

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER RATE INCREASES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DEVELOPED AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FIXED-INCOME AND LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS, SUCH MORATORIUM TO BE LIFTED UPON APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM BY THE CITY COMMISSION; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRESENT DETAILED PROGRAM OPTIONS TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is committed to ensuring the financial stability and wellbeing of all its residents, including those with limited financial resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's responsibility to ensure equitable access to essential services, including water and sewer services, which are vital for health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, fixed-income and low-income individuals may face significant financial burdens from increasing water and sewer rates, which could disproportionately affect their ability to maintain affordable living conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the importance of addressing the potential financial hardship caused by rate increases and is committed to exploring alternatives that could provide relief to its most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Administration has been tasked with developing an assistance program for low-income and fixed-income individuals to help mitigate the impacts of water and sewer rate increases, while maintaining the financial sustainability of the City's utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee is an appropriate venue to review and discuss potential options for such assistance programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby impose a moratorium on water, sewer and stormwater rate increases until such time as the Administration has developed an assistance program for fixed-income and low-income individuals, such moratorium to be lifted upon approval of the program by the City Commission; and further, direct the Administration to present detailed program options to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee for discussion.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS ____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez,
Commissioner Laura Dominguez, and
Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3/13/2025

Date