

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. As of 2005, our [County Code](#) requires an organizational strategic plan and departmental business plans 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.

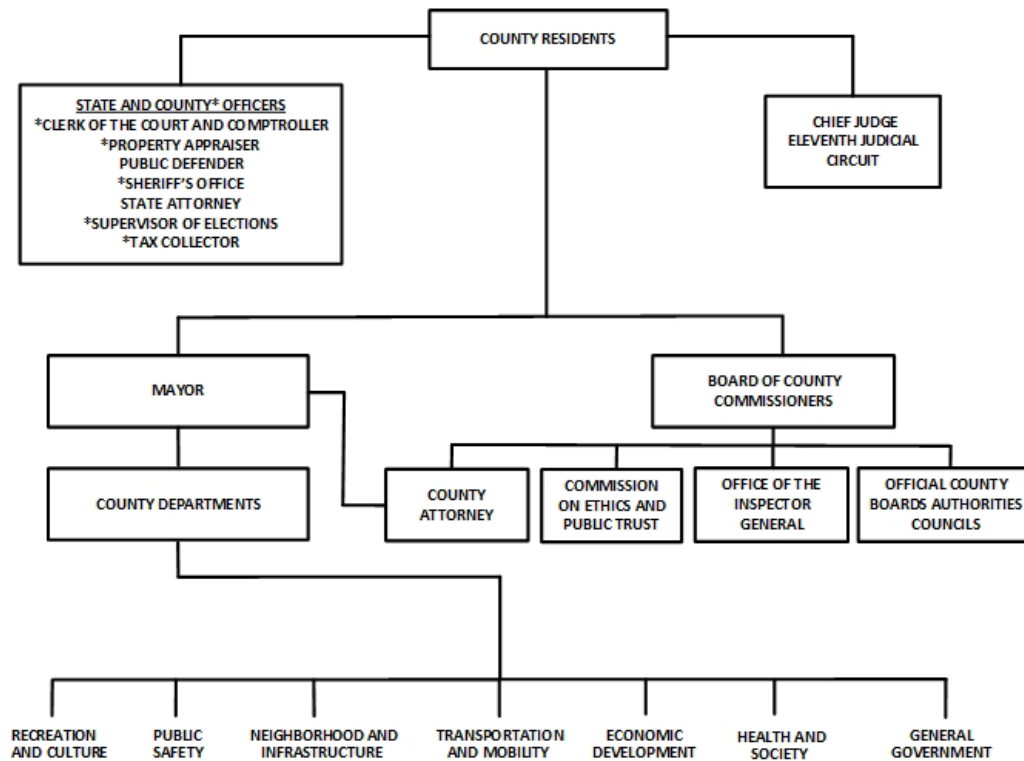
Miami-Dade County departments and entities are divided into Policy Formulation, Constitutional Offices, six strategic service delivery areas and general government functions.

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

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- **Constitutional Offices:** performs statutory duties such as the responsibility of countywide law enforcement and public safety, 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
- **Public Safety:** provides comprehensive and humane programs for treatment and criminal rehabilitation, and improves public safety through the use of community planning and enforcement of quality of life issues; Corrections and Rehabilitation, Emergency Management, Fire Rescue and Medical Examiner, 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 area
- **Transportation and Mobility:** promotes innovative solutions to transportation challenges by maximizing the use of transportation systems on a neighborhood, county and regional basis; Transportation and Public Works represents this area
- **Recreation and Culture:** develops, promotes and preserves cultural, recreational, library and natural experiences and opportunities for residents and visitors; Arts, Culture and Library Services, and Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces are included in this area
- **Neighborhood and Infrastructure:** provides efficient, consistent and appropriate growth management and urban planning services and also promotes responsible stewardship of the environment and our natural resources, and provides timely and reliable public infrastructure services including animal care and control, stormwater, mosquito control, solid waste and wastewater management and a safe and clean water delivery system; Animal Services, Solid Waste Management, Environmental Resources Management, Transportation and Public Works and Water and Sewer make up this area
- **Health and Society:** improves the quality of life and promotes maximum independence through the provision of health care, housing and social and human services to those in need; Community Services, Homeless Trust and Housing and Community Development and the maintenance of effort funding for the Public Health Trust are included in this strategic area
- **Economic Development:** supports activities that increase and diversify jobs and incomes while promoting equity by addressing socio-economic disparities in underserved areas and lead the coordination of economic development activities, expand entrepreneurial opportunities, and create a more business friendly environment in Miami-Dade County; Aviation, Regulatory and Economic Resources, Seaport, and funding for the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust are included in this strategic area
- **General Government:** provides countywide services promoting community outreach, education and engagement as well as the internal support functions that ensure the successful implementation of the six other strategic areas and Constitutional Offices; Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, Communications, Information and Technology, Internal Compliance, Management and Budget, People and Internal Operations, and Strategic Procurement are included in this strategic 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.