

Unsightly Newsracks: A Blight on our City



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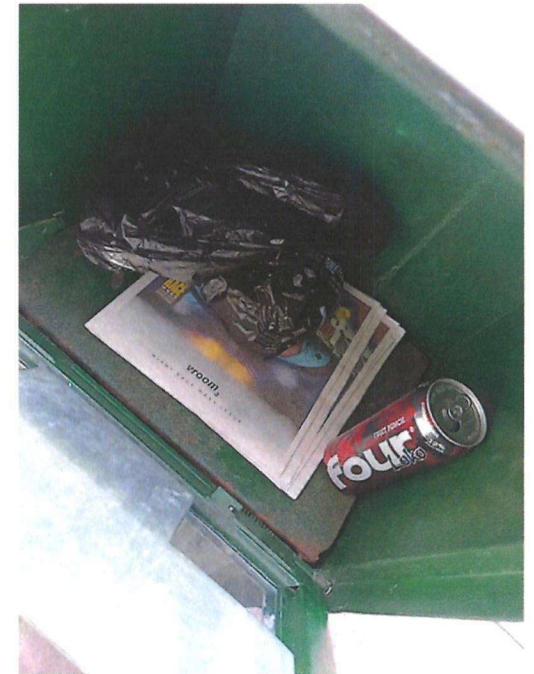
Common Uses of Newsstand Boxes



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- Used as trash cans
- Used to store personal belongings
- Used for drug transactions
- Used for pet waste
- Used for tagging Graffiti



Safety Concerns



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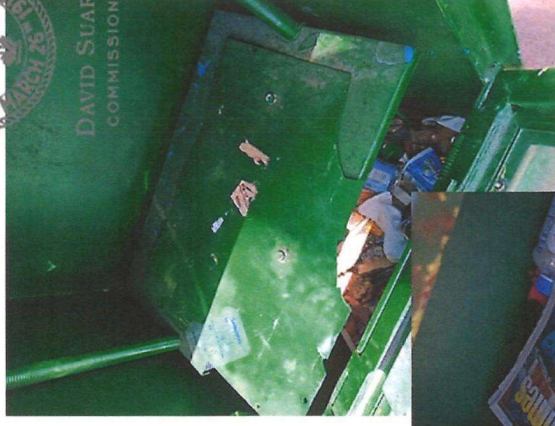
- Cut and trip hazards
- Unnecessary sidewalk obstructions
- Health hazards
- *Broken Windows*
Theory: Vandalism encourages more crime and disorder



Miami Times Newsracks



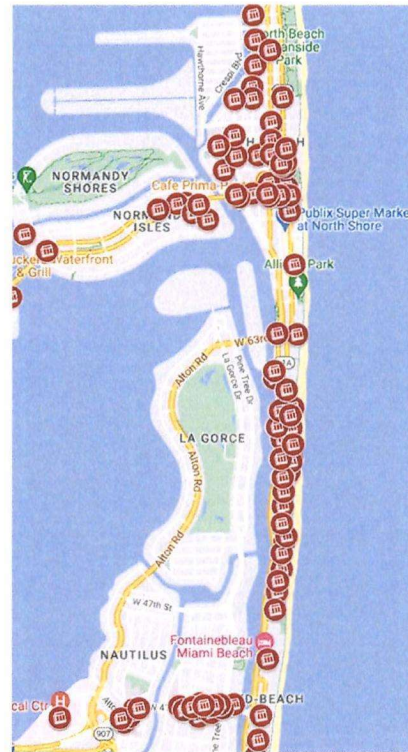
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Miami New Times Newsrack Locations



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	On Public Property	On Private Property
North Beach	35	10
Mid Beach	19	36
South Beach	111	84
Total	165	130

