

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM:	Mayor Steven Meiner
DATE:	July 24, 2024
TITLE:	A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE POLICE VISIBILITY BY ENSURING THAT POLICE OFFICERS STAND OUTSIDE OF THEIR VEHICLES; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32996.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Miami Beach is a premier place to live and a top tourist destination, and should always be treated as such with enhanced police visibility. Maintaining a strong police presence, including having police officers outside of their vehicles, can deter crime, provide immediate assistance when needed, and enhance the overall experience for residents and tourists.

The City of Miami Beach is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents and visitors through proactive and high visibility policing methods. By having officers stand outside their vehicles, we can foster a sense of security and trust among residents and visitors alike.

Resolution No. 2024-32996, which was sponsored by me and passed unanimously by the Commission on April 3, 2024, directed the Administration to develop and implement a plan to increase police officer visibility. Effective implementation of this resolution is crucial for creating a safer and more connected community, and warrants diligent attention and commitment from the Police Department, as well as all involved stakeholders.

The proposed Resolution directs the Administration to prioritize and implement measures to ensure more police visibility by having officers stand outside their vehicles while their patrol car is stationary. Specifically, officers should be encouraged to stand outside their vehicles to be visibly seen for a minimum of 3 hours per shift, including during night-time shifts. Further, the City Manager should take the necessary steps to ensure the effective implementation of Resolution No. 2024-32996, which aims to increase police officer visibility. To help promote this initiative, the Administration should implement a recognition program for officers who consistently excel in visibility and community engagement.

In addition to greater visibility, increased foot, bicycle, and golf cart patrols are needed throughout the City, including hotspots such as the Beachwalk.

Finally, officers should be encouraged to engage positively with residents and tourists, providing assistance and information as needed.

The above efforts will serve to effectively enhance public safety, strengthen the relationship between Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) officers and City residents, and foster a sense of security and trust among residents and visitors alike.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The sponsor of this item requests that the Administration be prepared to address the fiscal impact of this proposed measure.

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?

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)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Direct Adm. to Increase Police Visibility. (Meiner) CA