

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: November 20, 2024 First Reading

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 82 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ENTITLED "PUBLIC PROPERTY," BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED "NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS," BY AMENDING SECTION 82-503 THEREOF, ENTITLED "NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES; CO-NAMING AND RE-NAMING OF STREETS," BY AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (C)(1)(A) AND (C)(2)(A) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CO-NAMING OF STREETS IN HONOR OF A DEDICATED ATHLETE, WORLD-RENOWNED STREAK RUNNER, AND COMMUNITY ICON WHO MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELLNESS CULTURE OF MIAMI BEACH; PROVIDING SUNSET PROVISIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The proposed Ordinance has been submitted for consideration by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

Under Section 82-503 of the City Code, co-naming of City streets is currently limited to (1) Miami Beach police officers who died or were killed in the line of duty; (2) public facilities on the proposed street; (3) private not-for-profit organizations with significant historic value to the City; (4) specific geographic areas; or (5) commercial establishments with 100 or more years in business on the street to be co-named.

At the October 30, 2024, City Commission meeting, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez proposed a co-naming initiative to honor Robert "Raven" Kraft. This proposal was referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC) for consideration, along with any necessary amendments to the City Code. At its November 13, 2024 meeting, PSNQLC discussed and approved the proposal to co-name 3rd Street, between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue, after Robert "Raven" Kraft, recommending it proceed to the full City Commission along with appropriate amendments to Section 82-503(c)(1) to the City Code.

Mr. Kraft is celebrated for his unwavering commitment to daily running on Miami Beach, reaching a remarkable 50-year streak on December 30, 2024. Over five decades, he has logged more than 145,000 miles, ranking 6th globally according to the United States Streak Runners Association.

His dedication has inspired over 3,700 runners from all 50 states and 100 countries, drawing widespread participation to Miami Beach. Beyond his running legacy, Mr. Kraft has contributed to public safety and community wellness, having performed 17 water rescues and encouraging people of all abilities to participate in fitness activities. His achievements have received extensive media coverage, promoting a healthy, active lifestyle both locally and internationally.

In order to co-name a street in honor of Mr. Kraft, a dedicated athlete, world-renowned streak runner, and community icon who made significant contributions to the wellness culture of Miami Beach, adoption of additional, limited co-naming criteria is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

No

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

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Condensed Title

1st Rdg, Amend Criteria/Procedures for Co-Naming of Streets, Raven Kraft. (Rosen Gonzalez)
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