Source: Miami New Times website

Miami Beach Historic Districts



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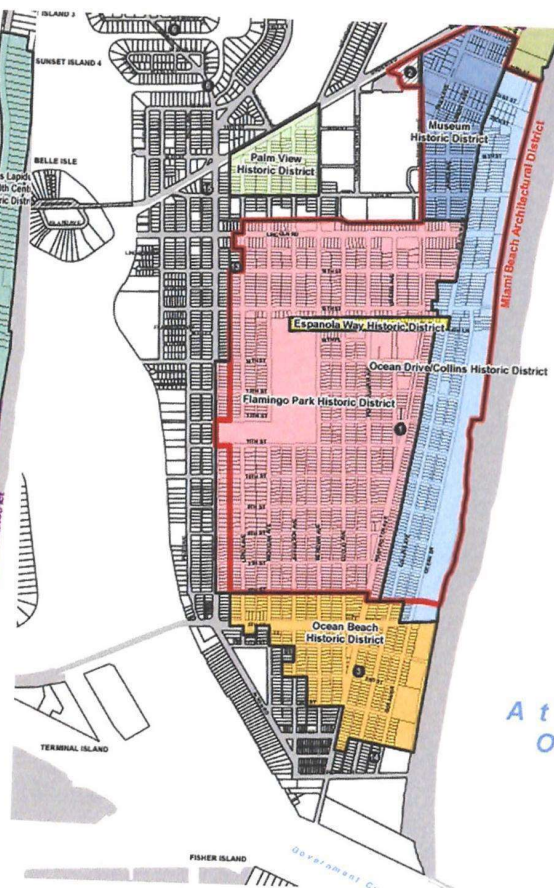
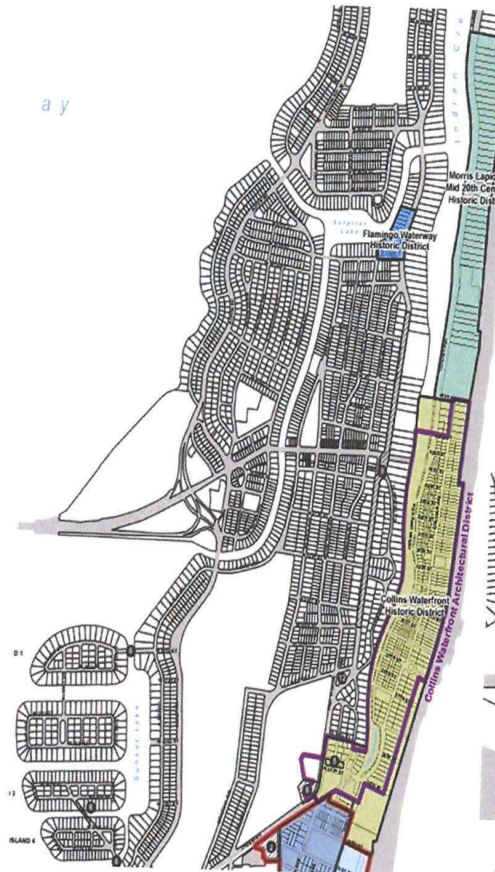
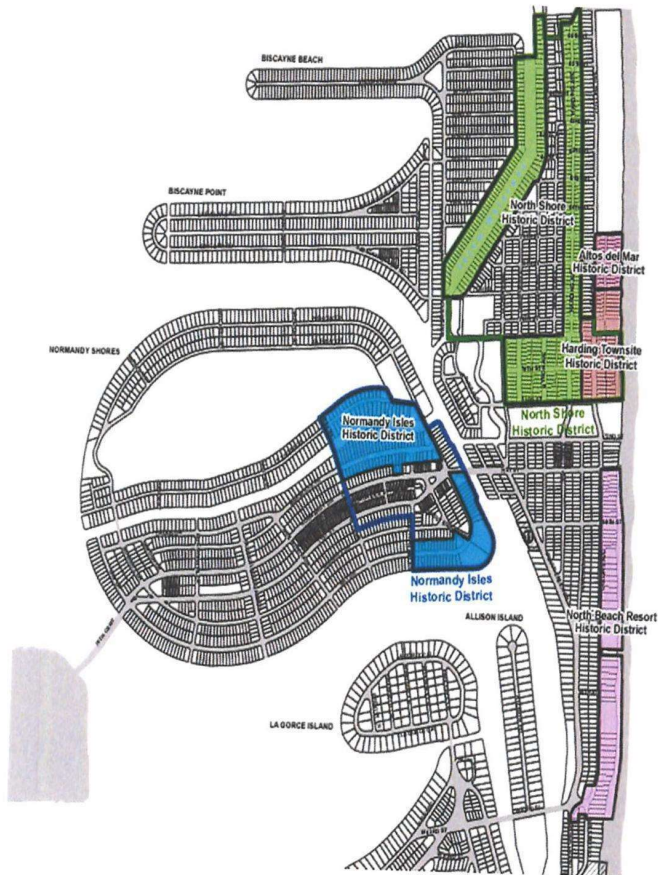


- ★ About half the *New Times* newsracks within historic districts are located on private property, and will remain unaffected.
- ★ Neglected & abandoned newsracks on the public right-of-way don't fit it with the overall aesthetic and design of historic districts.
- ★ Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of newsracks on the public right-of-way are located within historic districts.

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Financial Impact of Newsstand Boxes



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- Very little income is generated for the city (\$25 per box per year)
- Total of \$4,125 per year based on current estimates
- Boxes are neglected by the owners
- City currently pays for all removal and disposal costs of destroyed newsstand boxes (labor and fees to unbolt, remove, and properly dispose of the boxes)

Environmental Impacts



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- Waste of paper – Content is available online
- Print readership is low
- Most newspapers are not recycled

Conclusion



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Due to the neglect and dilapidated condition of many of the *Miami New Times* newsracks, the City has a compelling interest to remove the affected newsracks from the public right-of-way and further regulate the existing newsracks.