



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

DATE: February 26, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE A NEW TRAILER TO SUPPLEMENT THE CITY'S TRAP-NEUTER-VACCINATE-RELEASE ("TNVR") PROGRAM AND THE KITTY CAMPUS.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place on the February 26, 2025 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to purchase a new trailer to supplement the City's Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release ("TNVR") Program and the Kitty Campus.

At its May 15, 2024 meeting, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33041, directing the Administration to prepare a plan and cost estimate for trapping, spaying or neutering, and releasing all community cats within Miami Beach within an efficient and expedited timeline. Since then, the expansion of the City's cat program has been very successful, and the need for additional resources and space has become increasingly urgent.

To continue expanding and supporting the robust TNVR program, a new trailer is urgently needed. This trailer will provide necessary space for recovering TNVR, sick, and injured cats, which is crucial for the program's ongoing success. The trailer would also serve as a resource for residents and feeders to drop off cats in need of TNVR, a service the program currently does not offer.

Additionally, the trailer will help alleviate overcrowding in the Kitty Campus adoption facility by providing a separate space for TNVR cats, particularly those that are sick. Keeping these cats in a separate facility will reduce the risk of illnesses spreading within the adoption center, which can significantly slow down our ability to home as many cats as possible.

To maximize the utility of the trailer, the following requirements should be considered:

- Electricity and air conditioning
- Multiple rooms with doors that can be closed
- A sink for cleaning with running water
- A bathroom, which may require additional investigation due to sewer access or the need for a waste tank that could be pumped out by a service

Based on recent projects, the cost for the trailer alone is approximately \$342,856 for a 36' x 56' (2,106 SF) trailer. I am requesting that the Finance and Economic Resilience Committee discuss the feasibility of purchasing a new trailer to support the continued success and growth of the Kitty Campus and the TNVR program. I would like for the Administration to be prepared to discuss any additional construction costs such as permits, foundation work, ramps, furnishings, and necessary equipment.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NA

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Yes

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Office of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: FERC - Purchase New Trailer to Supplement City's TNVR Program & Kitty Campus.
(Rosen Gonzalez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

