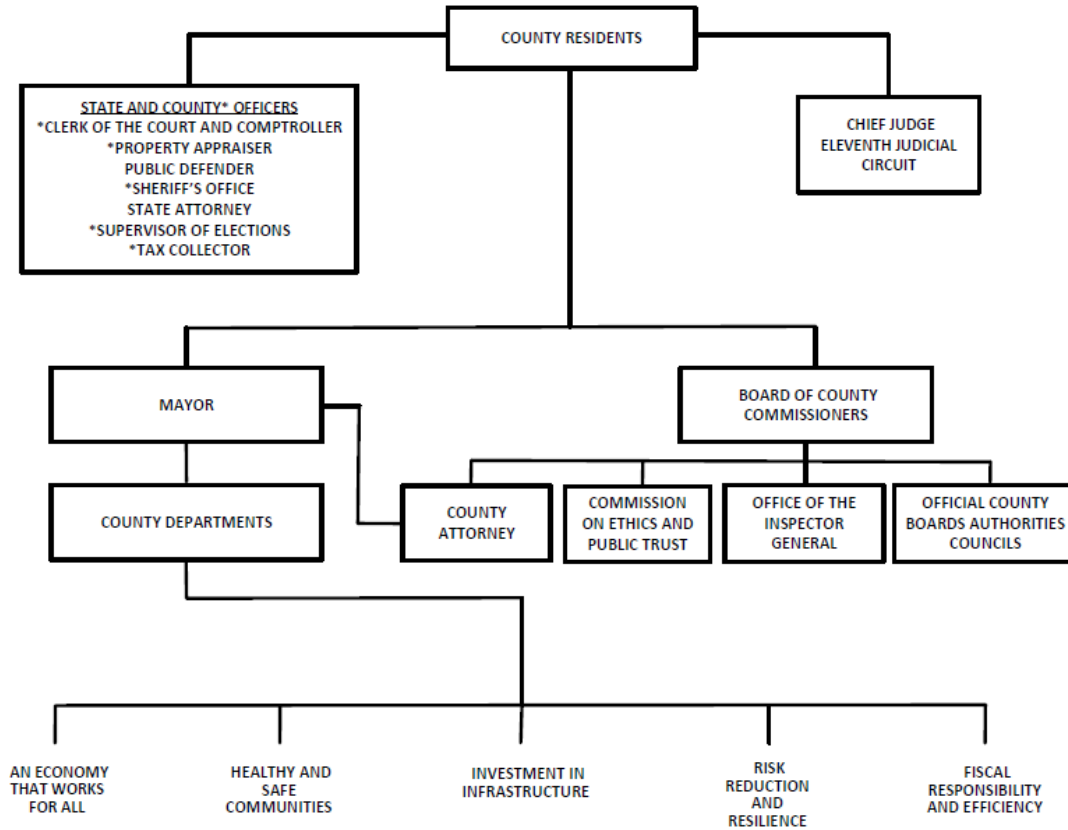
Miami-Dade County departments and entities are divided into Policy Formulation, Constitutional Offices, and five strategic priority areas.

- **Policy Formulation:** provides the leadership for the County as whole; the Office of the Mayor, the Board of County Commissioners and the County Attorney are included in this area

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- ***Constitutional Offices:*** performs statutory duties such as countywide law enforcement, managing voter registration and elections, maintaining court records and county finances, assessing property values for tax purposes and collecting property taxes and other revenues; Sheriff's Office, Supervisor of Elections, Clerk of the Court and Comptroller, Property Appraiser and Tax Collector are included in this area
- ***An Economy That Works for All:*** operates Miami International Airport and PortMiami, economic engines in the community; provides affordable housing to residents in need; supports activities that promote business development and improve job opportunities; enforces regulations related to safe buildings, livable neighborhoods and efficient land use; and creates a more business friendly environment in Miami-Dade County; Aviation, Housing and Community Development, Regulatory and Economic Resources, Seaport, and the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust are included in this strategic priority area
- ***Fiscal Responsibility and Efficiency:*** provides the internal support functions that ensure the successful operation of the four other strategic priority areas and Constitutional Offices; Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, Communications, Information and Technology, Inspector General, Internal Compliance, Management and Budget, People and Internal Operations, and Strategic Procurement are included in this strategic priority area
- ***Healthy and Safe Communities:*** improves our quality of life through parks, library, and cultural facilities and programs; promotes community safety through fire rescue, medical examiner and corrections services; promotes maximum independence and provides social and human services to those in need; and cares for animals in the community; Animal Services, Corrections and Rehabilitation, Cultural Affairs, Emergency Management, Fire Rescue, Homeless Trust, Medical Examiner, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, our County hospital Jackson Memorial, and funding for the County obligations and local requirements for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit (State Attorney, Public Defender and Administrative Office of the Courts) are included in this strategic priority area
- ***Investment in Infrastructure:*** provides transportation and traffic infrastructure; operates public transit; provides timely and reliable public infrastructure services including mosquito control, solid waste collection and disposal, and safe and clean water delivery and wastewater management systems; Solid Waste Management, Transportation and Public Works and Water and Sewer make up this strategic priority area
- ***Risk Reduction and Resilience:*** promotes responsible stewardship of the environment and our natural resources and prepares for and responds to emergency events; Emergency Management and Environmental Resources Management comprise this strategic priority area

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A more detailed Table of Organization is displayed illustrating the reporting relationships for the various entities of the County, including all the various departments and entities included in the County's Proposed Budget.